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My COVID Experience

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In the name of Allah Subhana wa Ta'la –the Most Merciful and the Most Compassionate, I like to say that I feel greatly blessed to share my COVID experience with others. In fact, I have been given a new life. I am very grateful to Almighty Allah SWT for His great mercy on me. I was taken to my local hospital in London on the 25th of April and released on the 17th of September in 2020. I was treated as a case COVID-19. Of my 146 days in the hospital, I was in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) for 120 days. It is very rare to have such a long stay in ICU. COVID has three forms: mild, moderate, and severe. I passed through all three forms and turned to have the most severe one. Seven days prior to admission, I developed mild symptoms like a dry cough that changed to fever and shivering in the night. In about 90 percent of cases, the disease subsides without any treatment. In the remaining 10 percent cases, it may turn very severe, need ICU admission, and may cause death.

On 24th April, one day prior to my hospital admission, I didn't feel that much unwell which could warrant my hospital admission. On that day, I drove for 3 hours on a motorway at about 70 miles per hour from my workplace place where I used to work as a consultant in acute medicine. After returning to my residence in London, I have a good sleep that night. On 25th April, in the afternoon, I started feeling weak and unwell; but still, surprisingly, I didn't have any shortness of breathing or any serious symptoms. But COVID sometimes runs

silently and harms badly. I felt I must check my oxygen level. I didn't have any oximeter at home; my son bought it from the market. I found my oxygen level at 86 percent; normally it should be 94-98 percent. It was alarming low. I didn't have any doubt that I have COVID. So it was clear to me that I need oxygen and must go to a hospital. My family called an ambulance and within ten minutes it arrived. In the meantime, I send an email to my all contacts informing them about COVID and asking them to make sincere dowa. I have 4 daughters and a son; all of them quickly came to my house. In those days hundreds of people were dying every day; so my COVID was a huge shock for my wife and the children. Their face turned very gloomy with an apprehension that I may not return from the hospital.

The ambulance paramedics found my oxygen saturation quite low and quickly started with oxygen. I was taken to the resuscitation room of the Accident and Emergency (A&E) department of King George Hospital –the nearest hospital from my house. I was still alert, oriented, and conversant. Initially, I was started with a simple mask; after a while, I was started with CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure) oxygenation. It was difficult to tolerate the CPAP machine. In the past, I worked as a registrar in respiratory medicine. Now I realise why some patients in the respiratory ward preferred to die instead of taking CPAP machine. How long I was on CPAP, I can't remember. At one point I was told by one of the doctors that I need a ventilator. It was very alarming to me; I got the message that my situation is quite serious. The doctor was asking for my consent. I told him to go ahead with it.

Since I was told that I need a ventilator, it was a tremendous shock for me. I felt I may not survive. I had a dream since my school days. I felt, my dream now stand shattered. I have a firm belief that we the Muslims do not have any scarcity of wealth but have a serious shortage of knowledge. We have scores of people in agriculture, business, industry, army, and other professions. But we need many more people in the field of writing. And it is the Sunnah (tradition) of Allah SWT to start with disseminating knowledge. Knowledge sets the status of humans –both here and in the hereafter. Adam (peace be upon him)'s

knowledge -as imparted by Allah SWT made him fit to get sijda (prostration) from the angels. So, it has been my passion to follow the sunnah of Allah SWT. I took my pen as a weapon to fight for Islam. I took the medical profession as a decent survival tool and also as a tool to serve humanity. But my prime objective in life was to work as a servant of Allah SWT –especially in the field of knowledge.

When I was told that I need a ventilator, I thought, the time has come to return back to my Allah SWT. But I had a deep apprehension that I am leaving this world almost empty-handed. I wrote hundreds of articles in Bengali and English. All those articles are written in the last thirty years to address the problems of the Muslim Ummah and to find out the solution. Although those articles were published in various newspapers, journals, blogs, but I could publish only one book. In order to give long life to my thoughts, I needed to publish them as books. Hence, prior to hospital admission, I started to edit all those articles for final compilation in several books. In my absence, nobody can do it. Since COVID related deaths were mounting in London, I felt a sense of great disappointment. However, I realized that I can only dream; things are not in my hand. So I possessed no other option but to surrender to the design of Allah SWT. I couldn't see my own face; but it must be a very gloomy one.

I don't know when I was put on a ventilator. Since a ventilator can't be fitted while the patient is awake, I needed to be induced with a comma. One day I found my son is sitting beside me. He was smiling. Seeing him, I was also smiling. After my admission to the hospital, it was the first time that I saw anyone of my family member. My son asked me whether I know how long I have been in hospital. I told you, may be one or two days. He told me that I was in a comma for about two and a half months. I was surprised. I even didn't know that I was still in ICU. My son informed me that I was critically unwell. The doctors were struggling very hard to bring my oxygen level to the desired level. I had a tracheostomy.

Later on, I came to know from my family that I was so unwell that even the ICU doctors thought, I am losing the battle. In the middle of the month of Ramadan, I deteriorated so much that the doctors asked my

family for an immediate visit for the final departing look. However, by the grace of Allah SWT, I didn't deteriorate further and survived. But after about two weeks, on the day of Eid ul Fitr, my condition worsened for the second time. My family was asked again to rush to the hospital. In that time, my family had sleepless days and nights. All praises to Allah SWT, I survived that critical moment, too. On the following day, my family was informed that my condition has started improving.

While I was in a comma I didn't know what happened to me. But while I came out of the comma, a new phase of difficulties started. I started to have excessive secretions from my throat, hallucinations, nightmares and bizarre dreams. I had to keep a suction machine in my hands to suck secretion from my throat. My left arm was totally powerless. Most of these are the symptoms of post-COVID syndrome and the -effects of medications.

Since I am a doctor, the consultants, the registrars, the nurses started to tell me their story about the severity of my illness. They told me that it was a miracle that I recovered. And it was also clear that only Almighty Allah SWT could do such a miracle. I saw my CT scan of the chest with my own eyes. There was no doubt that it was really a miracle to survive after such an extensive lesion in the lung. I had a multi-organ failure. I had pneumonia, clots, and fluid in both lungs. I had kidney failure that needed dialysis. I had also heart failure secondary to clot in the lung. My liver function also got deranged. Whereas, I was a reasonably healthy man before this COVID attack. My lungs, heart, kidney and liver were perfectly normal. It is a great blessing of Allah SWT that my organs have recovered.

I was also told that the ICU team observed my birthday and posted the photos in NHS website. I am not aware of anything of that. Later on, I knew that my friends in the UK, in the Middle East, Bangladesh and other countries could see those photos. It looked strange to me; since I didn't celebrate my birthday myself in my whole life.

All my days in the hospital gave me a personal spiritual experience. During my old days in schools, colleges, universities, I hardly got a

chance to have an exclusive long-time focus on the ultimate destiny in the hereafter. Such thoughts used to come and go and showed little sustenance. My difficult days in the hospital gave me detachment from the world and more attachment with the thoughts of the hereafter. The death and the days after the death stood so close to me. I was standing on a sharp cliff, needed only a slight push to slip onto the other side of the life – the endless hereafter. My COVID could go worse at any time. We are so vulnerable. We are living in a sea of invisible killers; but still we are not aware of that. All of our earnings in this life will be useless if we can't transfer those assets to the hereafter. Allah SWT has given us enough potentials; what could be the best option than investing those potentials to please Him. There is no doubt that Allah SWT has given me a new life with new opportunities to enrich my treasure in the hereafter.

It is also true that the issue of life or death is not decided by the doctors, nor on the surface of the earth. It is decided only by Allah SWT in the heaven. No virus or bug can kill a man unless it is sanctioned by Allah SWT. Hence dowa works. It is a powerful tool to seek Allah SWT's help. Almighty Allah SWT listens to dowa and also responds to dowa –as revealed repeatedly in the Holy Qur'an.

By keeping me alive, Allah SWT has given me opportunities to know some unbelieving things. I have never been a highly connected man. But I am deeply moved to know that thousands of people all over the world prayed for my recovery. In many mosques in London, people made collective dowa for me. Some shed tears for me. That happened in Bangladesh, too. There were zoom dowa sessions over the internet. Some people gave sadaqa for my life. I could never imagine that the people whom I didn't meet in my life would do that. It is incredible. I am deeply grateful and thankful to all of them. I understand, they could show such deep empathy towards me only because of their intense Islamic sense of brotherhood. I am sure they will get rewards from Allah SWT for their love for one of His slaves. Such love and fraternity are indeed the great asset of the Muslim Ummah. It also works as a strong source of inspiration for me. 23/11/2020.

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Содержание статьи: В данной статье мы рассмотрим различные аспекты жизни в современном мире, включая социальные, экономические и культурные изменения. Мы обсудим влияние технологий на нашу жизнь, а также рассмотрим проблемы, связанные с экологией и устойчивым развитием. Кроме того, мы затронем вопросы образования и здравоохранения, а также обсудим роль государства в формировании общественной политики. В заключение мы подведем итоги и предложим пути решения существующих проблем.

Ключевые моменты статьи

В статье рассматриваются следующие аспекты: влияние технологий на общество, экологические проблемы и пути их решения, вопросы образования и здравоохранения, а также роль государства в формировании общественной политики. Мы также обсудим проблемы, связанные с устойчивым развитием и предложим пути их решения.

Содержание работы, выполненной в соответствии с программой, включает в себя следующие разделы: введение, основная часть, заключение, список литературы. В работе рассмотрены вопросы, связанные с изучением темы, а также приведены примеры, иллюстрирующие основные положения. Работа выполнена в соответствии с требованиями, предъявленными к ней. В заключение можно сказать, что изучение данной темы позволило мне получить новые знания и навыки, которые будут полезны в будущем.

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Betrayal of Islamic Priority and the Infrastructure of Failure

The priority –

The core belief (*iman*) of a man never remain obscure or hidden; rather gets expressed with precision through the priority of his survival. In fact, *iman* of a believer works through setting the priority –the most important issue in life. In absence of *iman*, one fails to discover the right priority; hence runs the risk of total failure of all survival efforts. Such a man also runs the risks of becoming a mercenary for the worst evil forces on earth; as a result, earns a place in hellfire. A believer's sole priority is to please Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'lais by serving His agenda on earth that entails the victory of Islam -His only prescribed religion, over the religions of falsehood. He even shows his readiness to sacrifice his life. A believer thus works as His helper (*ansarAllah*) to free people from the roads to hellfire. Only this way, a believer can serve his own agenda of earning forgiveness from his Lord and attaining a place in the paradise. Such a core priority plays the pivotal role in deciding his priorities in politics, culture, education, warfare and other aspects of life. As a result, a believer is qualitatively different from a disbeliever. Instead of

floating with the cultural, ideological or political tide, he remains tightly anchored to his own core agenda.

For a true Muslim, mere faith and faith-based rituals are not enough. He must know the priorities of Islam, too; and needs to embrace those priorities as his own. His incongruence or incompatibility with the Islamic priorities gives clear evidence that no longer he belongs to the Muslim ummah. This is a clear mark of *de-islamisation*. Such a *de-islamised* man shows his ideological and cultural readiness to join the enemy rank and make war against the Muslims. Because of such *de-islamised* people, the evil ideologies like communism, socialism, nationalism, tribalism, secularism, monarchism could recruit millions of readymade mercenaries from the Muslim communities. The colonialist cum imperialists of the West, too, could raise hundreds of thousands of mercenaries from these people. They fought wars and gave lives to strengthen the infidel occupation of the Muslim lands. Such crimes still continue. In Islam, such home-grown enemies of Islam are called *murtadh*; in the prophet's (peace be upon him) days the sharia law was applied to give them the capital punishment.

Instead of tribal, racial or linguistic commonness, the common faith, the common vision and the common priority united the Muslims in their golden days. Hence, the concept of nation state was unknown in more than thirteen hundred years of the Islamic history. The disease of the Western ideologies could infect the Muslims only after the colonial occupation.

Understanding of the Islamic priority runs very low in the Muslim World. Whereas success never comes from prioritisation of the wrong and the unimportant things. In the name of Islam, building mosques, religious madrasas, schools and colleges still receives the highest priority. But the question arises, is it the right priority for the Muslims to build more mosques, more schools and more universities? The Muslims now possess thousand times more mosques and schools than they had

at their golden days. They have more PhD's and university graduates than the USA or China had at the time of their economic take off. In fact, the priority should be exactly the same as the prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) had 14 hundred years ago. It is to build a fully Islamic state. After his death, the rightly guided companions of the prophet (peace be upon him) worked hard and sacrificed a lot as his *khalifa* (viceroy) to give strong sustenance to the prophet's state. It continued as the Islamic Caliphate in later days.

It is very significant to note that the prophet (peace be upon him) of Islam didn't build a single mosque or madrasah during his initial 13 years of prophet hood in Mecca. Then, the main focus was to build war-ready enlightened soldiers who will be ready to sacrifice their life, wealth and every potential to establish and protect the state. For that, the prophet (peace be upon him) was an all-time teacher, model and mentor for the Meccan Muslims. Hence, his companion never said like the companions of Prophet Musa (peace be upon him), "O Musa! Go ahead with your God to fight for us, we stay here only to wait." The prophet (peace be upon him) never failed to anticipate such indispensable wars –as happened in Badar, Ohud, Hunayun and many other places, even before the inception of the state.

The danger & the way-out

In a non-Muslim or un-Islamic state, one gets little opportunity to know Islam. Nor can practise Islam fully. More awfully, runs the risk of melt-down in a hostile political, cultural and ideological milieu. As a result, the hellfire becomes the ultimate abode. The western countries have indeed shown their strength as a powerful melting pot. It is the case not only in a Western or non-Muslim country; a Muslim country under the infidel or the secularist occupation also present with the same consequence. To be a true Muslim, like foods and

drinks, it also needs inputs and throughputs from Islamic value-adding institutions. He or she needs to go through a refining process of Islam's own educational and cultural system. To ensure such an environment of Islamic enrichment and to protect the *ummah* from an ideological cum cultural melt-down, the prophet (peace be upon him) of Islam and his rightly guided companions needed to establish an Islamic state from day one. It is indeed the greatest wisdom and the most important *sunnah* of the prophet (peace be upon him). It is also a Qur'anic obligation. In the whole history of Islam, it proved to be the most costly project. And it is also the most beneficial project for the whole mankind. To defend such a crucial institution, more than 70 percent of the prophet (peace be upon him)'s companions needed to sacrifice their lives.

However, whatever massive has been the cost, the benefits of such an Islamic caliphate is immensely huge. No man or institution can approach near to its achievement. In the whole human history, it is the only model of civilizational excellence. The early Muslims could reach the highest civilizational peak only due to this massive humanising project on earth; not due to its millions of mosques or monuments. The survival of Islam, the continuation of the prophetic mission, the security of the Muslims' lives and the sustenance of Muslims' glory through centuries were only possible through such a supportive structure of caliphate. One can feel the importance of oxygen only when he runs out of it. The same is true with an Islamic caliphate. In its absence, the Muslims now suffer from relentless calamities. Such an institutional collapse of the Muslims and divisions of the *ummah* into 57 states have indeed given birth to a perfect recipe for endless catastrophe. The demographic surge of the Muslims, the huge number of mosques, madrasas and industries, the bulging per capita income of some Arab States and even the nuclear bombs of Pakistan couldn't work as the substitute of the Islamic caliphate. The collapse of *khelafa* has indeed

precipitated the collapse of the Muslim *ummah* as a civilizational force. The fall-out of such a collapse has been so awful that it made almost 1.5 billion Muslims the real orphans. The Hindu's have India, the Christians have the USA, the Chinese have China, the Jews have Israel; but the Muslims have none. In absence of such a civilizational core state, the Muslims in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kashmir, Myanmar, Chechnya, Palestine, Xinxiang and many other parts of the world now suffer from extreme persecution, humiliation and deaths.

Survival without a mission!

It needs little evidence to prove that Islam can't be fully practised in a non-Muslim state. It is equally true in a Muslim state under the enemy occupation. The ruling clique of the non-Muslim and the un-Islamic countries never allows any space to practise sharia, *hudud*, *shura* and jihad. How one can be a true Muslim without practising these fundamentals? Enjoining the right (*a'maru bil ma'ruf*) and eradicating the wrongs (*nehi anil mukar*) are the two-prong mission that has been Divinely assigned on every Muslim to help attain the highest rank on earth and in the hereafter –as has been revealed in Sura al-Imran, verse 110. Only through engaging in such a mission, a believer can prove himself a true helper unto Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. A believer then turns to a tool to fulfil His Vision that Islam should prevail over all other religions. (The famous Qur'an narrative of the Vision: *li'yuzhirahu ala'ddini kullihi*). But under enemy occupation, it is legally allowed only to be the helper of the occupying forces; any visible pursuance of an Islamic mission is considered a punishable offence.

In a non-Muslim or un-Islamic country, truly, a Muslim is allowed to survive only with a detachment from the Qur'anic decree. Therefore, he has to live without Islam's mission and

vision. This is why migration from a *kuffar* land to an Islamic country received so much importance in Islam. Hence, the migration of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his companions from Mecca to Medina received recognition as the most important milestone in the civilizational growth of Islam. The beginning of the Islamic calendar from the year of migration indeed gave the full recognition to this point. In fact, only after the establishment of an Islamic caliphate, the Muslims could enjoy a safe premise to practise full Islam. Only such a big state can provide the infrastructural strength in fulfilling the Islamic obligation to help prevail Islam over the falsehood. And only such a pan-Islamic state can help dismantle the divisive walls raised in the name of land, language, race and ethnicity. Hence, absence of such a core Islamic state precipitates the worst catastrophic consequence: the Muslims are then forced to live without full Islam. They are forced to reconcile even with the imposed occupation, deaths, destruction, deviation and ideological cum cultural corruptions of the Muslim lands.

The punishing void

For a civilizational growth of a human, a constant nurture in a value-adding institutional environment is indispensable. Family, mosques, madrasas, schools and the cultural cum educational milieu of the country constitute the essential parts of such a value adding process. In absence of such institutions, the risk of moral, cultural and spiritual deprivation and death is immense. In fact, in such an institutional void, men and women even with the physical fitness turn equal and even inferior to the animals –as has been stated in the holy Qur'an. (The Qur'anic expression: *ulaika k'al an'am, bal hum adal*. Meaning: they are like the animal, rather worse than that). The naked men and women who live like animals in the jungles of Nicobar Island or Papua New Guinea, are indeed the products of such institutional

void. Physically and genetically they resemble a man or woman; but they can't fit in a human society. Instead, they show more compatibility with the fellow animals. When they see men and women in their near vicinity, these fellow members of the same human species quickly disappear into the forest –as shown in documentaries on their life. It reinforces the notion that meeting mere bodily needs doesn't make people true human. The moral, educational, cultural and spiritual needs to be adequately addressed, too. For that, in the field of education and culture, a value-adding vast infrastructure must be in place to constantly build and strengthen the humane, moral and spiritual ingredients of every man and woman. Otherwise, they run the grave risk of moral death.

The magic state power

Family, community, mosques, schools and colleges have their invaluable importance as the value-adding institutions. But none of these is equal or superior to state and its powerful infrastructure. State is the most powerful institution on earth that can add ultimate humanising or dehumanising factors to humans. The occupying force of a state can easily undo the influence of other social and religious institutions. Millions of mosques or madrasas are helpless to encounter the influence of the state power. Even mosques and madrasas can be turned into pubs, clubs, stables or fodder stores –as happened in Soviet Russia and China during the communist era. If any state power falls in the hand of evil forces, they can cause unimaginable havoc on earth. Not only can they drop nuclear bombs and turns cities into rubbles, but also can endorse the worst criminals as god in the public life –as happened at the hand Pharaoh and Nimrod. The magic of state power doesn't end here; it can even approve the most scandalous crimes in the name of religion. It can indoctrinate people even in believing the most unbelievable. Cow, snake or idol worshipping pagan belief is indeed the product of such state-sponsored

indoctrination.

Such manipulative state power can even turn the societal space more harmful than jungles. The animals never persuade people in worshipping snakes, cows or idols: therefore do not guide people to hellfire. Nor do they promote a tyrant killer like Pharaoh to the label of a god. In fact, the most harmful evil creatures on earth were not born in jungles, rather in states run by the people like Pharaoh, Hitler, Stalin, Bush or Putin. The state institutions then work as the largest evil industry to produce the most murderous people in an industrial scale. Occupying states, colonising countries, running gas chambers and dropping nuclear bombs, cluster bombs, barrel bombs or chemical bombs then become the acceptable norms. Such evil states become the tools for making more devastating wars, World Wars, genocidal massacres, ethnic cleansing and mindless exploitation. The states then work as a massive machine to mould people as cheerleaders or enthusiastic voters even for the worst killers on earth.

The task of promoting and protecting moral and spiritual health of humans is so heavy that it can't be accomplished by some individuals, parties or groups. Nor could be done mere at homes, mosques or madrasas. Islamisation of people is unattainable without full *islamisation* of the state and its institutions; both must go parallel to each other. Otherwise the state and the people those who run the state go in the reverse direction together. Therefore, nothing can be more important than *islamisation* of state. Such an extreme sociological cum political necessity has also been emphasized in the holy Qur'an; and was an inseparable part of the prophet's (peace be upon him) *sunnah*. Building an Islamic state is indeed the greatest and the most distinctive legacy of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). In fact, the huge

success of the early Muslims owes greatly to the contribution of such a powerful Islamic state. Only through such a state, Islam could emerge as the most powerful civilizational force on earth; and within a short span of time, the Muslims could raise a powerful core state to promote Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la's agenda both at home and abroad. No other faith or religion, nor even the great prophets like Musa (peace be upon him) or Isa (peace be upon him) could build such a state. As a result, they couldn't build any civilisation either. For the same reason, Buddha failed too.

The highest piety

For building a higher civilisation, it needs inclusive involvement of all the state and non-state actors and the institutions. To accomplish such a highest act of piety, it also needs indispensable inputs from All-knowing Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Such Divine inputs are made available through the revealed Books. And, in such an endeavour of state-building, all the believing men and women need to be fully mobilised and engaged –as happened in the days of prophet (peace be upon him). It is indeed a binding obligation on them. Therefore, for a Muslim, remaining inactive or unengaged is not an option. In fact, success or failure of the *ummah* in raising such an Islamic state and civilisation depends on the level of people's involvement. In such an *islamising* endeavour, the entire state establishment with all of its leaders, institutions and manpower must play the coordinating, mobilising and leadership role. Otherwise, all efforts meet failure. In prophet's days, not a single believer remained inactive or disengaged from it. Any form of disengagement was known as a marker of disbelief (*kufr*) or hypocrisy (*munafiqat*). No other sector demanded such a massive investment of time, energy, wealth and human lives than building the Islamic state; most of the companions needed to sacrifice their life. On the other hand, in absence of Islamic

state building endeavour, the people don't sit idle. They engage in doing the opposites: they fight for the mutual destruction -as happening now in the Muslim World. As a result, instead of moving forward, the people go quickly downhill.

Building hospitals, high ways, farms, fisheries or industries are definitely good deeds. But such economic or welfare works do not add any moral highness to anyone. Nor does it add any guidance to save people from hellfire. But the fate of the mankind is decided elsewhere. It is the Divine state building for the Divine purpose of enjoining the right and eradicating the wrong. The Muslim countries now have thousands of hospitals, high ways, farms, fisheries and industries. They have nuclear bombs, too. But that didn't help them emerge as a civilizational moral force on earth. Neither did that add an iota of glory to the Muslims on the world stage. The Muslims built 57 national or tribal states, each with a different map and flag. But none of these state has any humanising or *islamising* role. The *islamising* or humanising objective of Islam can never be achieved by a national or tribal state; rather such states are fully incompatible with Islam's core agenda. Such states can't match with the Vision of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. This is the greatest calamity of the secular, tribal and nationalist states that swarm in the Muslim World. Such a state leads its people to a total failure in the hereafter; it indeed works as a fast moving train on a satanic track to the hellfire. Whereas, the Muslims should set the state-craft on the *siratul mustaqeem*; only then, the state can help people moving towards paradise. Then, it does the greatest benefit to its citizens. It is indeed the real blessing of an Islamic state. Can any amount of other material or social benefits can match such benefit in the hereafter? Therefore, what else can be the act of highest piety than building an Islamic state? It is awful that such a distinctive difference between an Islamic and a non-Islamic state mostly goes unnoticed by the Muslims due to hostile propaganda of the

evil forces!

The infrastructure of failure

Civilisation can't be built on a small patch of tribal or national landscape; it requires a much bigger trans-national and trans-ethnic territory. So, tribalism and nationalism have no place in Islam. Hence, it is a civilizational need to abolish the restrictive tribal, ethnic or national boundaries. So, the early Muslims didn't delay for a single day in dismantling the tribal, geographical or linguistic walls of separation; they quickly went far beyond the boundary of Arabian Peninsula. But the priority of the leaders of a national and tribal state is different; they search even for the faintest line of divisions among people on tribal and ethnic pretext and fortify the divisions. They totally ignore the Qur'anic decree that such division is forbidden in Islam. Due to such deviant leaders, the Islam's heart land of the Middle East is divided into more than 20 tribal states. Thus, they have successfully restricted the growth of pan-Islamic world power. In fact, such tribal states stand as the greatest obstacle against the emergence of a united *ummah*; and work as the perfect recipe for further failure and catastrophe. To continue with the project for destroying the Muslim cities into rubbles, they have forged close coalition with the known enemies of Islam who dismantled the *khilafa* in the past and mutilated the Muslim heart land into pieces. Therefore, the US, the French, the British and the Russian bomber jets enjoy the full freedom in the sky of the Muslim World to bomb any Muslim city they like. Due to such a narrow and restrictive world view of these tribal rulers and their absolute opportunism, the civilizational growth of the Muslim *ummah* now meets with a total failure. Although the Muslims could create 57 states, but failed very awfully to build a single core civilizational state. This is the greatest and the ugliest failure of the Muslim *ummah*. Here lies the core pathology of

all political, cultural, ideological and civilizational failure of the Islamic world. And how can one imagine that such a criminal failure of the *ummah* will ever go unpunished in hereafter?

Only by building a true Islamic state, a Muslim can discharge his obligatory mission of enjoining the right and forbidding the wrong. Otherwise, *sharia* survives only in books –as happened in the case of Divine laws revealed to the prophet Musa (peace be upon him). Therefore, what else could be best good deed than engaging in Islamic state building jihad? The greatest wisdom of the early Muslims lies in the fact that they could clearly understand the crucial importance of an Islamic state. Hence, even in the tiny Muslim community of Arabia, there was no shortage of people to sacrifice their wealth and lives to make it a great success. In fact, except few physically disabled persons, none remained away from the continuous jihad of Islamic state building. This is why the companions of the prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) are labelled as the best people of the whole human history. It is indeed the holiest deed on earth. Whoever gets killed in the making and defending such a state is called *shaheed*. And a *shaheed* has a special place in Islam; they get direct entry to paradise without facing any accountability in the day of judgement. The Almighty Lord gets so much pleased with their self-sacrificing deed that they are given food and drink even after their death –as promised in the holy Qur'an.

The best model

In the holy Qur'an, the prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) has been labelled as the best model (*us'watun hasana*) for the whole mankind. His distinctiveness from other prophets lies in his great success as a state and civilisation builder. In

annals of human history, there is no shortage people who utter wonderful words on equality, justice, human rights and higher values; but they couldn't put those words into practice. But Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon) is the only exception. He laid the foundation of a trans-ethnic civilizational state; and framed its judiciary, administration and the welfare system based on equality and justice. So no one was discriminated based on his or her skin colour, race or social identity. He raised Islam not only as a faith, but also as the most powerful civilising force on earth that could mould people's belief, culture, law and warfare according to the Divine guidance. There exist civilisations like the Western, the Chinese, the Hindu and the Japanese ones; but none of these are based on the Divine guidance. All these civilisations are based on pagan or idiosyncratic notions on the creation of the world, laws, lives, states, societies, caste and others. Since prophet Musa (peace be upon him) or Jesus (peace be upon him) couldn't build any state, hence the Jews and the Christians stand in darkness vis-à-vis guidance on state building and running its judiciary, warfare or administration. So, like any unguided ignorant human, they invented scores of evil ideologies to find some ways in the darkness. So, the Judo-Christian world could easily be the fertile breeding grounds for racism, slavery, nationalism, fascism, Nazism, capitalism, colonialism, communism, imperialism and other highly toxic ideologies. As a consequence, they could cause horrific havoc on earth by causing wars of occupation, ethnic cleansing, slave trading and mass scale hijacking of non-white people to feed their slave markets. They could also set a new level of cruel barbarity by creating gas chambers, making holocausts, creating World Wars and dropping nuclear bombs. In the name of culture, religious festivals, they could blend the Greek and Roman paganism with their corrupt perception of Christianity and Judaism. In the whole human history, Islam is the only religion that could purge the ancient pagan ignorance from the statecraft, religious practices and culture; and could raise a

civilisation based on Divine laws and guidance. Hence, the distinctive superiority of Islamic civilisation does not rest on its grand mosques, minarets, cities, gardens, public baths, dresses, costumes, potteries and arts; rather the most defining features are its Divine laws (sharia), the nourishing cultures, the enlightening education, the ethnic tolerance and the universal cosmopolitanism. They could conquer huge expanses of lands, but unlike others they didn't cause holocausts or ethnic cleansing for making space exclusively for them. Instead, they preferred remaining religious minorities in the newly conquered lands for hundreds of years –as seen in the Balkan, Spain, Africa and India. 25/10/16

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