

Taq'wa: the Recipe of Success

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For the ultimate fate of humans -both here and in the hereafter, nothing is more crucial than *Taq'wa*. In the scale of Divine Judgement, it is indeed the highest rewarding quality of a human. *Taq'wa* is commonly described as the fear of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. But such fear doesn't express its deep meaning and implication. People fear tsunami, earthquake, cyclone, cancer, lethal bugs, man-eating beasts and other things; but such fear doesn't generate any moral, ethical, cultural, spiritual or political revolution. *Taq'wa* works as the powerhouse of moral, spiritual, political and civilizational change. It is the moral force to submit to the Qur'anic Truth and to align with the Truth in ongoing warfare against the falsehood. An iota of disbelief in Truth and alliance with the falsehood instantly annihilate *taqwa*. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la has His Own definition about the people of *taq'wa*. The definition comes in the following verse: "And he who has brought the Truth (i.e. the prophet) and those believe in it are the people who possess *taq'wa*."-(Sura Zumar, verse 33).

Belief in the Qur'anic Truth must generate due practice of the Truth in both private and public life. But, such practice of belief seldom exists in the Muslim World. The Divine prescription that entails sharia, *hudud*, *khilafa*, shura, trans-ethnic unity and jihad in His Way only gets recited in the holy Qur'an. And how such recitation of Truth can generate *taq'wa*? When belief fails to build *taq'wa*, it builds hypocrisy. And a hypocrite can't put Truth in practice; and nor can he align with the Islamic cause. Only because of *taq'wa*, the early Muslim could do miracles. They could build the finest civilisation on earth. Without *taq'wa*, one can't

join the march towards paradise. This is indeed the core problem of the Muslims, today; they could increase only in numbers, but not in *taq'wa*.

Even the Arab idolaters believed in Allah *Sub'hana wa Ta'la*. Many of them have the name "*Abdullah*" (meaning slave of Allah) even before the birth of the prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). The implication of *Taq'wa* transcends far beyond mere belief in Allah *Sub'hana wa Ta'la*. It is the intense fear of inadvertent deviation from Qur'anic roadmap and aligning with the falsehood. It is the fear of unintentional noncompliance against His expressed Wish or Prescription. Such constant fear generates constant and intense submission to Him. The word "*muslim*" itself is indeed the state of such all-time full submissiveness to Allah *Sub'hana wa Ta'ala*. Since disobedience or noncompliance takes one to the hellfire, it is the constant urge of a believer to remain fully and perfectly obedient to Him. Thus, *taq'wa* generates an enormous incentive to fully integrate with the mission, vision and objective of Allah *Sub'hana Ta'la*. As a result, the Muslims' compliance with sharia, hudud, shura, khilafa and jihad in His Way becomes a natural outcome of the true faith.

The most crucial issue –

Finding the right path towards paradise is the most crucial issue for a human. The ultimate success -both here and in the hereafter, entirely depends on it. And the failure takes one only to the eternal hellfire. It is also true, no man or woman can find guidance on his or her own. It comes only through the Qur'anic guidance. Allah *Sub'hana wa Ta'la* doesn't keep such an utmost crucial task under the discretion of anyone else; but under His Own Domain. Hence, "*inna alai'nal huda*" (guiding mankind is indeed My domain) is the Qur'anic pronouncement. The Almighty Allah *Sub'hana wa Ta'la* delivers guidance by sending prophets and through revelations. Prophet Muhammad

(peace be upon him) is the last prophet and the holy Qur'an is the final and the most comprehensive guidance. This is why, the holy Qur'an has been the all-time greatest blessing of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la for all men and women on earth; nothing can stand equal to it.

But Divine guidance is not a birth right or automatic entitlement for anyone. For it, adherence to the tradition of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is also crucial. In fact, only those who follow the prophet (peace be upon him), follow Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la – as revealed in the holy Qur'an. It is also crucial that for drawing the full benefit from the Divine guidance, one needs to be fully qualified for that. And the qualification doesn't come from academic qualifications, but from *taq'wa*. It is the key to access this Divine Treasure. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la made it clear in the following verse: "This is the Book; there is no doubt therein. It is the guidance for the people who possess *taq'wa*." –(Sura Baqara, verse 2).

Taqwa: the key for the paradise

Humans' greatness, piety or religiosity wholly depend on *taq'wa*. In absence of *taq'wa*, no amount of good deed, effort or sacrifice is acceptable to Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala. The blood of the sacrificed animals, the wealth spent on charity, the hunger and the thirst endured in fasting and the bodies of the people killed in a war do not reach Him. But what reaches the Almighty Lord and makes a strong case for the forgiveness is *Taqwa*. It is the key for entering the paradise. In the hereafter, it is the only acceptable currency for making any transaction in the day of Judgement. Otherwise all the rituals, the charities and the supplication turn fake. Indeed, all worth and honour of a human rest on *taq'wa*. All forms of *ibdah* are aimed only to build *taqwa*. It builds strong linkage with Allah Subhana wa Ta'ala. So, the revelation comes: "Know

that Allah is always with people of *taqwa*”–(Sura Taubah, verse 36). It is revealed: “The transgressors are friendly to each other; but Allah is the guardian of the people of *Taq’wa*”–(Sura Al-Jasia, verse 19). “On that Day (day of Judgment) the people of *taq’wa* will be assembled as the honoured delegation before the All-Merciful” (Sura Mariam, verse 85). Therefore, nothing could be wiser and nobler than investing all physical, intellectual or economic possession to increase *taqwa*. The early Muslims could set an unsurmountable example in such endeavour; in order to attain its highest level, most of them even sacrificed their life.

Taq’wa doesn’t generate on its own. Mere faith in Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la and the obligatory rituals can’t help it grow on their own either. A range of conceptual, ritual and institutional inputs and throughputs need to work together to give birth *taq’wa*. For that, the most basic and important ingredient comes from the Qur’anic knowledge. Without Qur’anic knowledge, all the rituals turn to be failed *ibadah*. So, for the first 11 years of prophet-hood, the sole emphasis was to build up Qur’anic knowledge. The Divine decree on five time prayer, fasting, haj and jihad came much later. Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la emphasized on this crucial point through the following revelation: “*innama yakhsha’Allah’a min ibade’al ulama*” (meaning: out of all humans, only the people of (Qur’anic) knowledge fear Allah). So, the holy Qur’an is not only the Book of the right path (*siratul mustaqeem*) to the paradise, but also the Book of knowledge that builds up *taq’wa*. It is the most crucial issue that needs to be deeply understood. Satan and his followers do not miss this point. Hence their worst enmity is against the spread of Qur’anic knowledge. So, immediately after coming to the power, the communist Soviet Russia closed all Qur’anic teaching schools in occupied Muslim lands of the Central Asia. For the same reason, the US-led coalition and their partners in the Muslim World impose strict restriction on the teaching of Qur’an. They consider it a great threat to their own power and

security interest. Their hatred against Qur'an is so toxic that many of them –like the old people of *jahelia*, call this greatest Gift of the Almighty as the book of terrorism. During their colonial occupation, the British colonialists too, imposed very selective and restrictive study of Qur'an. Topics like sharia, hudud, khilafa, Muslim unity and Jihad were not the part of madrasah curriculum. This way, the occupying enemies allow the Muslims to grow up without proper Islam.

Without *taq'wa*, one can recite the holy Qur'n thousands of times, can also perform thousands of raka of *nafl* prayers, can keep month after month fasting, can go for haj again and again, but can't adhere to the *siratul mustaqeem*. This is exactly the current scenario of the Muslim World. The *siratul mustaqeem* that takes people through the valleys of *khilafa*, sharia, *hudud*, shura, pan-Islamic Muslim unity and *jihad fi sabilillah* is unknown or detested by these so-called Muslims. So, they display dismal failure. More than a billion Muslim take part in five-time prayer, month long fasting and other rituals, of them a very few stay on this *siratul mustaqeem*. Instead, they take the route of nationalism, tribalism, secularism, despotism, *kufir* law and other established satanic deviation. Instead of submitting to the sovereignty to Allah Sub'hana Ta'la, they declare their own sovereignty thorough their self-made law and constitution.

Whereas, claiming sovereignty is totally incompatible with the Islamic faith. A Muslim can only be a khalifa (viceroy), not a sovereign ruler. It goes against taqwa and feeds kufir. Sovereignty offers an entitlement to frame laws and define the right and the wrong. This is the most restricted privilege belongs only to Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. The holy Qur'an is very explicit on this issue. Hence, here comes the stern warning: "*In'il hukmu illa lilla* (meaning: the right to legislation belongs to none; it is only to Allah)" (Sura Yousuf, verse 40). Even King David (peace be upon him) and King Suleiman (peace be upon him) were the king only by name;

they were de facto the most obedient *khalifa*. About King David (peace be upon him), there comes the following Qur'anic revelation: "(We said), "O David, indeed we have made you *khalifa* upon the earth, so rule among the people according to the revealed truth (sharia), and do not follow your own desire, as it will lead you astray from the way of Allah." - (Sura Sa'd, verse26).

The war against the Almighty

King David (peace be upon him) is known in history for his great wisdom, sagacity and amazing ability to make justice. Even he was not given the right to frame law. So, the message is clear: even the prophets are not immune to deviation from the true path of justice if they follow their own intellect. So, the right to frame law is taken away even from the prophets. Therefore, how can a monarch, or a despot, or a parliament of common men and women dare claim to be the law-giver? It is indeed the ugliest treason against Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la; it tantamount to declare war against His Sovereignty. Both King David (peace be upon him) and King Suleiman (peace be upon him) established the rule of sharia that was revealed to Prophet Musa (peace be upon him). Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and the rightly guided *khalifas* did the same. But now, the Muslims have taken the path of active rebellion. They claim the sovereignty; and are engaged in collective war against Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la by dismantling sharia. Not only they are deviated from *siratul mustaqeem*, but also have usurped the entitlement of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala.

Moreover, constant *ibadah* (slavery) to the rule of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala is indeed the prescribed curriculum to build *taqwa*. So, the revelation comes: "O mankind! Do slavery

to your Lord, who created you and those before you, so that you may acquire *taqwa*.”—(Sura Baqarah, verse 21). Islam means full submission to all revealed rules and prescriptions of Allah Sub’haan Ta’la. Hence, Islam means full Islam (*full submission*); there is no scope of half or partial Islam. So Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la issues the command: “*Ud’khulil silm’i ka’ffa*”. It means: “Enter into full submission (to rule of Allah) with (your) entirety”. Hence, there exist not scope in Islam that any domain of life –be it politics or policies, law or legislature, education or culture, commerce or economics, war or warfare should stay outside the Qur’anic guidance. Only such inclusive submission to the Almighty Lord gives birth to *taqwa*. Hence in an Islamic state, submission to the Qur’anic prescription must overwhelm everywhere. As a result, every man or woman becomes the moving showcase of Islam. Only then, the Muslims receive the promised blessing from Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la. Otherwise, one meets failure -both here and in the hereafter.

The Lost Objective & the Muslims’ Downfall

The lost vision & identity

Every human –except the mad and the imbecile, survives with a key objective. The faith, the philosophy, the ideology and the politics of a man or woman indeed get very vividly expressed through such objective. However, the objective of the survival and the strategy of the survival are not the same. The strategy of survival gives strength and sustenance to life. But the objective of survival adds meaning, purpose and guiding direction to the life. Such an objective constantly

survives in any human's attitude, works, prayers, politics, culture, speech, arts, literature and warfare. A man may hide his hypocrisy for a while, but can't hide his true objective from the public eye. A thief, a robber, a corrupt or a despot gets truly exposed to the people only through his objective. Likewise, an imperialist, a secularist, a monarchist, a capitalist, a socialist, a fascist, or a nationalist gets known to the public by their objective, too. Such an objective indeed adds a distinctive moral, cultural and behavioural identity to every human.

A Muslim too, survives not for the sake of survival; but to fulfil his prime objective of the survival. It is indeed to please Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la by fulfilling His Vision and Mission; thereby to be blessed with a space in paradise. His survival strategy as a factory worker, farmer, doctor, teacher, trader or other professional doesn't make him any compromise on that core issue. Such an objective indeed gives distinctive identity to a Muslim. Awfully, it is indeed the core area where most of the Muslims have lost their distinctiveness from others. They hardly look dissimilar to the non-Muslims in their survival objective. This is why, their politics, culture, education and warfare have become so compatible with those of the *kuffars*. So, joining a kuffar army for occupying a Muslim land and killing the Muslims has become so common in the Muslim lives. In the days of the early Muslims, it was unthinkable. Only the people with lost vision and objective can show such extreme madness.

Mere belief in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, His angels, His prophet (peace be upon him) and in the hereafter is not enough to be a true Muslim. His objective in politics, deeds, speech, literature or warfare must be consistent with the objective of survival. His belief in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la shouldn't express only through the religious rituals; must have a full control on every aspect of his life. His agenda of survival must embrace the Vision and Wish of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la.

Dissemination of the Qur'anic Truth, establishing an Islamic state, and implementation of sharia, *hudud*, *khilafa*, pan-Islamic Muslim brotherhood and jihad in His Way must be the integral parts of it –as was the case in the early Muslims. Any compromise on the Wish of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'lam and Islam's obligatory basics is incompatible with *iman*. The Qur'anic narrative like "*Li'yuz'hirahu al'ddini kulli'hi*" (meaning: His *deen* should overwhelm over all other *deens* or faiths) in fact gives the exact expression of His Great Wish. As a result, fulfilling Almighty Lord's Wish becomes an indispensable agenda of every believer.

Hence, for knowing the true *iman* of an individual, there is little need to dig down into his or her souls. His or her agenda in politics, speech, writings, deeds, education and warfare gives an exact depiction of that. Those who do politics for tribal, racial, nationalist, socialist, secularist or monarchical cause and fight against the practice of Islamic basics like sharia, *hudud*, *shura*, *khilafa*, jihad and trans-ethnic Muslim unity, can't hide their inimical agenda against Islam. These people can claim to be true nationalist, capitalist, socialist, secularist or monarchist, but lose the credibility to be a Muslim. The fake believers who still claim to be Muslim, they are indeed *munafiq*. They are as the worst enemy of Islam; and worse than *kuffar* as the human. Because of their huge number, Islam that was practised by the prophet (peace be upon him) now stands badly defeated in the Muslim World.

Like true *iman*, fixing the correct objective of survival is the most crucial issue in life. Success in this world and in the hereafter indeed depends on its correctness. Life must not be spent merely for the sake of survival; rather for serving the core objective of survival. In fact, most of the people fail at this point to make the correct decision vis-à-vis this critical issue of life. Their journey towards the hellfire indeed starts here. The professional means of survival as a

factory worker, doctor, engineer, businessman, teacher, lawyer or others become the core objective of survival. Such survival strategies override even the most crucial objective of life. The reason of his creation as a human receives little importance or stays in oblivion. Hence, they may grow up as successful professional, but not as a true servant or *khalifa* of his Almighty Lord. Thus they move towards to the hellfire. They will not be given a second chance to undo such a deviation towards an eternal doom. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la wants to save humans from such catastrophic loss. To make humans' survival a great success, His crucial guidance comes in following verse: "Say (to them O Muhammad)! Surely my prayer and my sacrifice and my survival and my death are all for Allah alone –the Lord of all the worlds. No partner is there for Him. And to this I have been commanded. Moreover, I am foremost of them who are Muslim" –(Sura Al-An'am, verse 162-163).

The inimical agenda

As per above verse, a Muslim must live only for the cause of his Almighty Lord; and he must die for His cause, too. Otherwise, his long survival may only add few years to his life, but wouldn't add any real worth. Such long life may even add more fuel for his life in hellfire. Hence, it is forbidden that any human should invest his life, time, intellect, energy or assets in the service of other faith, deity, religion, ideology or any evil political power. These are the *amanah* (entrusted endowment) of his Almighty Lord. Hence, he can't think of becoming a mercenary of the imperialists, the monarchists, the despots or other enemies of Islam. Such acts are indeed the *khiana* (betrayal) of the *amanah* (trust). Such forbidden (*haram*) acts are indeed the ugliest crime in Islam. It is the greatest betrayal of the whole purpose of his or her being here on earth. Such ugliest betrayal takes ones only to the hellfire. But, it is a great irony that survival with the

inimical agenda against Islam has been the culture of the ruling elites in the Muslim World today. As a result, the evil coalition of the US-led imperialists could recruit a large army of mercenaries among the Muslims to occupy the Muslims lands. Because of these mercenaries, the invading enemies could kill and evict millions of the Muslims and bomb cities and villages to rubbles.

In a corruptive political, ideological and cultural milieu, always some unbelievable things happen. Even the people with inimical agenda against Islam and the Muslims become leader or ruler of the Muslims. Even those who join the foreign *kuffars* to dismantle any attempt of establishing an Islamic state in any part of the World also gets a label of a Muslim! It is also strange that the corrupt rulers who collaborate even with the established enemies of Islam claim to be the custodian of Islamic holy sites! The early Muslims didn't face such a big problem of the internal enemies. In those days, the Roman and the Persian Empires didn't have such a huge number of Trojan horses and the enemy cantonments inside the Ummah -as the USA, Russia and others have today. Their presence only prolongs the enemy occupation of the Muslim lands. In fact, most of the Muslim countries are now ruled by such embedded enemies who vehemently oppose any step to return back to the prophet's day of Islam! Their strong opposition against the Qur'anic prescription of sharia, *hudud*, shura, Muslim unity and jihad against enemy occupations is not hidden. Because of these inner enemies of Islam, the Vision of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and His prescribed laws and the Qur'anic code of life stay badly defeated even in Islam's heart lands. And the space is seized by the laws, politics, judiciary and ideologies inimical to Islam.

Absence of an Islamic state and the calamity

Absence of an Islamic state makes a highly damaging impact on

the Muslim life. It makes it impossible for a Muslim to discharge the duty that has been assigned by his Almighty Lord. An individual can't take the assigned task of implementing sharia, *hudud*, *khilafa*, Muslim unity and other Islamic obligations in his own hand. For that, he or she needs an Islamic state. Only an Islamic state can provide with a supportive infrastructure and a conducive environment to comply with the rule of Allah Sub'hana Ta'la. This is why, it becomes impossible to be a full practising Muslim in a *kuffar* state. So, obstructing the establishment of Islamic state is not a simple crime. It is indeed the worst inimical act, not only against Islam and Almighty Allah, but also against the whole Muslim *Ummah*. Recently, UAE government declared 15 year imprisonment for criticism of its policy and support for Qatar. The Saudi government sentenced 1000 lashes and 10 year jail for Raif Badawi – a pro-democracy blogger, for his non-compliant expression. (*The Economist*, July 1st-7th 2017). The question arises, what should be the punishment for making coalition with the US-led occupying forces of the imperialist killers and for standing against the rule of Allah Subhana wa Tala on His Own earth? It is a clear proof that if the sovereignty for framing law is usurped by a human, he can go to any length to forge any brutal law to protect their illegitimate rule. What could be worst terrorism than this? With few exception, the whole Muslim World is indeed hostage to such state-run terrorism.

After the death of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), many Muslims started to transgress the red line. Many of them denied even to pay the obligatory zakat. Some people claimed even prophet-hood. *Khalifa* Abu Bakr (RA) declared jihad against them. Because of jihad, the inner enemies got quickly annihilated and the discipline returned to the *Ummah*. Now, the same transgression of red line is taking place everywhere in the Muslim World. Idolatry is no more a problem among the Muslims. The *jaheliya* (ignorance) has now a new face and a new name; but the agenda is the same. These are the evil

ideologies like nationalism, fascism, secularism, capitalism, materialism, socialism, communism and many others. They could get a large number of converts, too. Like the devilish forces of all ages, blocking the resurgence of Islam and stopping the people's march towards the paradise is their main agenda. Adultery, thievery, robbery, *riba*, gambling, obscenity and other crimes have assigned also spread like a wild fire. Since no jihad exists against these criminals, they could easily usurp the whole state power. As a result, they could cause a speedy and terrible decline for the *Ummah*.

Deception of the middle path

Islam has its own Qur'anic vocabulary vis-à-vis the correct roadmap towards the paradise. It is called *siratul mustaqeem*. It is the Qur'anic straight path that takes people not only towards peace and prosperity in this world, but also towards the ultimate success in *akhira*. There exists no alternative. It is the greatest Divine blessing for a human to get such a straight path to the paradise; otherwise all other worldly gains, merits or successes –whatever great they may be, go in vain. Hence, it is the most important supplication in any prayer to ask Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la for His constant guidance towards paradise -the greatest gift on earth. The endless and the deathless life in the hereafter with all the utmost pleasures in haven is only possible by following the right path. In order to emphasize on the importance of getting Divine guidance, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la has embedded the supplication *ih'dinas siratul musta'qeem* (O Allah! Show me the right path) in Sura Fatiha to be recited in every unit of all obligatory or non-obligatory prayers.

But it is the ugliest self-imposed deviation of the Muslims that they now argue for a so-called middle path instead of the Qur'anic *siratul mustaqeem*. *Siratul mustaqeem* survives only in the rote recitation in the prayer, but not in Muslims' deeds,

politics, warfare, culture, education, trade or judiciary. *Siratul mustaqeem* is not a path of mere rituals like 5 time prayer, fasting, zakat, haj or supplication. It is known for its iconic mileposts all along its full length. It starts with the firm belief in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, His prophets, the revealed Books and the hereafter; but doesn't end there. Sharia, *hudud*, shura, *khilafa*, Muslim unity, jihad in His way and running an Islamic state are its indispensable segments. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala has drawn a clear red line around this Qur'anic roadmap –called *hudud*; any attempt to cross the red line is indeed a deviation towards the hellfire. Any non-compliance against sharia, shura, *khilafa*, Muslim unity, jihad or Islamic state is indeed the grotesque transgression of the red line. Not only the state apparatus, but also every Muslim needs to be full-time vigilante on those who violate the road line.

In the holy Qur'an, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la describes the whole mankind divided only into two groups. They are either the followers of the Divine Truth –the true believers (*ahlul haq*) or the followers of the satanic falsehood -the disbelievers (*ahlul batil*). In such an area of aligning with the Truth and falsehood, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la leaves no room for any ambiguity. Both the Truth and the falsehood are categorically defined in the holy Qur'an. Hence, "*Inna deena endalla'hil Islam*" (meaning: certainly the only acceptable faith unto Allah is Islam) works as the Divine compass to show the Truth. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la certifies Islam as the only True faith. All other ideologies or faith represent only falsehood. According to the affinity towards Truth or falsehood, they indeed get conglomerated around two opposite poles -the pole of Truth and the pole of falsehood. The whole length of history is indeed the history of wars between the followers of these two opposite camps. Nimrod, Pharaoh, Abu Jahl, all the tyrants and the disbelievers represented the camp of falsehood. All the Divine prophets like Prophet Noah (peace be upon him), Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him),

Prophet Musa (peace be upon him), Prophet Isa (peace be upon him) and Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and all the true believers fall in the camp of Divine Truth.

Since war is the most decisive part of human history; only the people with true faith are seen in war. It doesn't give any hiding space for any one. To add more clarity to the issue, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la made the following revelation: "Those who believe they fight in the way of Allah, and those who disbelieve fight in the way of Shaitan."—(Sura Nisa, verse 76). Since war between Islam and non-Islam is a constant phenomenon, the position taken in the field of the ongoing war tells very accurately the state of *iman* of a man. Therefore, those who make collusion and coalition with the imperialist *kuffars* and fight war against the Islamist—as is the case in Afghaistan, Iraq, Syria and Yemen, can claim to be Muslim? In fact, their politics and warfare and the association with the *kuffars* exposes their fake Muslim identity. In such bipolar world, there exists no middle path or middle ground. The believers can come to the middle ground only through a clear breach from the people of Qur'anic Truth. Such breach works through full de-Islamisation. As a result of such a breach, they turn disbeliever in sharia, *hudud*, jihad, *khilafa* and other Islamic basics. Race, language, geography or skin colour plays no role to influence the nature of the combative dichotomy of the world; nor do restrict anyone from joining any of the two camps. This is why, the people of different race, language and skin colour of Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia and the Americas could find a consensus goal and war strategy to work against the emergence of Islam in any part of the world. For the same reason, the USA could assemble more than 60 countries in its rank as the partners; and could also draw armies from 40 states to Afghanistan. In such a global war against Islam, even the Russians, the Indians and the Chinese find a common ground to work together with the US-led coalition.

The so-called middle path is indeed a fabricated deception to encourage people to cross the red marking of the *siratul mustaqeem*. Sharia, shura, *khilafa*, Muslim unity, obligatory zakat, jihad and other Islamic basics are labelled by them as extremism cum doctrine of terrorism; hence given no space in this so-called middle path. These so-called moderate Muslims are not bothered about the Qur'anic prescription. They do politics, lecture on Islam and write books. But they show little displeasure on absence of *khilafa*, sharia, *hudud* or Muslim unity. Rather, they show their anger on emergence of Islamic state, dismantling of divisive borders, practice of sharia and jihad in any Muslim land. They even show deep hatred when people became martyrs fighting the occupying *kuffars*. What could be worst deviation from Qur'anic roadmap than this? As a result, co-operation with the coalition of the *kuffar* imperialists, monarchs, despots, secularists, nationalists, fascists and other wicked powers on earth get easily acceptable to them. The occupying imperialists too, take them as the trustworthy partners in their war against Islam and the Muslims. With such gross deviation from the *siratul mustaqeem*, the Muslims can only pursue the path of their own downfall.

The Muslims' Failure & the Enemy Occupation

The moral collapse

To condemn terrible brutalities, it doesn't cost physical energy, money or blood; it only needs sound morality. The Muslims have failed utterly to show such morality again and again in the history. Instead, millions of them have joined

the enemies to celebrate their occupation and destruction. Thousands of them even work as the mercenaries to strengthen the *kuffar* occupation. In 2003, many Iraqis were seen dancing in the street of Baghdad while the country was taken over by the US invaders. In 2001, that happened in Kabul, too. In 2016, thousands of people in Mali celebrated the French takeover. The same celebration was seen in the street of Dhaka in 16th December in 1971, when the occupying Indian Army took over Bangladesh. This owes to deep de-Islamisation and total ideological conversion. Such de-Islamisation cum the ideological conversion to secularism, tribalism, nationalism, and western liberalism are the key strategies of any anti-Islamic rule in any part of the Muslim World. The enemies of Islam may fail in religious conversion, but have been very successful to cause such ideological conversion. As a result, these converts could accept the heroes of the enemies as their own heroes; and could overlook the worst crimes of occupation and exploitation. Because of such moral perversion cum collapse, they could celebrate the total destruction of the cities in Iraq and Syria as great victories.

Robbers, killers, and thieves also celebrate their worst crimes as great successes. The imperialists, the colonialists, the capitalists and the invaders too, celebrate their worst crimes. This is why, destruction of entire Mosul and other Iraqi and Syrian cities generated such a huge sense of triumph in the imperialist camp. A Shia can also celebrate such destruction of a major Sunni Muslim city. But, how a Sunni Muslim could join such celebration? It is only possible when moral death precedes physical death. Such a moral death is so profound in the Muslim World that not a single Muslim country or a single Islamic organisation came forward to condemn such an entire destruction of the historic city of Mosul –the second largest city of Iraq. With such an absence of morality, how one would stand in front of Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’al and His prophet (peace be upon him) on the Day of Judgement? On the day of judgement, every Muslim will be asked to give the

account vis-à-vis his or her contribution to save the *ummah* from such awful occupation and destruction. Will be also asked, how his or her physical, intellectual and financial ability or endowment was spent.

In annals of history, people have read horrendous brutalities of the crusaders and the Mongol warlords like Chengis and Halaku. But their brutality look novice if compared to the industrial scale of destruction by the US-led coalition, the Russian Army, the Syrian Army and the Iraqi Army in Mosul, Aleppo, Raqqa, Homs, Hama, Ramadi, Tikrit, Falluja, Kobani and many other historic cities. These cities could survive the Mongol atrocities, but couldn't stand on their feet this time. These historical cities now look mere piles of rubbles; not a single building stands intact in their midst. For such planned destruction, the selfish autocrats forged alliance with the USA and Russia –the countries that have the highest expertise in this field. The rulers in Baghdad and Damascus and the leaders of the Kurdish tribes also urged the US President and President Putin of Russia for aerial bombing on these Muslim cities. Hence, what the US could do in Hiroshima and Nagasaki or what Russian could do in Grozny, they did hundred times more than that in Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, and Yemen. It is now revealed how these so-called Muslims rejoice the worst crimes in the Muslim land.

Such a wholesale depletion of morality never happened in the past. While the European colonialists were engaged in colonial occupation of the weaker peoples of Asia, Africa, Americas, Australia and New Zealand and were conducting an ethnic cleansing of Red Indians, Aborigines, and Maoris or while Adolf Hitler of Germany was putting Jews in the gas chambers, at least there were some people to condemn such utter barbarity. But now, a huge void has overwhelmed the whole moral premise all over the world. Therefore, the brutal occupation of Palestine, Kashmir, Afghanistan, and Iraq and dropping of chemical bombs, cluster bombs, barrel bombs,

chemical bombs and mother of all bombs could go un-condemned in the UNO, OIC, Arab League and other international forums.

In such a state of occupation and state-run terrorism, even the most basic religious rights of the Muslims stay heavily restrained. Even in Islam's heart lands, those who want to practise sharia, *hudud*, *khilafa*, trans-ethnic Muslims unity, jihad against occupation and other obligatory basics of Islam are killed with a label of terrorism. Even the popular election victory of the Islamist is condemned as terrorism –as happened in Algeria in 1992, in Palestine in 2006 and in Egypt in 2012. As if, non-conversion to the Western ideologies and non-acceptance of the imperialists' dominance on the Muslim World are the marker of terrorism. Hence, even fair election victory of the Islamists in any Muslim country is not acceptable to the West. Whereas, making war, dividing a Muslim country and killing people for tribal, linguistic, nationalist, Christian or Jewish agenda is not considered a crime. Instead, receives Western supports –as given to the brutal war for the creation of Israel, South Sudan and Kurdistan on the Muslim lands.

The dissimilar Muslims

Today's Muslims look profoundly dissimilar to the early Muslim on many counts. Firstly, they failed very badly to respond to the Call of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la which entails that they must stand for the weak and fight against the tyrants and their falsehood. The Qur'anic Call of the Almighty Allah comes in the following verse: "What happened to you that you do not fight in the way of Allah and for the cause of the oppressed who are men, women and children and who say, "O Our Lord, take us out of this city of the oppressive people and appoint for us from Yourself a protector and appoint for us from Yourself a helper." –(Sura Nesa, verse 75). Such failure to respond to the Call of Almighty Lord led to other failures. They survive

as a Muslim only by name; but not in true faith, practice and morality. Inaction, abstention or submission to the tyrant rulers and accepting their lies has been the way of their life. Therefore, although the tyrant rulers no more survives in Europe, America, Japan, India and other *kuffar* lands, but thrive in the Muslim World. In fact, the Muslim World is heavily embedded with these brutal despots. In all ages, like today, such tyrants have been the formidable enemies of Islam; and worked as trusted friends of Satan. These are the people who are now working as the partners of the US-led coalition to give sustenance to the imperialist occupation in the Muslim World. Because of the enemy occupation and the consequential deep de-Islamisation, the Divine mission like calling people to the Qur'anic Truth, raising a formidable army of the believers, practising sharia, building an Islamic state and engaging in jihad is now labelled as terrorism.

One can't comprehend the prophet's (peace be upon him) mission and the rapid emergence of early Muslims' as the most powerful civilizational power if he or she fails to understand the survival agenda of the early Muslims. Those early heroes of Islam lived only to please Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and died only to please Him. Such survival objective made them highly committed for the cause of Islam. In fact, this is the most distinctive merits of the early Muslims that helped them build the only true humane civilization on earth. But such qualities of the early Muslims are conspicuously absent in today's Muslims. Therefore, they make history in other ways. Instead of standing for Islam and the Muslims, they invest their all merits and even life for tribal, racial, national, secular and other anti-Islamic agenda. They look so deeply dissimilar in faith, deeds, politics and culture from the early Muslims that seldom could be labelled as the same Muslims with the same faith, the same vision and the same objective. As a result, the outcomes haven't been the same either. The earlier Muslims could claim the glory of the best people and best civilization on earth. But now they earn the worst disgrace and

humiliation.

The failure & the enemy takeover

Failure breeds more failures. And a chain of failures creates cherished opportunities for the enemy takeover. Invading bugs brings physical death. The invading enemies brings moral, ideological and civilizational death. Now, the whole Muslim World is experiencing the pain of such moral, ideological and civilizational death. Hence, Islam that was practised by the prophet (peace be upon him) and the early Muslims survives only in the holy Qur'an and in the history books, not in any Muslim country. The corrupted beliefs and practices have taken its places. Such catastrophic failure of the Muslims started with the dismantling of the Islamic state that was built by the prophet (peace be upon him) and his companions. An Islamic state and its institutions work as the most powerful transformational social industry to add life-changing concepts, beliefs, ideologies, education, culture and values to the people. A non-Islamic state exactly does the opposite. An Islamic state has no substitute; other institutions like mosques, madrasah, *sufi khanqa*, family, schools and university can't do its jobs. In fact, the mass scale production of the best humans was possible only at the time of the Islamic state –established by the prophet (peace by him). Hence, in Islam, it is the most important and the most precious institution, too. It needs the highest amount of sacrifice to secure its existence and sanctity; in fact, more than 70 per cent of the companions had to sacrifice their life for its creation and defence. Narration from the prophet (peace be upon him) emphasizes: "Spending a moment for its defence at the frontier is better than spending the whole night in prayer". Hence, the prophet (peace be upon him) of Islam took part in that great job, too. He went to the war for more than twenty times. In one of the wars (in Ohud), he was badly wounded and lost his teeth. But later on, the Muslims failed to defend this Divine

institution.

With the collapse of the Islamic state (*khelafa*), the Muslims received the most catastrophic blow to their Islamic faith, identity, security and civilisation. Absence of Islamic state created a political or institutional void that was quickly filled in by a series of hostile states and state-run hostile institutions. Such an inimical state may claim to be a Muslim state; but may make it impossible for its citizens to be a fully practising Muslim by obstructing the practice of sharia, shura, *hudud*, Muslim unity, jihad and other obligatory prescription of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. The Muslims thus get deprived of an Islamisation process that is so crucial to help them grow up as true Muslim. Even a *kuffar* state can build a plenty of roads, shops, schools, hospitals and industries. But, such a state also builds a lot of roads to take the people to the hellfire. Only an Islamic state is an exception; it builds the highway (*siratul mustaqeem*) to take people to the paradise. Such a highway works through rightly functioning mosques, Islamic rituals, education, legislation, culture, politics, judiciary and warfare.

In absence of an Islamic state, the enemies of Islam –both internal and external, get a free space to work against Islam and the Muslims. They build coercive states and state institutions to corrupt the Muslims' faith, deeds, culture and morality to take them to the hellfire. This is why, all the imperialistic *kuffars* are so supportive of the anti-Islamic coercive despots of the Muslim World. These despots are taken as the partner in their war against Islam and Islamists. In order to encounter such a state-led offence, building and defending an Islamic state is crucial. It is so important that Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) himself needed to head the Islamic state himself and lead many crucial wars to give it a secure standing in the enemy-infested world. Prophet Dawood (peace be upon him) had to do the same. But now, the story is altogether different. Most of the Muslims now stand

against any initiative to establish an Islamic state. They even label any resurgence of Islam as extremism and terrorism. States and state institutions of the Muslim World stay under the full occupation of the people who have no faith in Qur'anic guidance. Because of such occupation by the enemies, a rapid process of de-Islamisation started with full force all over the Muslim World. The huge infrastructures of the secular states are being used to take people away from Islam and to spread all form of evils on earth. Because of scientific advancement, the corruptive power of the modern state and its secular institutions are more pervasive than that existed in the old days of *jaheliya*. The custodians of the old *jaheliya* like Nimrod, Pharaoh and Abu Jahl didn't allow Islamic ideology any access to their own domains. Similarly, the custodians of the new generation of *jaheliya* like nationalism, secularism, capitalism, socialism, liberalism do not give the Qur'anic prescription any access to their restricted premises of law, politics, judiciary, education, legislation, culture and economics. This way, the ugliest crimes against Allah Sub'hana Ta'la and His Qur'an are being committed in Muslim lands by the Muslims themselves.

Hence, establishing an Islamic state isn't politics for the Muslims; it is indeed the most important survival need for every believer. Otherwise, he loses the chance to do the full practice of Islam. In its absence, he fails to grow up as a full Muslim. Therefore in Islam, the highest act of piety is not five times prayers, month-long fasting, haj or *jakat*; but the war for ending the *kuffar* occupation and establishing or protecting an Islam state. Only this way, a Muslim can save his own *iman* and the *iman* of other Muslims. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) did it; his companion did it, too. How a Muslim could be true Muslim without adhering to the prophetic tradition. More than a billion Muslims make five-time prayers a day and keep month-long fasting each year. Many millions of them perform haj and *umrah* each year. They make lengthy supplication, too. But such rituals and supplication of more

than a billion people couldn't protect the Muslims from the imposed occupation, deaths and destruction. Nor could keep alive the practices of the early Muslims. One who abstains from the Qur'anic Call of Allah Sub'hana of Ta'ala, his supplication and rituals do not work. The enemies also know that such rituals and supplication can't put any resistance against their occupation, hence they encourage to confine the practice of Islam within such rituals and supplication. But they fear jihad; so the USA needed to forge an international coalition with more than 60 states to fight jihad. So they spread slander against it.

The enemy fortification & the foot-soldiers

To give sustenance to the absence of an Islamic state and its institutions, the enemies of Islam are desperate to keep the occupation for an unending period. Since they want to keep occupation also in the fields of ideology, politics, economics and culture, they are war-ready on every fronts. They deployed a huge number of trained mercenaries not only as foot soldiers in war fields, but also in the fields of intellectual, ideological and cultural warfare. In every Muslim country, the propaganda weapons of the enemies like TV, radio and newspapers get regular supply of intellectual, ideological and cultural ammunitions from these well tamed mercenaries. As per assigned entitlement, they are conspicuously mum on the war crimes of the imperialists, but very vocal to fabricate slanders against Islam and the Islamists. In every Muslim country, they work not only in the government institutions, but also under the banner of Non-Government Organisations (NGO).

To pursue an all-inclusive war strategy from a safe haven, the USA has built its largest embassy not in any of the *kuffar* lands, but in Islam's historic heartland like Baghdad. Such castle like embassies are also built in Kabul, Islamabad,

Ankara, Riyadh, Cairo, Dhaka, and in other Muslim capitals. Apart from diplomacy, the US staff in these castles do other things to keep alive their imperialistic supremacy. For the same war strategy, they built a large Air Force base in Qatar, a huge Naval base in Bahrain and many Army bases in Saudi Arab, Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, Oman, Syria and many other places of the Muslim World. It is no secret that the whole of the Muslim World is under their radar. All the Islamist leaders -those who want to take the Muslims back to Islam of the early days, are registered as the targets of the USA's drone killing. Such killings are going on in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen and Somalia. Such killing mission is also carried out by their autocratic cronies.

So, the Muslims are left with little choice. Those who survive only to please Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and are ready to sacrifice their life for a place in paradise could dare to stand up against such imperialist occupation and state terrorism. Others –including the most of the *ulama*, imams, so-called Islamic scholars, the Muslim intellectuals and the political leaders who live only to fulfill their selfish agenda, have already surrendered to the enemies. So, they are mum, too. They are vocal only against the Islamists who want to establish Islamic state. Like the *ulama* of the Bani Israel, they have been very successful to hide the Qur'anic Islam from the public eye. As a result of their wide spread evil, Islam that prescribes sharia, *hudud*, shura, *khelafa*, Muslim unity and jihad in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la stands stranger in the Muslim World and even gets abused inside the mosque as terrorism! (18/07/2017).

The Muslims' Collective Failure & the Celebration of Occupation

The fake independence

Within the last 60 years, most of the Muslim countries have received independence from the direct rule of their colonial masters. But, the so-called independence doesn't give the Muslims the basic human rights to practise their political independence. Nor do they enjoy the religious rights to practise even the most crucial and defining Islamic obligations like sharia, *hudud*, shura, *khilafa*, trans-ethnic Muslim unity and jihad in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la in any of these Muslim countries. Bangladesh is typical example of such a pseudo-independent country. Whereas, the Muslims fully enjoyed such rights in their native lands prior to the colonial occupation. The so-called independence has turned so fake that it doesn't give them the freedom to dismantle even the divisive and de-empowering walls of the Muslim World –especially in the Middle East, created only to serve the colonial interest. Any attempt to draw the political map on the basis of the obligatory pan-Islamic brotherhood –as was the norm in most part of the Muslim history, is reversed even by full-fledged war. The enemy-imposed disintegration of the Muslim World into 57 states is now labelled as an integral part of international stability and security; hence, not allowed to break the divisive walls.

About 1.4 billion Indians of different religions, languages, casts and ethnicities live in one state. But less than 300 million Arab Muslims of same language, same religion and same ethnicity are forced to live inside the walls of more than 20

states –like the condemned detainees in prison cells. Such divisive prison cells –called states, are built only to protect the exploitative interest of the western imperialists, the security interest of Israel and the survival interest of the autocratic despots. These walls are also deemed essential by the imperialists to stop spillage of oil revenues to the neighbouring poor people. These are reserved only for their own exploitation. The colonial *kufir* laws, the western evil ideologies, the corruptive politics and the economics of multi-national exploitation still maintain their unfettered occupation in these so-called independent states. What could be the worst irony that the Muslims celebrate such occupation as liberation! The anti-Islamic secularist elites -trained and tamed in the old colonial institutions, play the most decisive role to sustain such occupation. In most of the Muslim countries, the civil and military enclaves of these ruling elites are indeed the ideological cum cultural islands of the Western imperialists. These enclaves show little dissimilarities from the Western main lands.

As a result of such occupation, trillions of dollars of oil, gas, petrodollars and other natural assets of the Muslim World are adding more affluence and military strength to the imperialist *kuffars* than to the Muslims. All the bombs and missiles that are dropped on the people of Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Somalia, Yemen and other countries are indeed made by oil and gas money of the Muslim countries. It is worth noting, despite trillions of dollars of unearned petrodollars, 1.6 billion Muslims continue to remain the most powerless and the most defenceless people on earth. Instead, the brutal rulers of these client states receive the non-stop supply of bomber jets, heavy artilleries, tanks, cluster bombs, chemical bombs, and missiles to kill more people and destroy more cities. Recently, the US President Mr. Donald Trump visited Saudi Arabia; and sold 110 billion dollars of weapon to enhance the kingdom's killing power against its own people and the neighbours. The USA also sold 12 billion dollars of weapons to

a tiny country of Qatar with a native population less than four hundred thousand.

The collective failure

For such an ongoing occupation of the Muslim countries, not a single group, generation or tribe to be blamed. It owes to the collective failure of the whole *ummah*. Rebellion against the orders of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and promoting their own opportunistic agenda indeed lie in the heart of all failures. They ignored the Islamic principle that obeying the Qur'anic prescription is an obligation on every Muslim; no one enjoys the exemption. Awfully, most of the Muslims pay little heed to such Qur'anic obligation. Islam is no more practised in the way as has been practised in the early days of Islam. When the Muslim countries remain occupied by the colonialists for about two hundred years, most of the Muslims showed total inaction or abstention. A very few took part in jihad against the occupying *kuffars* –although obligatory in all ages. Their action thus stands exactly opposite to that of the early Muslims. When the first Islamic state was attacked by the Arab, Persian or Roman *kuffars*, the Muslim participation in jihad was more than 90 cent percent. Only the sick, the blind and the lame stayed behind. In war against the invading Roman Army in Tabuk, only three Muslims didn't take part. In response, they received a social boycott.

Iman of a believer never remains hidden; shows its visible expression through participation in war in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Physical, financial and intellectual involvement in jihad against the enemies of Islam indeed stands as the most reliable test of a Muslim's faith. Even a hypocrite can dress like a Muslim. He can join the religious rituals and spent money in charity, too. But, he doesn't possess the moral strength or appetite to sacrifice his life in a war against Islam's enemies. The enemies of Islam now

appear everywhere; almost all of the Muslim countries stand under their occupation. These forces of falsehood have dismantled sharia, *hudud*, shura, Muslim unity, Islamic education and other basics of Islam all over the Muslim World. But, where is jihad against these warring agents of falsehood? Instead, they accept them as the leader and celebrate their rule. Whereas, because of jihad, a few thousand people of Medina could raise the most powerful Islamic state in history. They could defeat two contemporary World Powers like the Roman and the Persian Empires. Within a very short period of time, they emerged as the most powerful state on earth. They could release millions of people from centuries-old slavery and tyranny. They could also practise full Islam with its sharia, *hudud*, shura, *khelafa* and trans-ethnic Muslim brotherhood without an iota of compromise. This is why, they got labelled as the best people on earth in all ages.

The collective failure

In comparison to the achievement of the early Muslims, failure of today's 1.6 billion Muslims is awful and humiliating. They could raise large armies; and could also build huge number of shops, roads, schools, universities and industries. But, they can't even think of any Islamic state in any part of the world, let alone establishing it. They have made history in inaction, submission and surrender. Millions of them have even taken the path of collaboration and coalition with the invading enemies only to appease their opportunistic greed. Thus, they could move towards a total failure not only on the earth but also in the hereafter. The moral depletion of today's Muslims has been so profound that it has caused serious ethical inability to hate, condemn or protest against the most brutal enemy aggression in any part of the Muslim world. So, the largest anti-war demonstration against the US invasion in Iraq in 2003 didn't take place in any of the big Muslim capitals like Jakarta, Islamabad, Cairo, Dhaka or Ankara.

rather in London, Paris or Rome.

The symptoms of the collective failure of the Muslims are huge; expressed robustly through moral, cultural, spiritual, educational, ideological and political failures. Of ten topmost corrupt countries of the world, most are the Muslim countries. Similarly, the most brutal autocrats who deny the basic human rights to their own people also claim to be Muslim. These despots are so cruel and genocidal that they roll tanks and heavy artilleries on the streets to kill unarmed protestors –as seen in recent years in Cairo, Islamabad, Dhaka, Damascus, in many Muslim cities. The government of Syria dropped chemical bombs, barrel bombs and cluster bombs on the civilians to kill or evict them from homes. When the people of Gaza got the shower of Israeli bombs, the Egyptian government didn't bother to open the border to receive even the wounded children and women. When the traumatised Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar tried to take shelter in the neighbouring Bangladesh, initially their boats were not allowed to get nearer to the shore. They were forced to sail for far distant Malaysia, Thailand or Indonesia

The calamity of cowardice

Cowardice immorality adds huge incompetence to be a true Muslim. Because, it indeed needs minimum courage to tell the truth and stand against injustices. Nor does it help qualify for basic human rights. Such rights have never been a gift, rather earned by bloody combat against the oppressive tyrants. The long imprisonment always deconstructs souls, beliefs and character; and it proved true during the long slavery under the colonial tyrants. It worked as a strong dehumanising factor to culminate cowardice among the Muslims. So, they could be easy prey for the home-grown autocrats. Therefore, the criminal rulers are not the only party to the crime in the Muslim World; the complicity of the cowardice people who

accept such native or foreign killers as the ruler and work as their obedient servants also bear the blame. Such submission to the criminal despots brings disgrace, failure and punishment both here and in the hereafter. Indeed, such submission to the criminal despots is incompatible with true submission to Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. This is why, fighting against kuffar occupation is such a high ibadah in Islam. Those who are killed in the encounter, are promised to the paradise without any trial.

The tyrants always make it impossible to follow the Qur'anic roadmap; they have their own roadmap to be pursued by their subjects. Hence, standing against tyrant rulers is not a political agenda, it is a prophetic job. To add more importance to that, Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him), Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) and many prophets were commanded to stand face to face against the tyrants like Nimrod and Pharaoh. For freeing people from sinful submission to the evil rulers, jihad comes as the best form of *ibadah*. It stands as a Qur'anic obligation. To disseminate such a message, Allah Sub'hana Ta'la commands His great prophet (peace be upon him) to announce the following Qur'anic advice to the people in public: "O prophet! Say (to the people): I advise you only on one thing, rise up for Allah (against the criminals who oppose Islam) in two (if possible) or singly (on your own)." -(Sura Saba, verse 46).

The common kuffar agenda

Falsehood and its awful calamities never die. Instead, it keeps on challenging the Divine Truth all the time. In all ages, it gets new preachers, new leaders and new armies. Hence, the enmity to Islam that could attain the cataclysmic hype at the time of Nimrod and Pharaoh still survives under the US-led imperialists. Corrupting the Qur'anic ideology of Islam as well as the physical occupation of the Muslim *ummah*

receive the highest priority in their politics, economics and warfare. For carrying out such anti-Islamic agenda, they have recruited a huge number of fake *ulama*, fraudulent Muslim intellectuals and mercenaries from the Muslim lands. They consider the rise of Islam as a great threat to the western civilisation. In his meeting on July 6, 2017 with the Russian President Mr. Vladimir Putin in Hamburg, the US President Mr. Donald Trump very candidly expressed such fear. To encounter the Islamic challenge, he sought very earnestly the Russian collaboration. Such a request for the Russian help exposes his deep fear that the US alone can't win its war against the Islam. Such Islamophobia dominates not only in the psyche of President Donald Trump; the leaders of EU, Russia, India, China and other non-Muslim countries are no exception. These *kuffar* countries have a lot of differences on a lot of issues; but while they deal with Islam and the Muslims, show the full consensus. Because of such consensus, these imperialist countries could easily give the full legality to the illegal creation of Israel on an entirely occupied Muslim land of Palestine. Now, they show the full consensus too, in condemning any resistance against such illegal occupation as terrorism. Because of the same anti-Islamic venom, fighting against the US-led occupying force in a Muslim land get condemned as terrorism.

Each of the imperialist countries has its old anti-Muslim and anti-Islamic war in its own domain. Such wars take these countries naturally and understandably to the anti-Muslim camp. The USA is heavily entangled in its long and never-ending imperialistic war against the Islamists in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Somalia and Palestine. The US Army has killed more than a million people in those countries and turned hundreds of cities and villages to rubbles. Thus the US has already raised a huge flame of hatred in the Muslim souls; and every day they are adding more fuel to the flame by killing more people. Russia has the similar genocidal war in Chechnya, Ingushetia, Dagestan and Syria. In 1999, the Russian

Army flattened the whole city of Grozny –the capital of Chechnya and killed thousands. The Russian war planes also flattened historic Syrian city of Aleppo and many other in Syria, too. India's war in Kashmir and China's war in Xinjiang are no less genocidal either. More than a hundred thousand Muslims have already been killed in Kashmir. The Indian Army's killing mission still continues with more lethal weapons. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to Israel will definitely add more killing skills and weapons to the Indian Army. Anyone who stands against such killing of the Muslims is labelled as terrorist. But what an irony that those who occupy foreign countries, flatten cities and kill millions claim to be the torch bearer of a civilisation –as Donald Trump claims that the US is defending Western civilisation! Therefore the question arises, what else is the barbarity? On such a perverted conceptual premise, evicting people from homes, total destruction of cities and bombing people to death are declared as victory. Therefore, almost total destruction of Aleppo, Ramadi, Fallujah, Tikrit, Kobani, Raqqa and Mosul is celebrated as a great victory both by the occupying power and their cronies in the Muslim land. The occupied Muslim lands have indeed proven to be the fertile breeding ground for such servile cronies. The physical, intellectual and political occupation has proven to be so much morally toxic that the Muslims of the occupied land even join the *kuffar* enemies to celebrate their victories –as seen in Jerusalem and Damascus in 1917, Dhaka in 1971, in Kabul in 2001 and in Baghdad in 2003. And now, they celebrate the occupation of the native tyrants.

The Survival Challenge and the Muslims' Betrayal

The marker of faith

A Muslim has never been free from challenges since the day one of his appointment as the viceroy of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la on earth. Because, the devilish powers never sit idle against the Divine agenda. It is indeed the survival challenge as His *khalifa*. In order to survive against the challenges, the Muslims have no option but to follow the Qur'anic roadmap. And, Jihad –the holy war against the enemies, is the indispensable part of the roadmap. In human history, war always played the most decisive role in defending, destroying or transforming the human lives, societies or civilisation. Indeed, wars were used to commit the worst crime on earth. In fact, all genocidal cleansings are done by the warmongers; more than 75 million people are killed only in two World Wars. Hence, such genocidal and devastating wars are forbidden in Islam.

On the other hand, engaging in some wars are the best deed on earth. Such war promote Divine plan; and save lives, religion, and the Islamic state on earth. Hence, sacrifice of life in such wars takes one directly to the paradise. Therefore, such holy war matters hugely in human life. One must know when to make war and when not to make or join a war. Awfully, most of the people show their total ignorance vis-à-vis such crucial matter. So, millions of people join as mercenaries of the wickedest forces on earth. Because of them, the colonialists, imperialists and the tyrannical thugs didn't suffer from shortage of foot-soldiers in their genocidal wars or in wars of occupation. In recent years, even millions of Muslims joined such warfare.

Wars that are launched against the evil forces and to promote

the cause of Islam are called jihad. Participation in such war is indeed the most defining marker of *iman*. The prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) made that point very clear by saying: "Those who have never fought any jihad in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and nor does intend to do so are *munafiq* (fake Muslim)." Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la made this point very binding in the holy Qur'an. Islam is not about mere belief in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and in His prophet and performing religious rituals like five time prayer, month long fasting, haj and giving charity. It is much more than that. A believer needs to buy a place in paradise by fulfilling a solemn pledge with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. The pledge with Almighty Allah tells that he will fight for His cause and will be ready even to die for that. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la reveals the text of His solemn transaction with the believers in the following verse: "Certainly, Allah has purchased from the believers their lives and their properties in exchange for that they will have a place in paradise, that they will fight in Allah's way, so they kill and are killed. It is a true promise binding upon Him in the Torah and the Gospel and in the Qur'an. And who is more faithful to his promise than Allah? Therefore, rejoice in your transaction which you have made; and it is that which is the great attainment." – (Sura Taubah, in verse 111).

An infinite life in paradise is indeed the greatest gift from Allah Sub'hana wa Tala. No one can think of such an achievement with all of his life-long prayers and good deeds. With all of his good deeds, he can't even pay the price of all the *niamah* (bounties) that he enjoys for his life-long sustenance as human. He can't even buy another heart or a lung or a kidney or a brain by all of his life-long earning, let alone pay the value of the whole body. Who can pay the price of oxygen that he consumes in his life time? Who can pay the price of an unthinkable comfort in paradise? It is beyond the capacity of any human: even the whole earth full of gold can't match its worth. So, Allah Sub'hana wa Tala tells about the

absurdity: “Even the whole earth full of gold will not be accepted from one of them (disbeliever) if offered as ransom (to get released from hellfire and for a place in paradise)” –(Sura Al Imaran, verse 91). Truly, only the forgiveness from Allah Sub’hana wa Tala and His great mercy can help get a place in paradise. For that, even all prophets will need His mercy and forgiveness.

The gateway of blessing

Therefore, a believer must search very passionately for the prescribed gateway for the Divine blessings and forgiveness. The blessings come as per Qur’anic promise when a human complies fully with the deal of transaction with Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la. The above verse is indeed gives the details of such a transaction. The fulfilment of this holy transaction indeed opens the window of great opportunity to get the promised blessing and forgiveness. How important is the war in the way of Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la, the above verse also gives a clear emphasis on that. Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la didn’t make such pledge of transaction with the believer who does a lot of good deeds but do not intend to sacrifice their life in the way of Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la. It was indeed the greatest wisdom of the companions of prophet (peace be upon him) that they took the full benefit of the above pledge. For getting His mercy and forgiveness, and ultimately a place in paradise, they didn’t rely solely on their prayers and good deeds. Rather they moved much beyond to fulfil the pledge. Hence, more than 70 per cent of companions sacrificed their life in jihad. But today, the Muslims have taken a different route. They pay little importance to fulfil the pledge. They think that the declaration of faith, five times prayer, month-long fasting, haj and charity will be enough to please Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la and to get His mercy and forgiveness. As if, the companions of the prophet (peace be upon him) were short of such stuff!

Since war is an inevitable and an integral part of the Muslims' life, they need the crucial guidance from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la vis-à-vis the correct agenda of war and the correct conduction of war. So, it is revealed: "Those who believe (in Allah), they fight in the way of Allah and those disbelieve, they fight in the way of *Shaitan*. Therefore, fight against the friends of *Shaitan*; surely strategy of *Shaitan* is weak"—(Sura Nisa, verse 76). In the above verse, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la made it clear that the war in His way is the integral part of a Muslim's life. Almighty Allah also exposes the agenda of *Shaitan* in any warfare. It is also made clear that a Muslim must not have any war except the war in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. All other wars that are fought to promote tribal, racial, national or secular agenda or personal whims of a despot are indeed the satanic wars for falsehood. A true Muslim must not a part of it; rather must stay away from investing his wealth, energy and life from such evil enterprise. In the above verse, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la draws a confrontational scenario of the bipolar world; and shows how the forces of Truth must stand face to face against the forces of falsehood.

The obligation & betrayal

In the above verse, a Muslim is commanded only to fight against the forces of evil. Since such a fight is obligatory and a war is always a life and death issue, a Muslim must know not only the prayer timings and prayer rituals, but also his role and position in this confrontational bipolar world. In absence of such understanding, even those who offer five times prayer, keep month-long fasting, perform haj and give charity may join the evil forces to harm Islam and the Muslims. It is indeed the most catastrophic ignorance in life. With such ignorance, people sacrifice their time, skills, wealth and even life to serve the agenda of the evil forces. It is indeed a common scenario in the Muslim World.

Although jihad in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la attracts a very few in the Muslim World, millions of lives are being lost and billions of dollars are being spent in the Muslim World to promote tribal, national, secular, monarchical and other satanic agenda. This way, they show the ugliest betrayal of the pledge that was made with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Because of such betrayal, the most corrupt despots and the occupying *kuffar* forces get huge servile manpower in their rank. And Islam remains ignored and defeated. Therefore, how the people perform their religious rituals is not the only important issue. How and where to deploy themselves in the ongoing bloody war is more crucial. It indeed decides the ultimate fate of an individual both here and in the hereafter. What could be the worst crime of a man or woman than investing the most invaluable endowment of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala like his time, wealth, intellect and even life in the service of evil forces? It is indeed the criminal misuse of physical, material and intellectual *amanah* and the ugliest *khiana* (betrayal) of the assigned role as His viceroy. The question arises, how long the Muslims can avoid the punishment of such crime of betrayal? 20/08/2017

The Enemy Obsession of War & the Islamic Option

The decisive factor

The fate of Islam or the Muslims has never been decided on the prayer mat or by mere supplication. Nor by recitation or memorization of the holy Book. It has always been decided in

the war field. The combat zone against enemies is the only place where Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la examine the believers' *iman* and scrutinize their commitment for His cause. So, the most successful prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) had to build his army and needed to make the most successful war strategies. He needed to lead many wars, too. It is also the harsh reality of the history that if the Muslims do not make any war, the enemy's brutal war still visits them. A Muslim mind must be embedded with the historical truth that the enemies of Islam are either on a constant war or on a preparation for a war against the Muslims. Hence, the prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) didn't need to launch any war against the *kuffars* of Arabia, they came again and again on the edge of Medina to annihilate the newly established Islamic State. Likewise, the Indian or the Arab Muslims didn't need to invade England to invite the British colonial occupation in the Muslim empires. Similarly, the Afghan and Iraqi Muslims didn't need to bomb any USA territory to invite the US bombers to flatten their cities to rubbles and kill millions of Muslim men, women and children.

Such enemy invasion has always been the expression of the imperialists' war obsession. A wolf needs to run for a new prey each day; it is its survival option. The imperialists too have their own survival need. So, they always plan for new invasion in a new land. So, the US imperialistic invasion didn't end in Philippines, Korea, Vietnam or Panama; nor did end with the invasion of Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. Now they plan to bomb North Korea, Iran and Venezuela. To keep such imperialistic dominance alive, they want to keep their global monopoly in warfare. So, they eulogise every bloody war of occupation in every land but condemn every war of resistance as terrorism. In order to keep such monopoly of war, they want to keep the weaker people permanently weaker and demilitarised. So the Muslims need to be all time war-ready too. There exists no other option.

Since Islam has a social, cultural, political and civilizational objectives, easily become the target of all evil forces on earth. They can't tolerate Islam as a civilizational force. Hence, they want to restrict Islam only within the premises of mosques or people's private life. In order to give sustenance to their corruptive rule, they annihilate teachings of Islam from all political, judicial, cultural and educational arenas. In such coercive context, the Muslims must know their own options. Surrender to such evil forces can only make them ideologically, politically and culturally extinct; thus become incompetent to add any glory to Islam and the Muslims. In fact, such a surrender puts the Muslims' own survival at a risk -as has been the case of Muslims of Russia, China, India and many other countries under *kuffar* occupation. For the same reason, the Muslims met a catastrophic mass extinction in Spain even after more than 700 years' of Muslim rule. Even under the coercive occupation of the home-grown secularists, monarchists, or nationalists with the Muslim names, the Muslims face more or less the same fate. Islam loses the ground as the dominant political, ideological, spiritual and cultural force. In fact, the Muslims' current calamities owe to these home-grown enemies with Muslim names. They give sustenance to the same old colonial legacy. Hence, surrender to anti-Islamic forces -of whatever name or denominator, can never be an option for a believer.

Absence of war-readiness & the failure

The Muslims need to be not only *prayer-ready*, but also all-time *war-ready* against the invading enemies. The enemies always search for a moment when the Muslims look lazy or unmindful in defending their borders. Hence, in Islam, unintentional omission in five-time prayer can be compensated in other times; but the crime of unmindful omission in war-readiness is unforgiveable. There is no *qada* for it; hence can't be done in other times. All the consequent calamities of

the enemy occupation of the Muslim World indeed owe to such lack of war-readiness against the enemy invasion. The early Muslims are known for their moral highness and many great attributes. But the virtue that played the most pivotal role to make them the closest friends of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la was the all-time war-readiness against His enemies. It worked as the pivotal key to all of their miraculous successes. Such war-readiness brought down His greatest blessing on their side in any war. As a result, the Army of angels descended in the war fields.

Every war of a believer is nothing else but a jihad in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. In fact, a Muslim can't engage in any war other than jihad. Hence, his war-readiness is indeed the readiness for the highest level of *ibadah*. The people of Israel failed to show such readiness for a holy war; therefore met the Divine wrath. They were asked to conquer Palestine and establish an Islamic state to practise sharia -revealed to Prophet Musa. They had many fold manpower than the number of Muslims at the time of Badr, Uhud, Khandaq and Makkah expedition. They were several hundred thousand in number when they left Egypt and took shelter in the Sinai Peninsula. But still, they showed extreme arrogance and cowardice incompetence. They failed badly in the test. They told: "O Musa! You and your Allah go forth to war; we stay in waiting!" Such disobedience against Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la's Command earned for them the wrathful punishment. In the holy Qur'an, Allah Sub'hana Ta'la narrated the stories of these failed students of the Divine religion to warn the Muslims against such betrayal. Warning of such punishment comes in the following verse: "If you do not go forth (in war in the way of Allah), He will punish you with a painful punishment and bring in your place a people other than you.."—(Sura Taubah, verse 39). As the part of punishment, the people of Israel were made stateless vagabond on earth. If they had obeyed the Command of Allha Subhana wa Ta'la, they would have received thousands of angels on their side and could defeat any power on earth.

Thus, they could emerge as the most powerful Islamic civilizational force in the life time of Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) –as happened in the time of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and the early Muslims. But very disobediently they missed such a golden opportunity. Freedom from the clutches of Pharaoh didn't help them attain any further success.

Even a hypocrite may show readiness for prayer. Hundreds of hypocrites used to pray behind the prophet (peace be upon him) in Medina. But they failed to show any war-readiness against the enemies of Islam. Three hundreds of them withdrew from an army of only 1,000 while approaching the warfront at Ohud. All-time war-readiness in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la thus plays as the most visible marker of the true faith. The companions of the prophet (peace be upon him) excelled in such readiness; hence could emerge as the proper Army of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. All of their wars were the true jihad in His way. Who wants the defeat of his own army? Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la doesn't wish it either. Therefore, they were not left alone in any war against the *kuffars*; the Army of angels came down to their side as the part of the same extra-terrestrial Islamic coalition. The crucial war of Badr is an example. In that decisive war against the *kuffars*, the Muslims were fewer in number, poorly armed and less trained. But they received a thousand of angels on their side. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la gives His Own narrative: "When you sought aid from your Lord, so He answered, "I will assist you with a thousand of angels following one another."—(Sura Anfal, verse 9). According to a prophetic narration, Shaitan always gets frustrated on the day of Arafah for huge blessing from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. But His blessing on the day of Badar surpassed even the blessing on the great day of Arafah.

The only option

Because of decisive help from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, the early Muslims turned invincible. As a result, less than one million poor Arab Muslims could defeat the two contemporary World Powers like the Roman and the Persian empires. Hence, could emerge quickly as the most powerful civilizational force on earth. Whereas today, the defeat of the Muslims is huge and humiliating. More than 1,600 million Muslims can't protect even Islam's holy lands; the first *kibla* of the Muslims stays occupied by few million Jews. What a disgrace that entrance to Al-Aqsa mosque -the historic house of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, stays under the Israeli control! And, the heart lands of Islam like Palestine, Syria, Iraq, and Yemen stands also occupied by the *kuffar* armies. In many parts of the world –like Kashmir, Rakhine, Mindanao, Xinxiang, Chechnya, the Muslim cities and villages are now used as the killing fields by the enemies. The Muslims are now visible only as the silent spectators of the crimes: not as protestors even in the Muslim majority countries.

What a shame that the largest protest against the USA's Iraq invasion didn't take place in Jakarta, Karachi, Dhaka, Cairo or Istanbul, but in London, Paris or Rome. Such awful state of today's Muslim owes to lack of the most fundamental virtue of the early Muslims. Their incompetence as well reluctance to be the Army of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala is shocking. Such incompetence indeed works as the mother of all other failures. They have failed to show any readiness or willingness to fight any war in the way Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. They show their readiness to fight, support or die for wars only for their tribal, national or evil ideologies. In the early days of Islam, such failure used to be recognised as a marker of hypocrisy.

Victory over an enemy comes only through blessing from Almighty Allah Sub'hana wa Tala. The holy Qur'an is very explicit on such issue. So it is revealed: "Victory is only from Allah" –(Sura Anfal, verse 10). Therefore, the Muslims

can't expect to win any war relying on the numerical strength, strong economy or arsenal. Such an expectation is a sin of unpardonable *shirk*. In absence of such blessing, more than 1.6 billion people are destined to lose a war. Moreover, blessing comes in a war if qualified for that. So, the entire focus of the Muslims must be to qualify for His blessing. It needs total commitment for His cause. The Army of angels never arrive in any war if the Muslims do not show their own presence there. Likewise, supplication for Divine help only works if made standing face to face against the enemy. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la wants to see such war-readiness of the Muslims against the invading enemies. Hence the command comes: "(O Muslims!) Keep yourself ready against them (the enemy of Islam and the Muslims) in all possible means that you can manage as to military power and war-horse garrisons; through which you strike fear in the heart of the enemy of Allah and your enemy and others beside them whom you do not know but whom Allah knows."—(Sura Anfal, verse 60).

In Islam, absence or running away from a war against an invading enemy is not an option. He must show his war-readiness. For war-readiness, a Muslim needs spiritual, intellectual and conceptual build-up. It needs deep *taqwa*. It needs constant urge to save his life from an infinite hellfire. It needs Islamisation thoughts through Qur'anic learnings. Those who are infatuated with secular dogmas, thoughts or ideologies and oblivious of hellfire can't get such moral fitness. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la started such Islamisation of beliefs and thoughts from day one of prophet's prophet hood, obligatory rituals like 5 time prayers, month-long fasting, zakat, and haj came much later. But such Islamisation was totally reversed by the colonial occupiers; rather they started a state-run process of full de-Islamisation. The educational institutions, the political organisations and the administrative machineries are used as powerful instruments for such an objective through centuries. Indeed, the Muslims have reached the current awful state as a

result of such deep de-Islamisation. More awfully, the Muslims still show little sense to come out of the devastating route!

The Corruption of Islam & the Calamities

The worst crime

In the Muslim World, the worst crime against Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, Islam and the Muslims hasn't been committed by the *kuffars*. It's the work of the Muslims themselves. The objective of such crime is not to take back the Muslims to idolatry, atheism or other religions; but to take them away from the Qur'anic guidance and the prophetic practice of Islam. A man gets physical death if his body is invaded by lethal bugs, viruses or cancer. He meets spiritual death if his conceptual premise is infiltrated with the corrosive faiths, beliefs or ideologies. Physical death doesn't take one to the hellfire; but spiritual death certainly does so for the infinity. This is why, preventing spiritual death is so crucial in Islam. A man can save his soul from such death only by full adherence to the Qur'anic teaching and the teaching of the prophet (peace be upon him). These are indeed the life line for spiritual health of a man or woman. But now, the Muslims show their ugly defiance against such teachings. As a result, spiritual cum ideological death overwhelms the whole Muslim World. Such death could be easily recognised by the Muslims' immorality, division, disintegration, deviation, corruption and rebellion against the Qur'anic doctrine.

Because of death of an Islamic identity, the so-called Muslims boast only as proud defenders of divisive walls, flag, maps and evil ideologies like nationalism, tribalism, secularism, monarchism, fascism, capitalism and others, and not as true follower of Islam. This is why, building national, tribal, secular or other form of *kuffar* state becomes their political objective, not establishing an Islamic state. For such an anti-Islamic objective, they even make global coalition with the known infidels. As a result, the Qur'anic Islam with its sharia, *hudud*, *shura*, *khelafa*, *jihad*, and pan-Islamic brotherhood -as was practised by the prophet (peace be upon him) of Islam and his companions survive nowhere in the lands of 57 Muslim countries. Such a crime against His prescribed *deen* –Islam, never goes unnoticed in the sight of All-knowing Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la; hence doesn't go unpunished either. More than 1.6 billion Muslims' status as the most powerless, defenceless and humiliated people on earth and the ongoing deaths, rapes, evictions and destruction in the Muslim World tell a lot about such punishment. More awfully, such a roadmap of punishment and defiance against the Qur'anic straight path never ends here on earth, rather takes to the hellfire.

The lost immunity

Immunity against evil faiths, beliefs or ideologies never grow from good foods, good drinks or good economy. One gets such immunity only if imbued with the Qur'anic knowledge and fear of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la -called *taqwa*. There exists no other alternative. Since such immunity is indispensable for survival as a true Muslim amidst all forms of toxic ideologies, seeking Qur'anic knowledge was made obligatory from day one of Islam –more than a decade prior to five-time prayers, month-long fasting, zakat, and haj. Because of such immunity, the early Muslim could develop perfect moral health in the midst of all distractions of strong *jaheliyah*. The need of such immunity is no less even today. Hence, seeking

Qur'anic knowledge is made obligatory in all ages. This is why "*iqra*" that means "*read*" to access Qur'anic knowledge is made the first word of the holy Qur'an. It is very significant to note that Almighty Allah didn't use any other expression to start His most important Qur'anic conversation with the mankind. Acquiring such knowledge is so vital that any failure in the field leads only to non-Islam and ultimately to the hellfire. Hence, for men, women and children, no other moral, social or educational service is more crucial than the provision of the Qur'anic education. To address such a critical need of the mankind, mosque –the house of Allah, was built as the first and the most important institution on earth. In fact, during the golden days of Islam, the Muslims didn't have any other institution apart from the premises of the mosques to run the mass education. Thus, it showed how the five-time prayer to Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and seeking His Qur'anic knowledge should run side by side in the same Divine premise. Like two wings of a bird, these two twin projects of Islam are vital, otherwise a Muslim can't survive with his fully fledged Islamic objectives. The strategic importance of such twin projects become more pronounced even on the first day of the prophet of Islam (peace be upon him)'s arrival in Medina. He didn't waste even a single day to start constructing this Divine institution there. Five-time prayer as well educating the Muslim started on the same floor of prophet (peace be upon him)'s mosque from day one of the Islamic State in Medina. The issue of building his own abode came later.

The enemies of Islam are not ignorant of the true powerbase of Islam. Hence, they do not destroy foods, drinks, homes, highways or industries of the Muslims; rather, dismantle the mosque-based infrastructure of Islamic education. Because of success of the enemy project, millions of mosques in the Muslim World now run fully dysfunctional. The vast premises of the mosques are strictly restricted only to hold five-time prayers. This way, one vital wing of Islam now stay

dismantled. As a part of the same inimical project against Islam, the anti-Islamic rulers of the Muslim states allocate more money, more manpower and more time to teach even evil ideologies, *kufr* laws, *riba*-based banking, dance, drama and music in state-run schools, colleges and universities. And, they restrict resources to teach the holy Qur'an and the Qur'anic language.

The powerful media organs are doing the same. This way, the despotic tyrants and their cronies manipulate the state-infrastructures to corrupt the Muslims mind and intellect. Thus, the taxpayers' money are spent to hide the Qur'anic guidance and to guide people towards the hellfire. Because of such corruptive institutions, the Muslims now lead a life without the Qur'anic roadmap. As a result, the sovereignty of Allah Subhana wa Ta'la as well as the practice of sharia, *hudud*, *khilafa*, borderless pan-Islamic Muslim unity, jihad and other basics of Islam stand missing in the Muslims' life. Because of the similar crimes by the Jews and the Christians, the great Ibrahimic faith of full submission to the revealed commandments of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la -as was practised by Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him), Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) and Prophet Isa (peace be upon him) now stand fully extinct. Judaism and Christianity survive only as an archive of massive corruption on the polity of the original Divine faith.

The corruptive engineering and the calamity

The Muslims too, have taken the same route. Hence, Islam that dismantled the tribal and the racial walls and raised the sharia-based finest civilisation on earth, doesn't exist anywhere in the Muslim World. In true sense, the Muslims now live without Qur'anic Islam. What they follow are indeed the cultural, racial, tribal or sectarian perversions of Islam. Because of such perversion, even the so-called *ulama* and the

leaders of the so-called Islamic parties could maintain their tongue-tied silence and inaction even in absence of sharia, *hudud*, shura, *khilafa*, jihad and Muslim brotherhood in the Muslim lands. Such a silence matter a lot; and it tells a lot about their disbelief in Qur'anic Islam. Like the cursed Jews and the deviant Christians, they are also trying to keep Qur'anic Islam in the archive. More awfully, the most of the Muslims even converted to evil ideologies like secularism, capitalism, monarchism, liberalism, and socialism and could stand shoulder to shoulder with the *kuffar* co-believers of the same ideologies to resist resurgence of Islam in any part of the Muslim World. They could even generate long wars to kill the passionate followers of the Qur'anic Islam.

The corruptive social, cultural and ideological engineering by the secular rulers of the Muslim states have been so pervasive that it could successfully kill the Qur'anic concept of Islam in most of the Muslims' mind. As a result, Islam that prescribes the Sovereignty of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, sharia, *hudud*, shura, *khilafat*, borderless Muslim brotherhood, and jihad in His way stand strange even to the Muslims. As if, they have never heard of such Islam before. The ideological conversion has been so complete that these converts call Qur'anic Islam that has the political, social and civilizational aim as barbarism or terrorism. So, in opposing the Islamic way of life, they show no difference from the known *kuffars* of other faiths. Millions of such Muslims could easily be recruited by the native tyrannical despots or the invading *kuffars* as the most obedient servants to serve their anti-Islamic agenda. In the past, such people were used by the criminal rulers to kill even Imam Hussain –the leader of the youth in the paradise, and to abuse the family of Ali bin Abu Talib –the great hero for Islam. Now, the same de-Islamised Muslims are being used by the imperialists and their local cronies to kill Islamists; thereby to sustain their brutal occupation of the Muslim lands –as seen in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria. What could be the worst calamity for the Muslims

than such state-sponsored corruptive ideological engineering?

The Calamity of Autocracy & Demilitarisation in the Muslim World

The strategy of de-empowerment

Militarisation of the enemy and the strict demilitarisation of the Islamist Muslims are indeed the two-prong strategy towards de-empowerment of the *ummah*. The ongoing down-fall of the Muslims and the current calamity in the whole Muslim World indeed owe to quick successes of such an enemy strategy. In fact, it started much earlier than the colonial occupation of the Muslim lands by the Europeans. Such an awful demilitarisation of the *ummah* was accomplished by the home-grown ruling despots. It shows how the enemies of Islam—whether with the Muslim names or the non-Muslims, take similar route to damage Islam. The calamity indeed started with the monopolisation of war by the enemies with the Muslim name. Such a project severely de-empowered the common Muslims and made them incapable to play their divinely assigned role as the defender of Islam. Hence, most of the individuals of the *ummah* thus made mere silent observers of the wars and the process of their own enslavement. The defence of the Muslim countries thus made hostage to the whims of the tyrannical selfish despots. A wolf never preys on another wolf; it only looks for a weaker target. The enemies of Islam too, hunt for the Muslim countries with demilitarised cum de-empowered people. And that job was done by the enemies inside. Thus, the

de-militarisation policy of the tyrannical despots prompted the enemies to invade the Muslim lands and helped them to take over quickly almost the whole Muslim World.

In the golden days of Islam, the defence of a Muslim state has never been an exclusive domain of the rulers and their cronies. It used to be considered the most crucial issue for every Muslim citizen. According to Qur'anic doctrine, any *kuffar* aggression against a Muslim land makes jihad obligatory on every believer on the first day of the aggression. But how a Muslim can play such an obligatory role of jihad effectively if he is de-militarised by the ruler? It is indeed the ugliest crime that the despotic Muslim rulers have committed against Islam and the Muslim *ummah*. They have turned the whole Muslim World into prison cells for their own citizens. The people in prison cells can't defend themselves if attacked or get fire. Thus, they are made hostage in their own land by their own rulers. This is why, while the European imperialists invaded a Muslim country, its people couldn't play any defensive role. They could only stare at them with silent awe.

In the midst of successive debacles in the Muslim World, only the Afghan Muslims could stand as an exception. Since they were not de-weaponised and de-empowered by the rulers. In fact, the per capita weapons in Afghanistan stood highest in the whole world. Hence, they could rightly fulfil the religious obligation in defending Islam and their country. This is why, the poor Afghans could show the most spectacular miracles by defeating three contemporary World Powers like the British, the Russian and the Americans. The same policy could help Hamas and Hizbullah to stand against the Israeli aggressions. The history has repeatedly showed that staying armed with effective weapons is the best deterrence against enemy offence. Keeping such readiness is indeed a Qur'anic obligation. Therefore, it is the religious duty of a Muslim ruler not only to equip his citizens with the necessary weapons and training, but also to mobilise them to the war

field so that they can play their desired role against any enemy invasion. But the enemies of Islam –both native and foreign, do not like such militarisation of the common people. They know that such militarisation cum empowerment of the common Muslims makes it difficult to sustain their own selfish occupation. They want that the weapons should work only as the tool of occupation; and must not fall in the hand of common people. As if, the common Muslims have no right or obligation to engage in the defence of Islam and their own country.

In order to give sustenance to colonial occupation, the monopolisation of war by the colonialists and the de-empowerment of the Muslim citizens were used as the key strategies since day one of their occupation. The British colonialists raised more than five hundred princely states in India only to execute such a policy. The rulers of these so-called states were not allowed to have any effective army or frame any war strategy. They were used only as tool to collect revenues, keep people de-empowered, and protect the British monopoly of warfare and the British goods. They could stay in power only because of their full submission to the colonial hegemony. Now, the direct colonial rule has ended; but the same policy of monopolisation of war by the despots and the de-empowerment of people still continues. Serving the interest of the US-led global coalition and keeping the Qur'anic principle away from the affairs of governance, education, culture and judiciary still work as the parts of the same agenda. Like the Indian princely states of the British era, the imperialists have raised 22 states in the Middle East and 57 Muslim States globally. The matters of war policy, warfare and raising new political maps or flags in the Islamic World still remain in the imperialists' hands. The presence of US-led coalition in Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Yemen, and Mali adds enough evidence to such an ongoing policy of imperialists' hegemony.

The calamity of autocracy

Defending the frontiers of a Muslim country is no one's monopoly. Nor is it the exclusive domain of a despot and his pet army. It is also crucial that the commanding authority of the Muslims' defence force must not stay in the hands of the non-Muslims at any point of time –as it became the norm under the European occupation. It must stay as an all-time exclusive domain of the Muslims –as was the rule during the golden days of Islam. Most importantly, it is the religious duty, as well the solemn right of every believer. Moreover, fighting in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la is the highest *ibadah* in Islam. As per prophetic narration, spending a moment on the frontier as defender of the Islamic state is more rewarding than standing the whole night in prayer. And, jihad -the greatest *ibadah*, does not take place in mosque or on a prayer mat; it happens only when one stands in a war face to face against the enemies in a combat zone. A man can't be a prophet anymore. But he can attain the status of a highly esteemed *shahid* and can stay very near to the prophets in paradise by taking part in jihad. This is why, most of the companions of the prophet (peace be upon him) took that highly accredited route. Hence, during the golden days of Islam, there was no need of any professional army or any cantonment. Instead, the whole *ummah* worked as a solidified army and every Muslim was a soldier. And, the whole land of Muslim *ummah* grew up as the largest cantonment in history. The downfall of the Muslim indeed started at a time when such tradition of the early Muslims was forgotten and the *ummah* stood de-militarised. It is indeed the ugliest calamity of the autocracy that has engulfed the whole Muslim World over the centuries.

The fundamental right cum duty of a believer for defending his faith and country is usurped not only by the non-Muslim imperialist occupiers, but also by the so-called Muslim despots. A believer is thus prevented coercively from fulfilling his obligatory duty to fight against the enemies of

Islam. This way, he is prevented from taking part in jihad. It is indeed one of the most catastrophic consequences of occupation by the external or internal enemies of Islam. Then a coercive prohibition is imposed on the promised route to the paradise. The Jihadi spirit and the war-skills of the common people are perceived as a serious threat to their own rule. In order to condemn such an original Islamic spirit, they even put a tag of terrorism on it. Whereas, the most terrorising forces in the whole Muslim World are not the Islamists; they are the tyrannical despots. The main concern of these despots is not to defend Islam or any Muslim country; but to give sustenance only to their own rule. They allow people to grow up only as submissive cowards, and not as death-defying fighters with the Islamic spirit. This way, the brave people are deliberately kept out of the country's security or military corridors. This is why, the foreign invaders found it very easy to conquer the countries ruled by the most brutal dictators. The army of such despots show their skills only in quick surrender to the enemies or fleeing from the warfronts. The Arab despots' wars in 1948, 1967 and 1973 against Israel give ample testimony to that.

For an autocratic ruler, war means a battle between two contestant ruling cliques and their pet armies. The common people are kept away from the scene. So, the history books hardly make any mention of the common people. The story of kings, *amirs*, shahs, sheikhs, presidents and other despots occupy the most part of it. Only the palaces of these despots could show their existence; and the dwellings of the common people show no traces of their presence. Apart from bearing the financial burden of the extravagant corrupt despots, the common citizens are given no political role and responsibility vis-à-vis governance and defence of any Muslim country. Hence, the common people are seldom equipped to do anything else in any war. Whereas, jihad against any *kuffar* occupation is a Qur'anic obligation on every believer. But, such teaching of Islam stand deeply hidden in the Muslim World. Even the imams

of mosques and the teachers of the religious schools seldom mention such Qur'an prescriptions. The ruling despots frame laws, install courts and set media only to sanitise their oppression, suppression and even the genocidal massacres. They deploy huge team of police, prosecution and pet judges only to punish those who stand against their rule.

The autocratic despots have caused awful other calamities, too. It has turned all the value-adding institutions for the common men and women highly dysfunctional, non-functional or corruptive. Hence, the life changing social engineering institutions like schools, colleges and universities, mosques, madrasah, police academies, civil and military staff colleges are doing more damages to the *ummah* than any good. Instead of promoting an enabling environment for the people, they are generating a culture of de-motivation, de-moralisation and de-empowerment. As a result, the social capital stands very low in almost all of the Muslim countries. The military defeats, the endemic Army coups, the internal strife and other political calamities indeed owe to failures of these institutions. This is why, despite trillions of dollars of unearned money from petroleum, gas, and other resources, the Arab Muslims stay most powerless and defenceless in the world. The despotic rulers in the Muslim world survives only because of the powerlessness of the common people. If these autocrats were put as ruler in any of the western countries, they would have been beheaded or dethroned instantly by the empowered native people –as happened to many of their kings in the past. But, these Muslim despots –since they are the promoters of the enemy agenda, receive constant protection from the western and the eastern imperialists. These slave rulers of the Muslim World have proven their enough competence by keeping the Muslims confined in their heavily protected prison cells - called states. In absence of such servile rulers, the exploitative interest of the imperialists would have been in great peril. This is why the western powers are so strongly behinds these brutal autocrats.

Moreover, the monopolisation of war in the hand of a power-grabbing professional army also has its own catastrophic consequence. If the army betrays or collapses against the enemy, there existed no second line of defence. In the Muslim history, the failure of these so-called professional armies is huge. They caused awful disasters even in recent years. The secular Army has minimal appetite to fight any war to the end. In war of 1948, 1967 and 1973 with Israel, the coalition of Arab Armies were badly defeated by the tiny Israeli Army. The whole Sinai Valley, the West Bank and the Golan Heights were quickly lost to Israel. Whereas, few thousand Hamas fighters could resist the Israeli advance under continuous air attacks in Gaza for about 50 days. The coalition of Arab Armies couldn't withstand that even for a week. In 1971, the Pakistan Army had the same disgraceful failure in East Pakistan. India did much less bombing in Dhaka and other parts of East Pakistan than the Israeli bombing in Gaza or the US bombing on Mosul. Mosul didn't fall in 9 months, but Pakistan Army with its 45 thousands soldiers surrendered to infidel Indian army in less than 3 weeks. These so-called professional armies could show their skills only in conquering their own countries. In Pakistan, Turkey, Egypt and many other Muslim countries they could do that for many times. The army could also grab huge number of residential areas for its officers in major cities.

The Muslim history reveals some amazing truths. All the great victories of the early Muslims against the world powers like the Roman and the Persian Empires were not the works of so-called professional armies raised in barracks or cantonments. These owe to the death-defying common Muslims. Those who defeated the British Army twice in the Afghan soil were not any professional army either, they were the Afghan common Muslims. In the last few decades, the two world powers like the USSR and the USA were also defeated in the Afghan soils by the same common people. The USA was also defeated in Vietnam by the same type of volunteer fighters. On the contrary, the

defeat of the professional Bengal Army against the tiny private army of the British East India Company sets an example how they are useless to serve any Muslim cause. The Army of Nawab Sirajuddaulah –the last Muslim ruler of Bengal, had 50 thousand soldiers, 40 canons and 10 war-elephants in the battle field of Palashy. Whereas the East India Company had only three thousand soldiers under Col. Robert Clive. But the Nawab lost the war before it was started. The betrayal of Mir Zafar –the Commander of the Muslim Army caused the catastrophe. When an army is raised out of the people with no commitment to Islam, such a disaster is natural. They change the paymaster if receive a bigger promise. Due to such betrayal, the Nawab's Army didn't fight any real war against the enemy. No shot was fired from any canon. Thus, the British East India got an easy victory over a huge area of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa; and the fleeing Nawab was captured and killed. It was one of the fateful day not only for the Bengali Muslims but also for the Indian Muslims as a whole. The disastrous consequence of the Muslim ummah indeed started from there. When the common people are de-empowered and kept out of the fateful scene such terrible consequence is the most common outcome.

Monopolisation of War & the Neo-colonisation in the Muslim World

Imposed wars & the subjugation

The US or the European citizens exercise the right to carry

weapons anywhere in Afghanistan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Syria, Mali and many more Muslim countries. They even set military bases in those countries; and seek no permission from anybody to kill anyone there. Rather, they are the people who give permission vis-à-vis who should carry weapons, make weapons or do war in the Muslim World. Anyone who carry weapons, make wars and changes the political landscape without their permission get labelled as a terrorist and a threat to the so-called global security and stability. Such a doctrine of colonialism gives them full monopoly of war and to sanitise every act of their invasion, oppression, murder, destruction and exploitation in the occupied lands. In the colonial era, the army of a tiny country like Belgium killed 10 million people only in Congo. And the British colonial army could almost ethnically cleanse the whole population of the Red Indians from the USA, the Aborigines from Australia, and the Maoris from New Zealand. These colonialists proved so shameless and morally deprived that they erected statues of the leaders of genocidal cleansing on the occupied lands to glorify the massacres. Awfully, the same moral illness that caused immense deaths and sufferings in the former colonies still rule the Muslim World. So the blood shed continues. Like the era of old colonialism, these neo-colonialist killers do not face any conviction in the occupied lands. So they could kill more than a million in Palestine, Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Chechnya, Kashmir and Yemen and could flatten thousands of cities and villages without facing any criminal charge in any court of the world. Therefore, the avid killers of the Muslims like George W. Bush, Tony Blair, Barak Obama, Donald Trump, Vladimir Putin and Narendra Modi stand unpunished.

No Muslim country is immune to imperialists' aggression. And, no Muslim country enjoys any moral or legal right to penalise even the worst criminals of the occupying countries. This is why, while the US helicopters ran a raid in Abbottabad in 2011 or Raymond Davis -an armed CIA man, killed two Pakistani man in Lahore in the same year, the government of Pakistan – a

boastful nuclear power, couldn't dare take any action, let alone punish the cold blooded murderers. The President and the Prime Minister of the country observed a tongue-tied silence even to condemn such a crime. Therefore, one can easily guess what could be the case of the non-nuclear Muslim states like Indonesia, Bangladesh, Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and others while subjected to the same imperialist arrogance. They could be easily coerced to fit into their agenda. Which is why, a very few Muslim countries could resist the US pressure on joining a killing mission against Iraqi Muslims in 1991 on the pretext of Saddam's invasion in Kuwait. Whereas the same Muslim countries stayed silent while the USA invaded Afghanistan and Iraq, Israel invaded in Gaza and the Indian Army launched its killing mission in Kashmir.

Hypocrisy is the most conspicuous feature of the imperialists' policy towards the Muslims. While the south Sudanese Christians started their terrorist campaign to dismember the largest country in Africa, the USA and its partners not only give the full political support but also gave huge money and weapons. But while the native citizens of Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine, Syria, Kashmir, or Chechnya do war to free their countries from the foreign occupiers, get the label of terrorism. The US drones do not respect any border of any Muslim country; and execute killing operation anywhere they wish. Israel does the same. This is indeed an absolute monopoly of a globalised war by the imperialists; they demand no less than total submission to their hegemony. Still, they blame the Muslims for their dirty mess and spread *Islamophobic* narratives as the cover-up. More awfully, most of the Muslim rulers, politicians, intellectuals and even *ulama* buy and spread the same enemy narratives. The sovereignty and dignity of more than 1, 600 million Muslims thus go to the gutter; and the *kuffar* imperialists appear as the real masters of the Muslim World.

The Muslim mercenaries & their crimes

The USA has established its Air Force base in Qatar, Naval Force base in Bahrain and has installed huge number of troops in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia, and many other Muslim and non-Muslim countries in the world to give long sustenance to the monopoly of their brutal war. Other countries like Russia, China, and India also run their regional monopolies in their occupied Muslim backyards. They also spread their own fabricated narratives to sanitise such war of blatant occupation. Whereas, the Muslims hide their own Islamic narratives, imperatives and agendas in warfare. In fact, the ugliest deviation of the Muslims from the Qur'anic roadmap and the maximum damage to the *ummah* started with the betrayal of the Qur'anic agenda in warfare as well as with the denial of the core survival objective -as has been prescribed by Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. The journey to hellfire indeed starts from such a self-engineered deviation. Thus, the most powerful tool of implementation of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la's sovereignty on earth and His sharia is made not only ineffective, but also placed in the service of the worst enemies.

Because of Muslims' own betrayal, Islam survives only in the pages of the holy Qur'an. The mass-scale conversion of the so-called believers in Islam to evil ideologies like secularism, nationalism, racism, tribalism, fascism, capitalism and others has brought qualitative as well as the most catastrophic changes in their objective of survival and the life style. This has indeed caused overwhelming shift in their political, educational, professional and cultural priorities. Whereas, the Muslims must stay faith-bound only to please Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and die for His cause -as per holy pledge mentioned in Sura Taubah, verse 111. But these ideological converts to evil ideologies enjoy investing their wealth, talent and even life for the known enemies of Islam and the Muslims. They willingly work as mercenary not only in their

civil and military infrastructures of evil, but also in media, education, information technology, commerce, and even in intellectual warfare all over the Muslim World. The newspapers, the TV channels and other media outlets in the Muslim countries vividly display the works of these mercenaries. They indeed run a full scale intellectual war against Islam and the Islamists in every Muslim country. This is indeed a new form of invasive colonisation of the Muslim mind by the worst form of corrosive ideologies -worse than the enemy's military occupation. Such inclusive and invasive colonisation of the intellectual premise of the Muslims and the Muslim countries never happened in the past.

As a result, the Muslim men, women and children try in every possible ways to make themselves fully congruent and saleable to the enemies at a higher price. They learn languages, earn skills and train in subjects that have higher demand in the enemy's job market. They indeed dream for the enemies, migrate for the enemies, work for the enemies and even do war and die for the enemies. For example, in two World Wars, more than one million Arabs and more than 200 thousand Indian Muslims fought for the British, the French and the Italian imperialists. And now, millions of Iraqis, Syrians, Chechens and Afghans are fighting shoulder to shoulder with the US and the Russian *kuffars*. In 1971, millions of Bengali Muslims joined the Hindu idolaters to dismember Pakistan -the largest Muslim country in the world. Such betrayal against Islam and the Muslims still continues. Because of these self-selling mercenaries with Muslim name, the enemies of Islam -both native and foreign, thrive in the Muslim lands. Therefore, they could sustain their brutal occupation and carry out their aggressive anti-Islamic agenda in politics, education, culture, administration, judiciary and warfare. Fighting in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and bringing back the glory of Islam no more survive as an issue in most of the Muslims' life. Thus, the enemies of Islam have monopolised the whole war effort and political activities for their own benefit and left

