

The Disconnection & the Debacle

The core issue & the betrayal

The most important objective of Islam is to connect humans with the core agenda of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la (SWT). It is indeed the most important issue in human life and not the professional, the political or the economic successes. Whoever gets connected to his Creator indeed gets the ultimate success –both here and in the hereafter. Whoever misses this connection, gets pulled into the hellfire. The holy Qur'an doesn't keep any ambiguity on it. Truly, it is the common issue of all religions on earth. Therefore, knowing the core agenda of Allah SWT and how to connect with that Divine agenda remain the two most important issues in life. Therefore, who be more foolish and ignorant than those who stand ignorant on these most important issues of life? Guiding and enlightening humans on these subjects are indeed the core subjects of Islam.

Since humans are not intellectually and morally equipped to discover the right code of life and the just parameter of right and wrong –as evidenced by the disastrous failures in the past, such issues stay exclusively in the realm of Allah SWT. The holy Qur'an illuminates such an exclusive domain of Allah SWT in the following verse: "Guiding people certainly rests on Me" (Sura Al-Lail, verse 10). Hence, adhering to the prescribed guidance must be an integral part of the faith component. In human life, nothing can be more important than this. Mere faith in Allah SWT and His attributes doesn't make a significant impact on individuals if faith fails to build full compliance with the guidance given by Allah SWT. In fact, full compliance is the most decisive issue. Even an evildoer may possess faith in Allah SWT, but his evil deed tells how badly he is non-compliant with the Divine prescription. Whether a man will reach heaven or hell gets decided on this single factor. For a human, nothing is more important than such connectivity and compliance with the agenda of his or her Supreme Lord. The sole objective of all the

prophets and the Divine Books was indeed to build and solidify such connection. In this context, the holy Qur'an –the final revelation from Allah SWT has very special and most pivotal importance. This holy Book has been prescribed as the rope of Allah SWT to build such a direct connection with the Almighty. The rope is indeed the Qur'anic roadmap. It is the greatest blessing of Allah SWT, and it is meant for the whole of mankind. There are numerous ropes in societies to bind people and raise divisive walls in the name of the race, tribe, language and geographical identities; but the Holy Qur'an is the only universal link to dismantle divisions and connect people with Allah SWT.

But the Muslims who claim to be the believer in the Holy Qur'an do otherwise. Their beliefs, behaviour, deeds, politics, warfare, laws, constitutions, education and culture display little connectivity with this holy Book of guidance. Rather, look fixed to their racial, tribal, linguistic and national priorities and have built walls on those divisive lines. What could be the worst betrayal against the agenda of Allah SWT that aims at building a universal brotherhood? Such betrayal illuminates another crucial lesson. If 1.5 billion Muslims had achieved any peace or glory with the current level of betrayal against the agenda of Allah SWT and the Qur'anic roadmap that would have easily nullified the need of Islam for anyone. But, that didn't happen. Such a disconnection presents its own conclusion: more the disconnection and betrayal, more the failure. It indeed proves to be the mother of all ongoing failures of the Muslims.

The symptoms of disconnection are huge. Because of it, the fundamentals of Islam like sharia, *hudud*, borderless Muslim unity, jihad against crimes and enemy aggression and the rule by mutual consultation -as were practised by the Prophet (peace be upon him) and his rightly guided companions stand almost invisible in the Muslim World. More surprisingly, like the known *kuffars*, they too vehemently detest those Islamic basics of the golden days. For example, if a group of practicing Muslims make any courageous attempt to resurrect those prophetic traditions, these so-called Muslims make a coalition with the alien *kuffars* to dismantle that. What could be the worst

betrayal against Allah SWT than this? They blame them as deviants. But the question arises: if they are deviant, why they don't take the mission themselves to resurrect those basics of Islam that were practised by the prophet (peace be upon him) and his companions. What could be the worst deviation from Islam than living without the practice of sharia, *hudud*, unity, *khilafa*, jihad and forming a coalition with the foreign *kuffars* in destroying Muslim cities and killing Muslims? Every disconnection has a severe consequence; it is indeed the sure route of steep deviation towards the hellfire. It brings disgrace not only in the worldly life but also in the hereafter –as repeatedly revealed in the Holy Qur'an.

The spiritual death

The physical life is unsustainable without air. Similarly, the spiritual life can't sustain without connectivity with Allah SWT. In such a milieu on the global stage, spiritual death takes a pandemic turn. Then the spiritually dead lose the moral compass. It is indeed the most catastrophic problem in the Muslim World. As a result, the Qur'anic Islam that was practised by the early Muslims under the leadership of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) stand alien to the current day's Muslims. Hence, the non-Muslims need not oppose the practice of Islamic basics like sharia, *hudud*, *khilafa*, jihad, and unity in any of the Muslim land, these spiritually dead Muslims come to the forefront to launch a war against that. Because of the spiritual death, the alien *kuffars* are not alone in their campaign to occupy the Muslim lands and destroy the Muslim cities; they are supported by a huge number of native collaborators. Because of them, in the past, the European imperialists were not alone to dismantle the Caliphate –the traditional political structure of the Muslims. They could recruit millions of so-called Muslims in their rank. For example, the British alone could recruit more than a million Arab Muslims to keep occupying the Muslim lands. The other imperialists like the French and the Italians also got similar successes. It is astonishing to note that the Arab Muslims never took part in such a large number to fight any war for Islam in any segment of Muslim

history. When the Muslims in Spain faced genocidal cleansing, these Arab Muslims didn't show any interest to save their Muslim brothers. –although it was a religious obligation on them. Whereas about half a million of the Arabs gave their lives to protect the British imperialism in the First World War. (Source: Al Jazeera English, the First World War through Arab Eyes). Their spiritual death was so complete that they detested selling their life in exchange for deathless life in paradise. Instead, they sold themselves to the *kuffars* for a salary of a few hundred pounds per month. Therefore, the Arab contribution in the disintegration of the Arab World and in the creation of their enemy –Israel, is no less than the enemies!

The state of the Indian Muslims hasn't been different either. Because of the same disconnection with Allah SWT, more than 200 hundred thousand Indian Muslims fought as mercenaries for the British in two World Wars. They helped in the occupation of Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Sudan, and Palestine. All the ruling military elites of Pakistan like General Iskandar Mirza, General Ayyub Khan, General Yahiya Khan, and many others worked as the perfect mercenary of the colonial British. Later on, these Trojan Horses of the enemies and ideological cum cultural converts of the West grabbed the highest post of the country as the President. While in power, they could cause a rapid and immense ideological meltdown of Pakistan –a country that was created with a great Islamic civilizational objective by a pan-Islamic coalition of the South Asian Muslims. Because of the same spiritual death, the Bengali Muslims –like a non-Muslim radical nationalist got more connected to the land, language, and ethnicity and got deeply disconnected from pan-Islamic Divine objective. As a result, the success of the Indian infidels in a Muslim land like Bangladesh –the former East Pakistan was also huge. They could recruit hundreds of thousands of Bengali Muslims to kill Muslims and destroy Pakistan in 1971. The USA's huge success in quick occupation and destruction of Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria also owes to the same disconnection of the Muslims with Allah SWT. Such disconnection with Allah SWT creates a void only to connect with the Devil. It is indeed a pattern that repeats again and again. Hence, millions of Muslims and their pro-occupation governments in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, UAE, Saudi

Arabia, Bahrain, and many other Muslim countries could support the US-led coalition in its destructive war in the Muslim World. So, rapes, deaths, destruction, and eviction in the Muslim lands get more expanse and a new speed with the collaboration of the native Muslims.

Al-Qur'an: the only rope

A Muslim's strong commitment to Allah SWT agenda is not utopian. Rather, it generates automatically out of his or her stronger spiritual connection with the Almighty. Such a strong linkage pulls men or women out of the hell-bound satanic march and puts them onto the straight path towards the paradise. Such a reality is very explicit in the holy Qur'an: "Whoever holds fast to Allah, he is indeed guided onto the straight path."—(Sura al-Imran, verse 101). So, it is simple. Whoever adheres to the Qur'anic guidance takes the direct route to paradise.

Allah SWT is not visible; but His vision, mission, and agenda became distinctly audible and easily recognizable through the holy Qur'an. One gets properly connected to Allah SWT only through fully aligning with those expressed vision, mission and the objective —as expressed in the Holy Qur'an. In fact, such connectivity is the true spirituality. Because the holy Qur'an sets the Divine connectivity, it works as the direct rope of Allah SWT. Hence, whoever wants to connect with Him, must connect with Qur'anic teaching. Only this way one can enrich his spirituality. Since *sufi khanqa*, Darwish circles or shrines do not engage in inculcating and disseminating Qur'anic knowledge, spending thousands of hours in these places wouldn't help people getting connected with the objective of Allah SWT. Absence of sharia in the Muslim World wouldn't cause any pain or discomfort in the heart of these disconnected people. Such disconnection indeed disqualifies the spirituality of these people as fake. Such people can live a pain-free complacent life even while the enemy occupations with the consequent deaths, rapes, and destructions go on wildly in the Muslim

lands. Absence of *sharia*, *hudud*, *jihad*, *khilafa* and the fragmentation of the Muslim *Ummah* is not an issue for them. Amidst such a disconnection, true Islamic belief can't survive in their heart. It only grows disbelief and hypocrisy. In fact, such disconnection is the key factor that makes a distinctive difference from the early Muslims.

The Divine connectivity of a Muslim does not mean mere glorification (*tasbeeh*) of His holy name. It implies a deep commitment to abide by His every Qur'anic decree. In fact, whenever exists a rule, there exists no room of compromise and invention. Any amount of non-compliance means non-believing. A believer is truly known for his uncompromising attitude to implement His prescribed code of life (*deen*) in every arena of life. He runs the judiciary only according to *sharia* and never shows leniency in executing the sanctioned punishment (*hudud*). Establishing other institutional structures of Muslims' security like *khilafa*, unity, and *jihad* also becomes the core issue of his life. But now the Muslims are now known for non-compliance –as expressed through their culture, politics, judiciary, economics, warfare, and religious beliefs. *Kufr* laws in the judiciary, *riba*-based banking, and prostitution in societies, nationalism, racism, tribalism, and despotism in politics. With such non-compliance, how Muslims can deserve success or glory? This way, they can only qualify for the promised punishment. In fact, they are already in the midst of such punishment. The enemy occupation, the destruction of Muslim cities, the genocidal massacre and the disgrace in the world stage give testimony to that. However, any amount of their success would have given a different message. They could genuinely claim that even devilish deviation from the Qur'anic roadmap also leads to peace and glory.

The connectivity and the Islamic methodology

Each faith, ideology or religion has its own ways to build the connectivity with the presumed gods or deities. The Hindu faith encourages the followers to retreat to jungles, caves, temples or monasteries for spiritual development. It also asks the Hindus to have

baths in some rivers or springs and do contemplation in isolation with specific physical posture and recite some mantra. In the Hindu religion, the policy of exclusion and marginalisation works not only in communities but also even in temples. Only a priest enjoys the privilege to worship the deities. The common men and women are allowed to attend temples only as a visitor. The same is true for the Buddhists. The Christian faith tries to connect people by means of some short-lived weekly congregation in churches. Singing songs and reading pages from the bible remains as the practice. All these rituals are human inventions; hence show no universal procedure or structure. Western hedonism, materialism, and liberalism have their own way to connect the followers, too. Pubs, clubs, casinos, brothel houses, opera houses, theatres, drugs, pornography, and much other stuff do the job to train the people to embrace the new lifestyle.

In Muslim life, connectivity with the Creator is crucial. Without such a connection with the Supreme Creator, a Muslim can't sustain as a true Muslim; nor can join His army of the believers. A disconnected Muslim can't stand alone against the strong current of corruptive faiths, lifestyles, and cultural cum political tides. Rather gets quickly pulled away from the straight path and taken to the hellfire. Hence, building a faith-bound community is also crucial. So in Islam, building connectivity -both in the vertical and horizontal direction is critical. But such connection can't be built by a mere pronouncement of faith in Allah SWT. Beliefs and practices need to be reinforced with deep understanding. The religious rituals of an ignorant man can't help build such a connection. Neither does help the mere recitation of the Qur'an without understanding. For a full revolution in character, deeds, and behaviour, it needs a total revolution in the conceptual premise -the birthplace of all revolutions. For that, it is crucial to strongly connect humans' body, mind, and conscience with the omnipresent and omnipotent Creator - Allah SWT. Islam has its own structured methodology to build such a Divine connection. In fact, Islam is the only religion that can successfully connect people with Allah SWT. It owes solely to the methodology devised only by the All-Wise Almighty Himself. All obligatory religious rituals like 5 times daily prayer, month-long

fasting, charity, and haj are indeed the parts of that methodology.

But the most powerful tool to build this needed connection with Allah SWT is the holy Qur'an. The word "*Qur'an*" means the act of recitation. Islam didn't start with five-time prayer, fasting, and haj, but by educating people with the Qur'anic knowledge. Understanding Qur'an itself is a great *ibadah*. In the initial 13 years of prophethood, there was no obligatory five-time *salah* (prayer) like today. Standing in the middle of night and recitation of the Holy Qur'an was the recommended *ibadah*. So, in one of the earliest chapters of the Qur'an it is revealed: "Stand (to pray) all night except a little; for half of it or a little less than that. Or a little more. And recite the Qur'an (aloud) in a slow (pleasant tone and) style. Indeed, We will send down to you heavy words (the obligatory prayers, jihad, and the sharia laws). Verily, the rising by the night is the most potent way to govern one's self and suitable for understanding the Word (of Allah)." –(Sura al-Mujammel, verses 2-6). Through slow and mindful recitation of Qur'an, the mind gets the much-needed nutrition for his spiritual growth –crucial to survive as a true slave of the Almighty Lord.

An anemic patient needs a transfusion of blood for his survival. For the survival of *iman*, a believer, too needs regular transfusion; and it is the transfusion of Qur'anic knowledge. And it works through the recitation of the Holy Qur'an with the full understanding. The Message, the Vision and the Mission of the Almighty Lord then get direct access to his heart. The knowledge of the unseen world gets a powerful expression through believers' voice only in His Own vocabularies. While a man or woman recites the holy Qur'an in prayers, indeed the message of the Almighty Lord gets dipped down into his soul and recharges his *iman*. Hence in *salah*, the best part is the *qiyam* when the Qur'an is recited. The deep understanding of the Holy Qur'an (not mere rote reading), five-time *salah* in the congregation, month-long fasting in Ramadan, haj, and regular charity in the way of Almighty Lord is the prescribed structural procedures to build and continuously strengthen such connection. In the early days of Islam, this Divine prescription worked with the tremendous success to build

the best people on earth. Five-time *salah* worked as the *meeraj* of the believer –as described by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Meeraj is the ascension to the nearness to Allah SWT; it happens through the communication of His wordings deep into the heart of the believer. It generates deep integration with His mission. Such inner change takes place when a believer stands in salah (prayer) and recites the Holy Qur'an with a full understanding of its meaning. In the holy Qur'an, they are described as the people who say "samey'na wa ata'na" meaning "we listened and we obeyed." But now such motivation of listening and obeying His message seldom works in the Muslim mind. Therefore, the disconnection with Allah SWT gets deeper. And such disconnection works as a powerful precursor not only for the ongoing debacle but also for the Divine punishment. 29.3.2020

The Hindutva Fascists & the Road towards Disintegration of India

Annihilation of the conceptual premise

A state can sustain its geopolitical solidarity only on a solid conceptual premise. The conceptual collapse can only precipitate its rapid disintegration. Pakistan was created on an intense pan-Islamic zeal of the Muslims of different Indian states and languages. But in 1971, the country disintegrated as it lost its conceptual cum ideological premise to the radical nationalists. India is not an exception either. An ideology of ethnic or religious supremacism can never forge any geopolitical compatibility between people of various ethnicities, castes and religions. India is known for its plurality of race, religion, language, culture and cast. So it stands fractured in its own body polity. Hence, during the last days of the British rule,

the leaders of the Indian National Congress like Gandhi, Nehru and others could easily realise that supremacism of any religion or ethnicity can only jeopardise the project of a united India. So, they were left with no other option but to take secularism as the only conceptual alternative to create a united India. Even the embedded Hindutva elements in the Congress like Ballav Bhai Patel had to accept such reality and hide his own agenda in the back seat. Hence in 1947, India was created on the basis of secularism –as it is incorporated in the Indian constitution.

Now the greatest threat to India's integration doesn't come from Pakistan, China or other foreign powers, rather from the own people. Such home-grown enemies are the ruling Hindutva fascists. They have successfully annihilated the secular paradigm. Hence, the path of disintegration that the founding fathers avoided in 1947, the country is now plunged into that with the ruling Hindutva supremacists in its driving seat. They have created a new ground-breaking reality in Indian politics that stands dissimilar to that at birth. Such a new political reality always brings new political dynamics and outcomes.

The Indian subcontinent could enjoy a united geopolitical entity only under three non-Hindu ruling powers; they are the Buddhist Asoka, the Muslims and the British. It is also true that India could enjoy a long-lasting geopolitical unity only under the Muslims. And it owes to the Muslim rulers' inclusive policy. On the other hand, the Hindutva ideology could only show its divisive power in the name of different castes, customs, ethnicity and deities. The same divisive trend has strongly resurfaced with the advent of the Hindutva fascists in power.

The policy of exclusion & the lost raison d'être

Fascism could never bring any peace in any part of the world; it could only promote politics of exclusion, hatred, wars and genocidal cleansing. India now pursues the same divisive route. Adolf Hitler has died; but his ideology thrives among disciples like Narendra Modi, Amit Sha and many others. Hitler excluded Jews from German politics,

economy and administration because of their dissimilar race and religion. The Hindutva fascists are doing the same against the Muslims. The exclusion of the Muslims has gone to the extent that in the 2014 election, 44 million Muslims of Uttar Pradesh (UP) didn't have a single MP in India's parliament.

To make India a Hindu state, the Hindutva rogues argue that since Pakistan hasn't adopted secularism as the state ideology, India doesn't need to be secular either. They also argue, since Pakistan is an Islamic republic, why India shouldn't be a Hindu state? With the same breadth, they rebuke Muslims for demanding a secular India. With such a depiction of a pure Hindu objective, they indeed dismantle the conceptual premise of India's creation. Secularism is indeed the *raison d'être* for India. The founding fathers of India never argued to make it a Hindu state. India got disproportionately a larger geographical territory only because of its declared secular political agenda. Otherwise, India would have been much smaller than the current size. As a Hindu state, the Indian Hindus forfeit the moral, political and legal right to keep 200 Million Muslims, 30 million Christians and 25 million Sikhs and their genuine territorial entitlement under the occupation of a Hindu state. Such a problem doesn't crop up in Pakistan with its 98% Muslim population if its Islamist population want to pursue the Islamic objective. Because pursuing an Islamic objective was declared basis of its creation.

If Hindu India had been the agenda of Gandhi, Nehru, Abul Kalam Azad and other Congress leaders, the ancestors of the current 255 million non-Hindus would have surely detested being the citizen of such a communal India from day one of its creation. Only because of a secular India, the Congress leaders could argue to keep states with the majority of the non-Hindu population like Kashmir, Punjab, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur, Arunachal and Tripura within a united India. Abrogation of such a promise will only provide the moral and legal right to the non-Hindus to disintegrate from a Hindu India.

On the other hand, the leaders of the Pakistan movement didn't keep it hidden the ideological basis of Pakistan –which could be embedded

later on in Pakistan' constitution as the 22 points of the basic ideological objectives. The Muslims create a state not only to meet the economic and the domiciliary objectives but also to fulfil the obligatory Islamic objectives. It is obligatory on the Muslims to run the education, the culture, the judiciary and the warfare as per the Qur'anic prescription. The Muslim leaders of India could foresee such a project impossible to run in an undivided Hindu-majority India. They could also read the Hindu mind-set and could foresee the cleansing objective of the Hindutva majority against the Muslims –as being practised on and off since the independence in 1947. So they had no option but to create Pakistan to promote the obligatory Islamic cause. Because of the proclaimed Islamic agenda, the leaders of Pakistan movement couldn't claim the neighbouring seven non-Hindu states that are on the north-eastern border of former East Pakistan. But if India wants to be Hindu state, it can't claim these non-Hindu states either.

Hindutva fascism and the incompatibility

The Indian leaders wanted to be secular as per their own choice -as proclaimed in the Indian constitution. The Muslims didn't ask for that. But their hypocrisy in the name of secularism is huge. The Indian law against Muslim visitors exposes such hypocrisy. If a non-Indian Hindu visitor overstays in India, he or she is fined 100 rupees. But if a Muslim visitor overstays, he or she needs to pay 21,000 rupees -200 time more than a Hindu. It is noteworthy that a non-secular country like Pakistan doesn't have such an evil law. The Anandabazar Patrika of Kolkata wrote an editorial on it on 12.03.2020. The same hypocrisy is expressed through the National Registrar of Citizens (NRC) and the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). As per CAA, discrimination is made to grant citizenship to Muslims but not to non-Muslims.

Law is sometimes framed to punish the targeted enemies. It is commonly practised by the fascists to eliminate their political enemies. For the Hindutva fascists, the Muslims are such enemy –as were the Jews

unto to the German fascists. Hence in India, making laws that harm Muslims is a common practice. Secularism can never be a substitute of sharia –as prescribed by the All-Wise Allah. But the absence of law is better than an evil law. Hence, secularism is definitely better than toxic Hindutva ideology. But in India, secularism has turned into an outrageous mockery. It has become a face-saving façade for the radical Hindutva ideology. Sometimes it is the soft brand of Indian National Congress, and sometimes it is an extreme brand of the RSS-BJP axis.

Of course, if secularism could have convinced the Hindutva leaders to abandon their toxic ideology would have been better for India as well. However, one can never convince a Hindutva goon. In their mind, only a myth works and not a reason. This is why none else than Narendra Modi –the Prime Minister of India could tell in public that ancient Indians were expert in head transplantation. So, he claims, they could implant an elephant head to Ganesh –a Hindu deity! To fight coronavirus disease, drinking cow urine thus gets acceptance to such myth-inspired Indian Hindus. How can one argue with the people impregnated with such toxic belief? Such gross incompatibility with the reason, civility and morality can only end the peaceful coexistence of people with a plurality. Such incompatibility can only promote bloody conflict and disintegration. The World Powers like the Soviet Union and the USA could suppress the political will of 25 million Afghans. How can Hindu India suppress the will of 255 million non-Hindus? 18.03.2020

The Hindutva Fascists & the Malice

Like a virus, toxic ideologies never remain confined within the geographical or political borders. It quickly spreads and gets

followers beyond the border. The same is exactly true for India's Hindutva fascism. Fascism has its robust diagnostic symptoms. The fascists keep a constant watch on their ideological enemies and show the virulence. If anyone tells anything against Pakistan, the USA or China, nobody starts barking. But if anybody criticizes the Indian atrocities against the minorities, some people instantly get furious, abusive and homicidal. In Bangladesh, Abrar Fahad –a brilliant student of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) was beaten to death for criticizing the Indian policy of hegemony against Bangladesh. Nurul Haq –the Vice President of Dhaka University Students' Union was badly bitten and hospitalized for the same reason. So the RSS fascists work as attack dogs not only inside India but also beyond the borders. These thugs entered into the student hostel of Jawaharlal Nehru University of Delhi (JNU) with arms and badly injured dozens of students. Among the injured was Awishy Ghosh –the President of the JNU's Student Union. She needed many stitches for her injured forehead. The same thugs showed their abusive anger and atrocities against the students of Aligarh Muslim University and Jame Milli, Delhi. One such goon even fired a bullet in broad daylight against the protesting students of Jame Milli with barking malice: "You want Azadi (freedom), this (the bullet) is Azadi". The police of the fascist government of Modi standing behind stayed unmoved.

Recently I received some abusive rancour through emails from two of such Hindutva RSS thugs who live outside India. The cause of their anger is understandable. Recently I was invited to present a research paper in an international seminar in France organised by Paris University and the University of Le Havre of Normandy. My topic was: *"Political, religious and demographic dynamics in South Asia and the threatened co-existence of people with a plurality"*. Since my paper exposed some aspects of the appalling evils of the current Hindutva regime, they got infuriated. I am accused of putting lies against the Hindutva government in my paper. Whereas my every argument is supported by well researched and well-documented references. One of them ridiculed my narrative "threatened co-existence of people with a plurality". My core Islamic beliefs also became an issue for him and mockingly questioned: do the Muslims believe in plurality? These

fascist thugs do not bother to read history. Hence, I need to focus on some of the historical facts to help discover their lies.

In world history, the Muslims are the people who practised the peaceful co-existence of a plurality of religion, culture, and ethnicity in every continent and every country they ruled. Cleansing of people of other races and religions has been the political norm of the Hindus and also of the Europeans. So, the Buddhists –though their religion originated in India, were almost fully cleansed out of India by the Hindu rulers in the past. It was indeed the worst genocidal massacre in Indian history. The Buddhists fled to the south-eastern corner of Bangladesh (Chittagong), Nepal, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan for survival. Their religious institutions stood in tatters. Now one needs to go to Nepal or other Buddhist sanctuaries –far away from their birthplace to find the heritage of these ancient Indians.

Now the Hindutva forces want to do the same against the Muslims as they did against the Buddhists. Such an intention of the Hindutva forces gets robustly expressed through their political slogans. They shout in the street: “Muslims have only two destinations: either to Pakistan or Kabaristan (graveyard)”. So, it implies, the Muslims have no place in India. Even a ruling BJP’s MP shouted in the street of Delhi “*guli maro shalleko*” (shoot these evil elements). These are all published in the Indian press. A few days ago, Arundhati Roy gave a very vivid description of such Hindutva atrocities in her speech at Cambridge University and London School of Economics. Such Hindutva motive has prompted the Indian Muslim men, women and children to come out of their homes to the street to engage in a battle for their own citizenship rights as well for the survival. So hundreds of thousands of people show their presence in Shahin Bag in Delhi, Park Circus in Kolkata and hundreds of other places in other cities.

To annihilate the plurality of religions and culture, the history of the European Christians doesn’t present any different picture either. When the Roman King Constantine converted to Christianity, he forcefully converted all of his subjects to Christianity. As a result, a non-Christian became extinct in Europe. The Russian monarch didn’t behave differently when he became a Christian. More awfully, while

these European Christians went to America, Australia, New Zealand and other countries, they caused genocidal cleansing of the native people like Red Indians, Aborigines and Maoris. Whereas the history of Muslim rule presents a different picture. Islam emphasises on peaceful preaching, but detests forceful conversion. As a result, even in Islam's heartland like Lebanon, about 30% of people remain Christian. In Egypt, about 15% of people are Christian. Muslims ruled about 6 hundred years in Spain and Portugal but never forced them to convert to Islam. Hence the Muslims remained the minority. Muslims ruled over Greece, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia, Macedonia, Crimea, and southern Russia for many hundred years, but they didn't force them to Islam either.

The Muslims ruled over India for more than six hundred years but still preferred to stay as the minority rather than forcing Hindus to accept Islam. The minority status of the Indian Muslims itself stands as proof that they didn't force people to convert to Islam. In fact, during their rule, the plurality of culture, religion, and ethnicity prevailed. Like the Muslims, the Hindus too got access to the city and the military institutions of the state under the Muslim rulers. Many of the top Army generals of the Moghuls like Man Singh were Hindu.

The RSS fascists complain that Hindus are uprooted from Bangladesh and Pakistan. This is a blatant lie. Such made-up stories serve a political purpose: feed the Hindutva's objective of the anti-Muslim pogrom. In India, since 1947, hundreds of anti-Muslims riots were organised to destroy the Muslim population, their houses, and businesses. Minorities also live in Pakistan and Bangladesh, but such riots didn't take place there. The anti-Hindu riot that took place in Noakhali in 1946 has nothing to do with the Pakistani or Bangladeshi governments; it happened during the British rule. It was indeed a reaction to the huge massacre of Muslims in Kolkata in August 1946.

It is true that the Hindu population gradually diminished in East and West Pakistan since 1947. But that doesn't owe to any anti-Hindu riots. It happened because of their voluntary migration to India. People migrate for economic and psychological reasons. It is a historical fact that not a single Muslim opposed the creation of an

independent India. And, it is also a historical fact that the Hindus didn't want the creation of Pakistan. Therefore, after the creation of Pakistan in 1947, Hindus felt moral guilt to stay in Pakistan. They thought it a huge disgrace to stay in a country they vehemently opposed. Creation of Pakistan was indeed a huge political defeat of the Hindus that they were not ready to swallow; hence migrated to the country they wanted from their heart. Therefore, blaming the Muslims for the declining number of Hindus in Pakistan and Bangladesh feeds only the Hindutva falsehood; it has nothing to do with the truth. But awfully fascism doesn't need any truth, it only needs myth and sensational propaganda to electrify the people. Therefore, whoever reveals the historical truth and dismantles their castles of lies becomes the target of the Hindutva fascists. 23/02/2020

Political, religious & demographic dynamics in South Asia & threatened co-existence of people with pluralities

The myth of 'Rising Asia' & the reality

'Rising Asia' now runs like a myth in many Asian and non-Asian countries. But such a myth hides many awful realities. The case of 'rising Europe' in the past with its mighty economy, military and technology provides valuable insights to analyze the so-called myth of 'rising Asia'. While Europe showed its fastest economic growth, it also showed its fastest morale down-turn. Because of such moral down-turn, Europe could become the fertile breeding ground for evil

ideologies like colonialism, imperialism, white supremacism, nationalism, racism and fascism. In fact, genocidal wars, colonial wars, World Wars and ethnic cleansing owe to such a moral downturn. In those rising days of the west, the moral down-turn went so low that it couldn't find any wrong in the elimination of Red Indians from Americas, aborigines from Australia and Maoris from New Zealand. And, killings could be done on an industrial scale. As a result, they could kill about 75 million people only in the two World Wars. This is why, the worst catastrophe in the whole history is not caused by earthquakes, epidemics, cyclones or tsunamis; but by humans.

The same myth of economic development now dominates the socio-political spectrum of South Asia. The economic development has overruled the importance of moral development. And moral ill health or death now shows its own expression. In India, Muslims are being lynched to death on the alleged accusations that they eat beef. In such a pretext, 25 Muslims are killed by the Hindu radicals in a period from 2015 to the middle of 2017. (Ananda Bazar Patrika, 2020). In 1992, more than 500-year-old historical Babri Mosque in Ayodhya was razed to the ground on a mythological assumption that Ram –a Hindu deity was born there. The Supreme Court of India declared in its recent judgment that there exists no evidence that the mosque was built on a Hindu temple. Surprisingly, the absence of evidence couldn't prohibit the Supreme Court judges from incorporating the Hindutva motive in their judgment. Therefore, the judges gave the dismantled mosque site to the perpetrators of the crime to build a temple there! Whereas in a previous ruling, the same judiciary condemned the destruction of the mosque as a heinous crime. Therefore, with the Hindutva fascists in power, everything looks changed. The police, the prosecution, the Hindutva politician, the judiciary, the media and the executive branch of the government now work together to promote the same Hindutva objective. Now, the appeasement of the ruling Hindutva forces overrules the delivery of fair justice.

The Muslim population of India is about 200 million –larger than the combined population of France, Germany, and the UK. The development of a state is indeed the aggregate development of all people of all

denominations. Hence hindered access to education and training, employment opportunities for everyone and optimum utilization of every talent and skills are vital. Any obstruction or exclusion of anyone restricts development. The GDP of the country is indeed the summation of added values not only on land and materials but also on every individual. Therefore, if 200 million people are kept out of the value-adding process and employment, how can a country progress? Awfully such a basic rule of development is ignored only to harm Muslims. They also ignore to realize that such a policy immensely harms India. The impact reflects on the economic indicators. In terms of per capita income and hunger index, India stands lower than even Bangladesh –the bottomless basket case of the early seventies.

Currently, Muslims constitute about 15 percent of the Indian population; but only 4 percent of them are graduate and only 5 percent are in the government jobs. (Sachar Committee Report, 2006). The maximization of the economic wellbeing of the Hindus and their access to the government offices are being achieved and sustained by maximum deprivation or exclusion of the Muslims. Such a discriminatory and restrictive policy was first initiated by the British colonial occupiers since they snatched power from the Muslim rulers. But it hasn't been changed by the subsequent Indian governments. Now, with the Hindutva forces in power, the exclusion of the Muslims has become overt government policy. More than 44 million Muslims live in Uttar Pradesh –the country's largest province, but in the 2014 election, not a single Muslim was allowed to sit in the parliament. It is also worth noting that the Hindutva forces are not happy with the current level of exclusion, they want to put more restrictions. In order to put permanent prohibition, they want to deprive Muslims of their citizenship rights. So, tools like National Citizenship Registrar (NCR) and the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) are introduced. BJP's West Bengal chief told in public that 10 million Muslims will be evicted from West Bengal by deploying NCR. (Ananda Bazar Patrika, 17 February 2020). Millions of Muslims are targeted to make them stateless on the accusation that they have illegally infiltrated from Bangladesh. Bangladesh has already labeled it baseless and has expressed its refusal to take any stateless people from India. Hence

such stateless Muslims face no option but to stand de-enfranchised and dumped in concentration camps. Already such concentration camps are being constructed in the state of Assam where 1.9 million people stand stateless because of exclusion from NRC. Such an inhuman act stands unique in the whole human history.

The Hindutva fascists want to make India a Hindu state –as envisioned by their guru Savarkar. Muslims and other minorities will survive only as second class citizens without any social, political and economic participation. This is why even the publication of the Sachar Committee Report that exposed sheer deprivation of the Muslims is so unwelcome in the Hindutva circle. Their argument is clear. While they do not bother to alleviate the deprivation, why do they need its publication? The Muslim rule in India in the past is being used to ignite the politics of revengeful anguish against the present days' Muslims. In fact, the resurgence of such Hindu vengeance forms the basis of Hindutva politics in India and gave birth to the world's largest NGO called Rashtriya Shevok Sangha (RSS). The sole objective of RSS is to make India a Hindu state.-(Andersen, Walter; Damla, Shridhar, 1987). In the early days of independent India, RSS leaders opposed the Indian constitution for three main reasons. These are 1). its secular character, 2). non-inclusion of the ancient law of Manu, 3). equal rights for people of all clasts and religions. (Hadiz, Vedi). They also opposed the tri-color Indian national flag. Instead, they wanted a saffron flag as an icon of ancient Hindu identity. For 52 years since independence, they didn't hoist tri-color Indian national flag in RSS headquarter; for the first time they did it in 2002. (The Times of India, 2002).

While M.S Golwalker became the RSS President in 1940, he set it a goal not to fight against the British. (M.S Golwalker, 1974). Muslims were stipulated as the number one enemy and not the British occupation. Hence, from day one of its inception in 1925, RSS was focussed on mobilizing and strengthening the Hindutva recruits to fight against the Muslims. In 1927, within two years of its creation, the RSS launched its first Muslim cleansing operation in its birthplace in Nagpur in Maharashtra. Its militants launched an organized attack

against the local Muslims and the campaign went on for 3 days and forced the Muslims to leave the city. The creation of Pakistan in 1947 infuriated the RSS cadres; as if Pakistan has cut into pieces their mother India. Now they take revenge from the captivated Muslims who didn't migrate to Pakistan. They consider every Indian Muslim a traitor cum termite and a Pakistani insider. (Ashish Nandi, 2002). For its terrorist activities, the RSS was banned 4 times in the past: in 1947, in 1948, in 1975 and in 1992. During British raj, it was banned for its communal terrorism by the provincial government of Punjab in 1947. In 1948, it was banned for killing Gandhi. In 1992, it was banned for destroying the historic Babri Mosque. Since Narendra Modi - a lifelong member of RSS, became the Prime Minister, everything changed. The RSS is no more alone in its mission; the whole state apparatus, the media, the police, and the army are now working hand in hand to attain the Hindutva objective. The policy of political and economic exclusivity and even cleansing operations against the religious minorities gets sanitized in the name of the democratic rights of the majority. Thus, the Hindutva majority has established marginalization of the minorities and deprivation of their basic rights as the new normal.

The NRC project was first started in the north-eastern state of Assam. Because of it, 1.9 million people became stateless. Contrary to the Hindutva expectation, more than 70% of the victims turned out to be Hindus. Since exclusion of Hindus has never been the agenda of the ruling Hindutva extremists, the Citizenship Act was quickly amended to award them citizenship. But the door is kept closed for the stateless Muslims. A Hindu -even if born outside India, can get citizenship because of his religious identity, but a Muslim born in India needs to submit documents for that. Thus, NRC and CAA are being used as the discriminatory instruments against Muslims either to evict them as a foreign intruder or dump them in newly built concentration camps as de-enfranchised and de-humanized alien creatures.

Cross-party epidemic

Like a virus, toxic ideologies never stay confined within the premise of a single political, religious or terrorist outfit. It shows a

cross-party, cross-country and cross-border epidemic. Hence, what is happening in India, Myanmar and Sri Lanka against the Muslims shows similar symptoms and signs. This is why, the anti-Muslim hatred in Indian politics is not a monopoly of the RSS-BJP axis, and the parties like the Indian National Congress and many others have also been infected with the same toxicity. The spell of the Hindutva venom over the politics of the Indian National Congress was exposed during the election campaign of 1989. To appease the Hindu voters, Rajiv Gandhi –the Congress Party’s incumbent Prime Minister attempted to snatch the Hindutva mantra from the RSS-BJP family by outplaying the issue. He started his campaign from the district of Faizabad –known for its historic Babri Mosque. Dispelling the previous secular stand of the Congress, Rajiv Gandhi took the banner of the Hindutva agenda in his own hand. He promised inauguration of Rama Rajya –the rule and the kingdom of Rama, in India.-(Pradeep Nayak, 1993). It was a clear departure from the declared secular ideology of the Congress. He even opened the door of the Babri Mosque for the Hindu worshippers –which was strategically avoided by every Congress and non-Congress government in the past. By adopting such a communal agenda, Rajiv Gandhi enhanced Hindutva radicalization of his own party the Indian National Congress. He preferred getting more votes over higher human values, secular ideology, justice and respect for the minority rights. Such a policy of sliding towards the Hindu majority vote bank and turning a blind eye towards the Muslim minority prompted the Muslims –the party’s traditional vote bank to quickly leave Congress. Along with the loss of Muslim votes, his hoax to amass Hindu votes didn’t work either. He failed to defeat the old and original vanguards of the Hindutva outfit like BJP. As a result of losing Muslim votes, the Congress Party ceased to exist as an electable contender of power in Indian national politics. It could show up only as a partner of regional parties to share power in some smaller states.

However, Rajiv Gandhi is not the only Congress leader to embrace the Hindutva ideology. Even, Mr. Nehru -the first Prime Minister of independent India didn’t prove different either. Nehru couldn’t hide his affinity towards Hindutva extremism while he embraced Shyama Prasad Mukherjee as his first post-independence cabinet colleague.

Incorporating a leader in the cabinet doesn't go alone, it needs to accommodate his ideologies, too. Mr. Mukherjee is known as one of the most original gurus of Hindutva radicalization of Indian politics. He was the former President of Hindu Mahashava and the founder of Jana Sangha –the parental organizations of today's BJP.

Nehru's policy towards the Muslim rule in Hyderabad and the Muslim population in Kashmir –the only Muslim majority state in India, also proved terribly sinister. The first post-independence genocidal massacre of the Muslims that took place in Hyderabad in 1948 wasn't the crime of RSS-BJP goons. It happened under the watch of Congress Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. His government didn't bother to do a body count of the dead. The lowest estimate of Muslim death has been reported to be 40, 000 (Komireddi, 2019). In another estimate, it is 200, 000. (Noorani, 2001). Muslim houses were looted and thousands of Muslim women were raped. Thugs and rapists were let loose to commit the crime, and hardly anyone was punished for such a horrendous crime.

Under Nehru's rule, a massive genocide also took place in Jammu –a southern district in united Kashmir. Prior to Indian occupation in 1947, Jammu had a Muslim majority population. The genocide was carried out under the direct command of Dogra Maharaja Hari Singh of Kashmir - as a part of the desperate move in his last days of rule, to make it Hindu majority area. Since there was no body-count, there exists gross variation on number of the death. It is stated 20,000 to 100,000 Muslims were killed and many more were evicted from their home. (Snedden, Christopher, 2015). But most of the researchers agree that RSS cadres were brought in to conduct the genocide under the direct watch of Maharaja Hari Singh. (Chattha, 2009). Although Prime Minister Nehru considered Hari Singh guilty for the massacre but gave him a safe sanctuary in Mumbai. (Praveen Swami, 2007). Because of signing the 'Instrument of Accession to India', Hari Singh has not only been exempted from legal prosecution but also his genocidal crime was airbrushed from history. (Komireddi, 2019).

Mr. Narasima Rao -Congress Party's another former Prime Minister also showed anti-Muslim sentiment from his early career. He joined an armed group to fight against the Muslim ruler in Hyderabad. (K.S. Komireddi,

2019). While he was the Prime Minister, he allowed the destruction of the Babri Mosque by his visible inaction. His government showed utter failure to prosecute those Hindutva extremists who committed such a heinous crime. Mr. Pranab Mukherjee –a former President of India and leader of the Congress Party also couldn't hide his affinity towards RSS. He visited Nagpur –the birthplace of RSS, to pay his deep homage to the RSS founder Mr. Hedgewar in 2018. The issue didn't stop at his homage; Mr. Mukherjee exulted the RSS founder as “great son of Mother India” in the visitor's book. Only a man with the full endorsement of Mr. Hedgewar's Hindutva ideology could write such a high eulogy. On behalf of RSS, it was acknowledged that after Mr. Pranab Mukherjee's homage to Hedgewar, there was an upsurge in RSS's membership. It is worth noting that Mr. Pranab Mukherjee is not alone to show the affinity to Hindutva ideology. Congress Party –the so-called secularist outfit proved to be embedded with many more like Mr. Mukharjee. In 1954, a Congress MP named Seth Govind Das moved a resolution in the Indian parliament for imposing a total ban on cow slaughter. Mr. Vasan Sathe -another leading Hindutva fan in Congress, threatened to resign from the party if the party opposes the installation of a portrait of Mr. Savarkar –the original guru of Hindutva politics in India, in the parliament. (Naqvi, 2019).

Mr. Hedgewar's ideology and his political objective were never hidden. Mr. Hedgewar proclaimed that India is a country only for the Hindus, and consistently loathed the Muslims. He could never swallow the six hundred years' Muslim rule in India. He considered Muslims' rule as a disgrace for the Hindus, and showed his obsession to take the revenge. Like Savarkar, Golwalker and other Hindutva ideologues, he couldn't think of Muslims as equal citizens. His obsession to take revenge prompted him to form the RSS. His successor Golwalker was an admirer of Hitler and his policies towards the Jews. He even wrote that Nazi Germany provides a “good lesson for us in Hindusthan to learn and profit by.” In such writings, Golwalker's implied message is clear. The Germans had the Jews and the Indians have the Muslims. Hitler had nothing to teach Indians on Hindutva ideology but had a lot to teach how to carry out genocidal cleansing of the Muslims –as he did against the Jews. Hitler could also teach how he was successful to mobilize

and motivate the German people to commit one of the ugliest crimes on earth like taking Jews to the gas chambers. Mr. Golwalkar was highly impressed by Hitler's quick success; hence asked his Hindu compatriots to apply the same methodology against the Indian Muslims. How a man with an iota of morality can endorse or appreciate such a toxic ideology? But Mr. Pronab Mukharjee traveled to Nagpur to pay homage to the icon of such ideology. A Muslim can easily understand how dreadful to live amidst hordes of such indoctrinated people. In a conventional war, fear of death runs only through those who are on the battlefield. But for Muslims, the whole of India had turned into a fear-mongering corrosive battlefield.

Deployment of more than 700,000 troops in Kashmir –the only Muslim majority state in India, tells another story of on-going marginalization and persecution of the minority in India. Kashmir is now the most militarized zone in the whole world. Because of the recent abrogation of Article 370, Kashmir nor more exist as a state; it has become a federal territory directly under the rule of Delhi. The whole state has turned into a prison. As a part of the punitive measures, curfew has been imposed for months after months. To disconnect them from the outside world, internet services are either cut-off or given restricted access. Thousands of people are taken to prisons outside Kashmir. Such state-run killing, oppression, injustices, and marginalization only could work as the precursor of social unrest and militancy among the victims. As usual, such state-run terrorism gets cover-up in the name of keeping stability and fighting the militancy. Because of the similar punitive policy of the Myanmar government against the minority Rohingya Muslims, the country could become the "textbook case of ethnic cleansing". The situation in Sri Lanka is not different either; it only differs in severity from that of India and Myanmar. There too, the Muslim and Tamil minority suffer in the hand of the Buddhist Sinhalese majority.

All RSS compounds in India indeed work as training centers to make the party cadres ready for a Hindutva victory over the whole of South Asia. The division of the subcontinent into India, Pakistan and Bangladesh has never been accepted by them; Gandhi –the father of

India's independence was murdered for accepting the division. The map that is displayed in the RSS central office in Nagpur doesn't show Pakistan and Bangladesh. (Al Jazeera English documentary). Accepting the RSS project to make India a Hindu state is projected as a marker of patriotism. Failing to fall in line with such an RSS vision is labeled as a Pakistani insider; and gets subjected to public lynching, rape, torture and mass slaughter on streets and also in domestic premises.

Muslims aren't the only target

Muslims are not the only target of the Hindutva fascists. Non-Hindus like Sikhs, Christians and the untouchables also become the victims. What happened in Delhi in 1984 in the aftermath of the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is indeed an organized slaughter of Sikh men, women, and children abetted by the state. By official estimate, 3,000 Sikhs were murdered. The unofficial figure is much higher. Surprisingly, the Government ruled by Congress didn't intervene –as was the case in 2002 in an anti-Muslim pogrom in Gujrat under Modi's watch. Two weeks later Rajiv Gandhi used a clarifying metaphor: when a big tree falls, the earth shakes a little. (Komireddi, 2019). The bloodbath of Sikhs appeased the Hindutva radicals so much that in the 1984 election, the Hindutva activists like RSS cadres campaigned for Rajiv Gandhi. He was elected with 416 out of 543 seats in the parliaments. It was indeed one of the greatest electoral victories in the history of the Indian National Congress. So, it ratifies the reality that if politics gets polarised with vitriolic hatred and massacre against minorities, it brings landslide electoral victory to the perpetrators. In a milieu of such ideological intoxication, perpetrators of innocent men, women, and children of the minority community never get prosecuted; rather receive honor with electoral triumph. In fact, Mr. Narendra Modi and his party BJP are the perfect examples of that. Because of the heinous atrocities against the minorities in Gujrat, Muzaffarnagar and other parts of India, Mr. Modi and his BJP could quickly jump up in the popularity ladder. In such politics of populism, higher values or principle

doesn't work. This is why it is the political strategy of the extremist forces to invent more pretexts to scale up atrocities against the minority. In Kandhamal in Orissa, Dalit converts to Christianity were the target of two and a half months of violence that left at least 16 dead and 40, 000 driven out of their homes. (The Hindu, 2008). It is worth mentioning, that Christians were persecuted even by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in his early days of rule. He authorized the bombing of the north-eastern Christians majority state of Nagaland for demanding the same independence that India got from the British. (Komireddi, 2019).

Right to rule as if the right to murder

The appointment of Mr. Narendra Modi as the chief minister of Gujrat tells a lot about the political objective of the Hindutva forces in India. He was groomed as an obedient RSS cadre. To give more time and commitment to the Hindutva mission, he even left his newly married wife. In 1992, he played a key role in mobilizing the RSS cadres to destroy the Babri mosque. Such a role enhanced his credentials among the key stakeholders of the party. In early October 2001, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee summoned Narendra Modi to his residence and offered him the chief minister's job of Gujrat.-(K.S. Komireddi, 2019).

Mr. Vajpayee is usually projected as a moderate leader in the RSS-BJP camp. But how a moderate man can be compatible with an extremist man who could engineer the destruction of a mosque? People of opposite intentions and ideologies can never work together. They need an ideological match. Later on, Modi as a chief minister of Gujrat revealed not only his own color but also the color of Mr. Vajpayee. That moment came within 4 months of his appointment. In 2002, a train carrying Hindu extremists returning from the site of demolished Babri mosque caught fire. Fifty-eight people were burned to death. Mr. Narendra Modi didn't wait for the police inquiry, rather grab it as an opportunity to do what he wanted to do. He instantly called it the work of the Muslim extremists. Modi's announcement was enough to

incite a genocidal massacre against the innocent Muslims in Gujrat. In one Muslim neighborhood, a mob of about five-thousands Hindus made their way through a slum and hacked ninety-seven Muslims to death and a mosque was blown up with liquefied petroleum. Across the road from the scene of carnage, stood a reserve police quarters. But no one from there lifted a finger. (Human Rights Watch, 2002). In a civilized country, police reach within minutes if a house is under attack by a killer or robber. But Modi proved that India hasn't reached to that stage. Under his rule, the state of Gujrat turned into a deep and distant jungle; no police appears in the site of carnage -not in hours, and not even in days. So the killing, the mass rape, and the arson continue unabated. Thus, as a chief minister, Modi showed his own complicity in the crime. He need not kill or rape anybody himself; but his robust inaction worked as a huge encouragement for the killers, the rapists, and the arsonists to commit such crimes in thousands.

In an anti-Muslim pogrom, the social position or contribution of a Muslim makes no difference to make him the worst victim. Mr. Ehsan Jafri -a former MP of Indian Parliament, was a very prominent Muslim leader of Gujarat. He had close acquaintance with Sonia Gandhi -the leader of Congress and personally known to Prime Minister Mr. Vajpayee. Mr. Jafri was sheltering about 250 helpless Muslims in his residence. He spent hours making desperate calls to Chief Minister Modi's office but received no help. Modi turned deaf. In the end, he urged the attackers, "Whatever you want to do with me, do it; but please don't kill those who have taken shelter in my house." But his appeal fell on deaf ears. Mr. Jafri was dragged out of his house by the Hindu mob, tortured with all possible cruelty and sliced open with swords. In the end, he was burnt alive. Sixty-nine people of those who were seeking refuge inside Jafri's house were killed in broad daylight over seven hours. But during the long period of seven hours, the state police didn't bother to show up in the scene to stop this preventable massacre. (Vinod Jose, 2012).

The calamities of unequal development

Social, political and economic calamities in South Asia also owe to

the highly unequal development of people and society. Indicators like per capita income, GDP (Gross Domestic Product), life expectancy and purchasing power of the people can't capture information on all indispensable elements of inclusive development. The issues like moral and spiritual development, crime prevalence, per capita feeling of peace and sense of security, per capita access or deprivation of social, educational, economic and democratic rights, rule of law, state of access to the judiciary, and the state of persecution, deprivation, and marginalization of the weaker community still stay out of the focus. In fact, the UNDP's indicators like life expectancy, education, and purchasing power parity appear more narrow and restrictive to reveal any real state of the people. How one can give an estimate of human development without a proper estimate of the development of humans in humane parameters. The highest importance is given to the security of the state, economic prosperity, infrastructural development and purchasing power of the people. As a result, moral failures like the state-run policy of discrimination, persecution, deprivation, fascism, concentration camps and even genocide against minorities stand unrecorded in a maze of so-called economic development. India is labeled as an economic tiger, but the basic human rights of millions that are consumed by these tigers stay ignored and unrecorded. Robbery, thievery, and persecution against other people can't be labeled as economic work. Similarly, development at the cost of deprivation of others can't be called real development either. Such asymmetrical and unjust developmental priorities were first seen in Europe and proved catastrophic for the whole of mankind. Because of wrong parameters, lethal ideologies like racism, nationalism, fascism, colonialism, imperialism and the projects like ethnic cleansing, the lynching of the minorities, slave trading, colonial wars, World Wars could find foot-soldiers to carry out the vicious plans.

It is true that the South Asian countries have made some economic progress. But the newly gained economic strength is enhancing the political ability of the ruling elite to execute their evil agenda. The fascists always thrive on political polarisation based on hatred against the people of other faith, land, and ethnicity. The multi-

ethnic and multi-religious demography in India, Myanmar and Sri Lanka prove fertile for such polarisation. The majoritarian fascists could easily label a people of dissimilar ethnicity or religion as the enemy to perpetrate massacres. The German fascists could put a tag on the Jews fit for gas chambers. The fascists of India, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka could also put a tag on Muslims for discrimination, persecution, and elimination. The ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar, lynching and genocidal massacre of Muslims in India and attacks on the lives and properties of the Muslims in Sri Lanka tell a lot about the horrors that are being inflicted on the minorities in South Asia. In a hype of Islamophobia, such crimes usually get sanitized, belittled or ignored by the global players only to promote their business interests. Therefore the travel ban on Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India for alleged complicity in the massacre of about 2,000 – 5000 Muslims couldn't survive long. It was lifted by the USA and the EU, and his evil motive was ignored and sanitized to access a market of about 1.3 billion Indians. In such a permissive and opportunistic world-order, China could construct the largest concentration camp on the planet for more than a million Uighur Muslims. So-called rising Asia indeed moving fast to that end.

Conclusion

The fate of a people is not decided by mere economics; rather more decisively by dominant ideologies. While two World Wars caused terrible havoc on earth, the economy wasn't bad either. The persecution of people and peace can't go together. Therefore, toxic ideologies like fascism, racism, must nationalism, colonialism and imperialism that promote the persecution of people must not exist anywhere on earth. Otherwise, the peaceful co-existence of people with diversity becomes impossible. Then, war may not be on the frontiers but enters into cities, villages, and houses to kill innocent men, women, and children. Because of Hindutva fascists in India, military racists in Myanmar, power-grabbing fascists in Bangladesh and ethnoreligious opportunists in Sri Lanka such wars have already done great damage against the prospect of peace in South Asia. It is indeed a huge humanitarian as well as social science issue. The economy can't

fight toxic ideologies; it needs an ideological fix. A strong economy can even strengthen the lethal power of evil ideologues –as German's strong economy did to fascist Hitler. It is indeed the most important responsibility of the social scientists to bring social pathology to the limelight so that the political activists, the social engineers, and the reformist philosophers can take cues to make an appropriate treatment plan. Only this way the growth and sustenance of human civilization can be influenced positively. Otherwise, in this global village, the peaceful co-existence of people with pluralities will survive only as a dream.

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The Global Terrorism and the Muslims

The terrorising war of the imperialists

Terrorism has a precise dictionary meaning. It is the use of weapons to fill people's minds with terror for political or monetary gain. The terrorising power of a weapon depends directly and proportionately on its destructive power. So, the terror of a knife-wielding robber can't match with the terror done with bombs, drones, missiles or nuclear bombs. Hence, no one on the earth can match the terrorising power of the USA. Awe of terror has some paralysing effect. This is why, while the USA Army with its massive air, land and naval power invaded Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria and went on killing spree there, no country or international body could show any sign of

morality or humanity to protest against such blatant war crime. Even the UN had to bow down to the US barbarity.

In World War II, the US dropped nuclear bombs on two Japanese cities. Its objective was not to occupy and colonise Japan. Instead, to achieve a massive terrorising goal. It could fill people's mind all over the world with fear of the devastating power of the new weapon. As a result, the USA –with the collaboration of other imperialists, could easily twist the political course of many parts the world to fit into its own agenda; even could dare disintegrate the whole map of Middle East into more than 20 pieces. And, could also install an illegal state of Israel in its midst by cleansing its settled population. Moreover, Israel has been given the most sophisticated weapon by the US and other western powers to terrorise the whole Muslim World. So it works as an unfettered bully in the Middle East.

The USA still continues to deploy the same strategy to terrorise the whole world –especially the Muslim World. President Donald Trump –a proven anti-Muslim rogue, destroyed almost every house of Mosul -the second largest city of Iraq to achieve that goal. He also razed the cities of Kobani, Raqqa, Fallujah, Ramadi, Deira'zour and many others to the ground for the same purpose. Whereas, the US could win the war without such massive destruction. President George W Bush too had the same mindset. He invaded Afghanistan and Iraq to reinforce the image of the American might on the world stage. The main purpose of the USA's occupation of Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria was not for oil or gas, but for terrorising the whole world, especially the Muslim population. It was a calculated act of robust terrorism to enforce the full capitulation of the Muslim rulers. It has indeed fully achieved that. As a result, the US could easily twist the arms

of the Saudi, Qatari, Kuwaiti, Emirati, Omani, and Bahraini rulers to deposit trillions of petrodollar in the US economy. In return, the US provides security to these tyrants. Now they are trying to do the same against Iran. To continue with the same terrorising aim, the US government has embedded with thousands of military bases around the world. Now it has turned indispensable for the US to pursue such a coercive strategy to sustain its Super Power status. The US is already the most indebted country in the world – more than a trillion-dollar it owes to China. The security cost of the US has turned so huge that it can't sustain on its own. Only through a coercive strategy, the US can force other nations to bear the maintenance cost of the American global empire. So, it has no other option but to engage in a constant robbery –the classic version of terrorism, all over the world.

Terrorism with the distorted connotation

Military occupation never ends with the mere physical occupation of a country. It is followed by an occupation cum colonisation of people's minds. And it is done through media. For that, the western imperialists and their partners in crime in the Muslim World have already taken over the media. As a result, they could hide their own crimes and demonise those who stand against them. The captured media helped them even to distort the true meaning of terrorism. So, in their vocabulary, those who are killing and terrorising the people with deadly weapons and reducing cities to the ground are not labeled as terrorist. So, even the armed Israeli illegal settlers or soldiers who shoot at unarmed Palestinians are labeled innocent. In fact, they mean the opposite. The children who protest with empty hands or throw stones to the Israeli tanks are portrayed as a terrorist. In Kashmir, the unarmed Kashmiri men, women, and children who protest in the streets and demand freedom from Indian occupation are killed with a label of terrorist.

With the emerging trend of Islamic revival in the Muslim World, the meaning of terrorism has been given another deceitful distortion. Even the people who want to practise original Islam –as was practised by the Prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) with its indispensable components like sharia, *hudud*, shura, *khilafa*, shura, and jihad, are also labeled as extremist cum terrorist. So, the fascist regimes in Egypt, Bangladesh, and other Muslim countries do not hesitate to kill the unarmed Islamists. So, on 6th May in 2013, hundreds of sit-in protesters were killed in Shapla roundabout in Dhaka in Bangladesh and on 14th August in 2013, more than two thousand peaceful protestors were killed in Raba al-Adawiya square in Cairo.

Terrorism: a multi-national imperialist enterprise

A mad dog doesn't need to be hurt to get offensive. The same is true with the imperialists. No man or woman from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria bombed any American city; but the Americans came from another end of the globe to bomb the cities of those countries to kill more than a million. They dropped bombs, mother of all bombs, depleted uranium bombs, missiles, and drones to turn thousands of Muslim houses and hundreds of cities to rubbles. But such killing campaigns have never been labeled in the western countries as a terror campaign. The US forces have detained and tortured thousands of innocent people with extreme brutality in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria. They established torture cells in Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, Bagram base in Afghanistan, Abu Gharib in Iraq to run brutality in an industrial scale. They also introduced a rendition scheme to franchise such a torturing schemes to other regimes known for cruel state apparatus. Awfully, under the US patronage, terrorism thus has become a multi-national state enterprise.

It is worth noting that the US-led imperialists aren't concerned about the absence of basic human rights in the Muslim countries ruled by the US-supported tyrants. They get happy if these brutal killers help strengthen the national security of the US and serve their political, ideological & economic interests. Moreover, they appreciate these tyrants if they crush any Islamic resurgence. This is why the killer tyrant like General Abul Fatah al-Sisi of Egypt gets such a robust appreciation for killing, torturing and arresting the Islamists. It is clear, in the world order established by the US-led western powers, there is no scope for the Muslims to raise their heads and emerge as a significant global power. Such a world order is only to safeguard the interests of the US-led imperialists and Israel. Its prime aim is to keep the Muslims de-empowered.

The case of Russia, China & India

Vladimir Putin's Russia has taken the same route. Like the US, it has committed similar crimes against the Chechen Muslims. And, like any other member state of the UN Security Council, Putin also enjoys full impunity for his war crimes. On the other hand, the Chechen Muslims are labeled as terrorists for demanding freedom from the Russian occupation. To suppress their aspiration and liberation movement, in the year of 2000, the whole Chechen city of Grozny was bombed to the ground. Thousands were killed and many more were put in torture cells. And the Russian brutality still continues. In the Soviet era, the Russians did the same in Afghanistan in the eighties. Although the Russians were badly defeated in Afghanistan in 1989, but they didn't stop their anti-Muslim campaigns. Now they are dropping bombs in Syria; and trying to expand the same state terrorism to Libya and the Central Republic of Africa.

China is committing the same brutality against the Uighur

Muslims. In the name of cultural education, the Chinese government is carrying out a massive social engineering project of de-Islamisation. About a million Muslims are being kept in prisons and are being brainwashed to take them away from Islam. They are not allowed to enjoy the basic human rights -like the right to practise their own religion. Even they were prevented to keep fasting and wearing their traditional dress. The religious education has also been strictly restricted.

The case of India is no less brutal against the Muslims either. Muslims constitute about 15% of the Indian population; but they are not give even 5% of the government jobs. Socio-economically, they are kept inferior to so-called untouchables. The Indian Army is on a long killing mission in the Muslim majority state of Kashmir. About a hundred thousand Kashmiri Muslims have already been killed and thousands of Kashmiri women are raped. In the Indian vocabulary, such state-run crimes are not called terrorism either. Rather, those who are standing for freedom from Indian occupation and want basic human rights are labeled as terrorists.

The crime of the Israeli terrorists

The case of Israel is a classic example of a state that could be established solely through terrorism and could survive through terrorism. It is the old practice of ethnic cleansing of the original people and colonisation by the foreign people in modern age. The Jewish people came from all over the world to Palestine to grab lands from the Palestinians. The Palestinians are either killed or forced to live in refugee camps for more than 70 years. On the illegally seized lands, hundreds of thousands of luxurious flats are built for those who were not born in Palestine. The same old policy of eviction, the same policy of land grabbing and the same scheme of settling the foreign Jews in the Arab land that started 70

years ago still continue. Apartheid practice has died in South Africa, but now thrives in the occupied Palestine. The old western colonial powers not only support such illegal Israeli occupation of the Muslim lands politically but also sponsor it economically and militarily. So, the crime of brutal occupation and killing continues unabated. And, such state-run crimes are not called terrorism either.

There is no doubt that the Jews have suffered a lot under the fascist regime in the west. Millions of them faced brutal death there. But, instead of learning compassion and humanity, they have learned a lot of brutal skills and inhumanities. These are now being deployed against the Muslims in Palestine. This is why, the atrocities against the occupied people of Palestine could attain such a scale of brutality. They have even lost all morality and civility to call the on-going brutality against the Palestinians as a cruel act, let alone calling it terrorism. Hatred against the Muslims has been so deeply embedded in the mind of Israeli rulers that they even feel highly content to embrace Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India as the friend of Israel. Whereas Narendra Modi is an Indian version of Adolph Hitler for the Indian Muslims. In 2002, he engineered the killing of more than two thousands innocent Muslim men, women and children in Gujrat while he was the Chief Minister of the province. He also instigated his followers to raze the historic Babri Mosque to the ground. Recognising his robust criminality, even the US government imposed a ban on his entrance to the US –although later on withdrawn in order to promote the American business interest with India.

The case of Sri Lanka

The Sri Lankan Army is already known for genocidal war crimes against the Tamils. Such crimes have already been documented by the international human rights organizations. But the failure of the international bodies like the UN and the International Criminal Court has emboldened them to continue the similar crimes against other people. Now their guns are turned against the Muslims. The extrajudicial killing has started with the new strategy to target the Muslims in their living quarters. To cover up the killing, they are telling the world that the Muslim women and children are blowing up themselves. Last year, the Sri Lankan Muslims didn't explode any bomb anywhere; but the Buddhists hooligans led by the monks went on killing spree. They looted, vandalized and burnt down the Muslim houses and businesses. Such anti-Muslim rampage went on for many days, but the Sri Lankan Army and the police did very little to protect the Muslims' life and properties. The judiciary too showed its inaction to bring the criminals to justice. Moreover, such mob killings and arsons didn't find any place in their vocabulary to be called as terrorism or Buddhist extremism.

Boiling up the Muslim blood

Every action has an equal and opposite reaction. Hence, every crime has a consequence. The Muslims are terribly suffering from all sorts of barbarity in almost every part of the world. The people of no other faith suffer in such an awful way. The cases of Palestine, Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Kashmir, Uighur, Rohingya are only a few to mention. In the west, Muslim women are tormented only for wearing a headscarf. President Donald Trump has put a ban on the Muslims coming to the USA. The Indian Muslims are being lynched to death only for keeping or eating beef. Many East European countries have put a wall of barbed wire to keep away the Muslim refugee out of their country. The Muslim countries ruled by the brutal dictators are embedded with thousands of Guantanamo Bay-like torture

cells. The USA and its cronies like it.

The US, the French, the British, and the Italian Air Force have shown their ever readiness to bomb any people in any part of the world who want to go back to original Islam -as has been practised by the Prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) about 15 hundred years ago. They have their own prescription for the Muslims. It is far away from the Qur'anic prescription. Hence, the Islamic basics like Islamic state, sharia, *hudud*, pan-Islamic brotherhood, *khilafa*, shura, jihad against enemy occupation have no place in it. They have no problem with the Saudi mass execution, the Emirati tribal barbarity, the Bangladeshi mockery of democracy by Shaikh Hasina and the brutal tyranny of Egypt's Abul Fatah Sissi. They appreciate their Islam as true and moderate Islam. By any decent standard, these are not any innocent act; rather, highly heinous crime against Prophet's Islam, the innocent Muslims and the humanity.

Because of the hostile policy of the imperialists and their servile cronies, there exists not even a single space on earth for the full practice of true Islam -as was practised in Islam's golden age! Thus, Muslims are prohibited to be a full Muslim. Hostility towards Islam and the Muslims must have a limit. One must not forget that 1.6 billion Muslims are not a collection of dead bodies. They have souls, emotions, faith, and intellect. They also share the same globe with others. The ongoing crimes against Islam and the Muslims are explosive enough to boil up their blood. The boiled-up blood can turn them to live bombs. And it is not unusual that the bombs fail to differentiate the innocents from the criminals. Islam doesn't allow suicide but doesn't prohibit to be a war appliance. So, it seems, the planet is turning rapidly to be an unsafe place for everyone. 01.05.2019

The Importance of Education and the Muslims' Failure

First thing first

For any success, the first thing must be done first. But what is the first thing that needs to be done first? It is none but education. It is indeed the greatest Sunnah of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la (SWT) that He did the first thing first to help humans to attain the greatest success both here and in the hereafter. And that is through education. This is why "*iqra*" (*read*) –becomes the first word in the Holy Qur'an. The decree for five-time prayers, month-long fasting, zakat, haj and running the judiciary on sharia came much later. The Holy Qur'an - revealed piece by piece as the teaching materials, worked as the textbook in the educational curriculums. The result was excellent and unprecedented. The people who were produced in those early years of Islam proved to be the best in the whole human history. Allah SWT wants to create such a class of people with the highest mortality in all ages through the same Qur'anic textbook and through the same methodology.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his companions also gave the highest emphasis on education. The prophet (peace be upon him) declared education as the life-long obligation for every man and woman. He also said, "Seek education from the cradle to the grave". In this life-long process of education, each day should be used to earn new knowledge and a new skill. The prophet (peace be upon him) said, "Woe to him who had consecutive two days but his treasure of knowledge remained the same and didn't increase". In the war of Badr, the

Muslims could capture some war criminals. They could be killed or used as hostages to get huge ransoms. But the prophet (peace be upon him) decided otherwise; he preferred education to money. He promised them freedom if could teach the illiterates how to read and write. The outcome of such a policy was phenomenal. The Holy Qur'an was the first book in Arabic. Within a short period of time, Muslims could build the largest treasure of knowledge in the whole contemporary world.

Education decides the destiny

The quality of education decides the destiny -not only of a human but also of a nation. Allah SWT revealed in the Holy Qur'an, "Those who know and those who don't know are not equal". So, the qualitative difference between humans is not based on skin colour, language, ethnicity or other physical attributes, but on educational dissimilarities. This is why the educational depravity of today's Muslims make them so low and utterly dissimilar to the early Muslims. Allah SWT has His Own principle of societal change. The principle is revealed in the Holy Qur'an as follows: "Certainly, Allah doesn't change the state of a people unless they change their own state themselves". Hence in making qualitative changes in humans, the decisive role is not played by foods or drinks, nor by the climate. It occurs through education. Therefore to have a proper estimate on the moral and intellectual state of a people, it doesn't require a door to door survey on individuals. The education curriculum and the methodology of education reveal the real situation with precise accuracy. This is why, those who want to build a nation, must start with education. On the other hand, those who want to destroy a nation need not engage in a genocidal war. Turning off or corrupting the education system does the job perfectly. In fact, the external and the internal enemies of Islam did that in the Muslim World for centuries to precipitate the current downfall. This is why when the European colonialists occupied the Muslim countries, they didn't destroy the agricultural lands; rather dismantled the educational institutions. In India, they disbanded Farsi -the language of Muslims' education and closed thousands of madrasas. As a result, Muslims quickly become

illiterate.

Education for the sake of education also proves disastrous. It must have a higher moral objective. In all ages, the educational institutions were built as human factories for mass-scale production of people with intended job specifications, skills, and training. The evil rulers didn't recruit their foot soldiers from jungles. For that, they used the educational institutions as the breeding and recruitment premises. Because of such institutions, the evil ideologies like colonialism, imperialism, nationalism, fascism, racism could get a huge number of foot soldiers and could run ethnic cleansing with catastrophic dimensions. Because of such evil education, the most calamitous disasters in history need not be caused by earthquakes, cyclones, epidemics or tsunamis. These were caused by the evil humans –products of these evil institutions. More than 75 million people are killed only in two World Wars. Millions are killed in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria; and the killing process still continues. It is an irony that those who ran these genocidal killings are not illiterate; rather claim to be educated.

The British colonialists established their own educational institutions in the occupied countries to get obedient mercenaries in the civil and military establishments to run brutal and exploitive hegemony. Because of them, the British colonialists could prolong their rule for 190 years in South Asia. The most prominent military icons of the Muslim countries like Pakistan, Egypt, Sudan, Iraq, Syria, and many others are indeed the people who started their career as the most obedient mercenary of the occupying forces. After completion of their servile career in the colonial army, they turned against their own people. They appeared as brutal autocrats and worked as a huge bulwark against the practice of basic human rights in the newly independent Muslim countries. Because of the secularisation of education, the colonists could recruit more than 200 thousand Indian Muslims and more than a million Arab Muslims in the First World War to kill Muslims and dismantle the *Khilafah*. Even today, the secular educational factories operate in the Muslim countries to feed the multinational projects of the imperialists –the modern version of East

India Company, with the incessant supply of the white-collar mercenaries. So the education system has become the part of the pipeline to drain out brains from the Muslim World –as they are draining out oil and gas.

The Muslims' role & the educational need

The Muslims' assigned role is altogether different from others. Hence, their educational need is also different. Therefore, fixing the educational objective that can help fulfill the Divine role is crucial. In fact, for the Muslims, nothing is more important than setting the right educational objective and staying constantly focussed on that. Otherwise, schools, colleges, and universities in Muslim countries will be used by the evil forces to produce mercenaries to serve their wicked intentions. Thus, the Muslims will be producing their own enemies by investing their own resources. "Frying fish in its own oil" is the old strategy of the imperialists; hence use not only the Muslim men but also hundreds of billions of their petrodollars to kill the Muslims and occupy their lands. The US-led war in the Arab countries gives ample testimonies to that.

The objective of education depends on the objective of survival. Billions of people live on the same planet, but they do not survive for the same purpose. Most of the people live to maximize their worldly affluence and comfort. But the Muslims need to live with a different purpose. And the purpose must match with their religious belief and role. They need to plan not only for the worldly success but also for the success in the eternal hereafter. They must plan to get saved from the hellfire. Hence, their educational need must be different from that of a non-believer.

For a Muslim, acquiring skills in reading and writing and specializing in medicine, economics, science, technology, and others must not be the only educational objectives. He must know the purpose of his own creation and his own role in this world. Knowing the Vision of his Creator and how to fully align with that are also the most important

educational priorities. These are the most crucial issues that each and every educational institution of the Muslim countries must address. Otherwise, education will lead to catastrophic failures; the students may excel as professionals but will cease to survive as true Muslims. Then they will sleepwalk to turn perfect mercenaries to serve the known enemies. Education thus works as a tool to earn the wrath of Allah SWT and leads only to the hellfire.

The number of educational institutions in the Muslims World is huge. But the failure of the students to grow up as true Muslims is also huge. As a result, the Muslims stand divided, defeated and de-Islamised. Such failure doesn't owe to climate, geography or topography of the Muslim countries, but to the failure of the educational institutions. Awfully, the Muslims are interested only to open new educational institutions; but show little concern to have the correct aim and objective of the education. This is indeed the root cause of all educational failures. And such failures breed more failures.

The failed value-adding process

Agricultural or mineral goods get added values in the industries. The humans get added values in the educational institutions. And the highest degree of value is added to the moral premise of the man and the woman. Because of such a value-adding process in educational institutions, even a common man or woman may become an angel –as happened in the early days of Islam. As a result, the ruler of the first Islamic state -about 10 times larger than Pakistan, could draw the rope of the camel with the servant sitting on its back. Because of the people with such a moral highness, the early Muslims could raise the finest civilization on earth and emerge as the number one World Power. They didn't need oil, gas or huge manpower to attain such global esteem. But today, the Muslims reveal another story. Instead of a value-adding process, the education system in the Muslim countries indeed works as a highly corruptive process. Those who pass through its process, turn morally corrupt and de-valued. Many of them become

maliciously devil. Because of that, the scale of corruption runs high in so-called educated people in the government and non-government offices. No amount of oil, gas or material affluence could cover up such moral failures.

The Holy Qur'an receives little space or attention in these so-called educational institutions. Whereas the Holy Qur'an is the Divine key to add higher value to humans. But rote reading or memorization of the Qur'an can't do the job. It needs the linguistic and intellectual skills to seek lessons from this greatest gift of Allah SWT -the only roadmap for the paradise. And it is the task of the educational institutions to generate such skills among the students. Only this way the education system can add higher values to the students –as happened in the golden days of Islam.

A human quickly succumbs to the physical death if the body's immune system fails to fight against millions of bugs present all the time on the body surfaces. The HIV virus causes such deaths in AIDS. Similarly, the moral death of an individual is unavoidable if he or she is deprived of moral immunity. And the moral immunity doesn't grow from good food, good house or wealth; but from the Qur'anic knowledge. It comes from the constant fear of accountability in the court of Allah SWT. Hence, deprivation of the Qur'anic knowledge -as caused by the secularisation of education system, could cause the total collapse of moral immunity. As a result, moral death in the Muslim World could get such an epidemic proportion. So, the flood gates of corruption stand wide open in almost all Muslim countries.

The best deed and the worst crime

As per Islamic faith, every Muslim is required to serve the assigned purpose in life. He or she must work as the viceroy of Allah SWT –the sole purpose of his or her existence here on earth. As the viceroy Allah SWT, he or she must take “enjoining the right and eradicating the evil” as a life-long mission –as prescribed in the Holy Qur'an. Therefore, a true Muslim eats, drinks and survives not for the sake of

mere survival; but to serve such a solemn mission. The professional successes will bear the fruit in the hereafter only if his or her professional role fully aligns with his or her Divine role as the true viceroy of Allah SWT. Any non-alignment with the role only takes to the hellfire. Education must promote such alignment in students' life and save from the deviation.

Living life in this world has its own holy connotation. It must add to the journey towards paradise. For that, one must lead the life fully adherent to *siratul mustaqeem* –the roadmap shown in the Holy Qur'an. Any deviation from it takes only to the hellfire. And to avoid the deviation, one must learn to understand the signals of "no go areas" –as mentioned in the Qur'an. For that, one must know how to take lessons from the Holy Qur'an. Hence, acquiring Qur'anic knowledge is not an option but an obligation. And it is the prime responsibility of the education system to help students to know *siratul mustaqeem*. It is indeed the most critical issue in life. This is why "*ih'dinas siratul mustaqeem*" is the most important supplication. The real success in life comes only with full adherence to the Qur'anic roadmap. Only such success takes one to paradise.

Hence, the best deed in life is to show the Qur'anic roadmap to a man or a woman. All the prophets were sent to do this job. In fact, this must be the job of every teacher for his or her students. Every Muslim needs to engage in such a job, too. Indeed, such a deed is much better than donating millions of dollars to anyone. Millions of dollars can't save one from hellfire but can be saved by true guidance. And the worst crime on earth is to deviate a man or woman from *siratul mustaqeem*. Such a crime takes one to the hellfire. It is indeed the crime of a devil. But awfully, such a worst crime is being committed nowhere else but in schools, colleges and universities in the Muslim World in the name of education. The Muslim *ummah* can only be saved in this world and in the hereafter if they are saved from this ongoing crime. 22.01.2020

The Disconnection from Allah (SWT) & the Calamity

The connectivity from Allah SWT: the most crucial issue

The most important objective of Islam is to connect men and women with the All-Powerful and the All-Merciful Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la (SWT). Only this way Islam brings the greatest blessing of the Almighty Allah SWT to mankind. Since such a connection is the only way to get access to paradise, nothing can be more important than this. On the other hand, the disconnection from Allah SWT takes definitely to the hellfire. Therefore, nothing can be more disastrous than it either. In Islam, how to strengthen the connection with Allah SWT has always been an important issue; the Holy Qur'an and the tradition of Prophet Muhammad are very explicit on it. Such Divine connectivity comes only through full adherence to the *siratul mustaqeem* in every moment of life. Any deviation disconnects from Allah SWT and takes directly to the hellfire. Such a deviation is the path of the Devil. In fact, the connectivity with Allah SWT and the adherence to the *siratul mustaqeem* always run together. One can't survive in the absence of another. In fact, only those who are connected with Allah SWT are guided onto *siratul mustaqeem*. The Holy Qur'an made this point clear in the following verse: "Whoever gets connected with Allah certainly gets guided onto the *siratul mustaqeem* (right path)."—(Sura Al-Imran, verse 101).

In order to follow *siratul mustaqeem* —the only heaven-bound path, one must know the roadmap and its identifying signposts. Only such knowledge can help differentiate it from numerous other paths created by the Devil and his followers. For such knowledge, one must understand the Holy Qur'an and the prophet (peace be upon him)'s life and traditions. Because the identifying markers of *siratul mustaqeem* are revealed only in the Holy Qur'an; and Prophet Muhammad (peace be

upon him) has practically demonstrated it in all arenas of life. In fact, the *siratul mustaqeem* itself is the expression of the Holy Qur'an. In this regard, the defining statement of Allah SWT comes in the following verse: "This is the Book (the Holy Qur'an) which is free from doubt and it is the right path (*siratul mustaqeem*) for the Allah-fearing people."—(Sura Baqara, verse 2).

Since *siratul mustaqeem* is the only route to the paradise, those who are guided onto this path are the most blessed people on earth. Such a blessing comes only to those who are deeply connected with Allah SWT. The five-time daily prayer, the month-long fasting, the charity of zakat and the haj are indeed the Divine curriculum to build up such connectivity. Since the guidance onto *siratul mustaqeem* comes only as of the mercy of Allah SWT, the supplication for it is crucial. Therefore, of all supplications, the most important supplication (dowa) is the one made for *siratul mustaqeem*. Such an invocation to Allah SWT is so much important that it has been made obligatory to say *ih'dinas siratul mustaqeem* (O Allah, show me the right path) in every unit of the daily prayers. Since the Divine blessing comes only through connectivity with of Allah SWT, nothing is more important in life than staying connected with Him. In fact, humans' destiny in heaven or in hell, is solely decided on such connection or disconnection.

The Qur'an builds the connectivity

Since the Holy Qur'an itself is the *siratul mustaqeem*, the knowledge of the Holy Qur'an is crucial. The desired connectivity with Allah SWT can only be established by full adherence to the Qur'anic guideline. Any detachment from the Qur'an is indeed the disconnection from Allah SWT. The Prophet Muhammad described the Holy Qur'an as a strong rope of Allah SWT (*hablillahil matin*) that descends from heaven to the hands of the people on earth. Therefore whoever holds fast the Holy Qur'an, gets connected to Allah SWT. And whoever stands away from the Qur'an, is indeed disconnected from Allah SWT. This Qur'anic rope indeed pulls a human to His nearness and therefore to paradise. Otherwise one gets surely into the hellfire. Hence, even the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was advised, "(O Muhammad), Holdfast what

has been revealed to you, (as a result of that) certainly you are on the *siratul mustaqeem*.”—(Sura Zukhruf, verse 43).

The connection or the disconnection of a man with Allah SWT never stays hidden. A Muslim's connectivity with Allah SWT gets duly expressed not only through his five-time prayers, month-long fasting, the charity of zakat and haj, but also through his deeds in social, political, behavioural and cultural arenas. Hence, one's role in the field of the pan-Islamic Muslim unity, the establishment of an Islamic state, the practice of sharia in the judiciary, the eradication of evil and the implementation of right deeds and the jihad in the way of Allah SWT are also the distinctive markers of such connectivity with Allah SWT. The life of the prophet (peace be upon him) and the early Muslims indeed give the most authentic display of such makers. On the other hand, the rule of the evil, the absence of Islamic state, the abolition of sharia, the abhorrence of pan-Islamic brotherhood, the divisive walls in the name of the race, language and landmass and the ideological conversion to secularism, nationalism, and racism exactly depict the deep connectivity with the Devil. Today, the Muslim World stands as an exact replica of such connectivity with the Devil. Today, the Muslims' morality and deeds, states and ideologies, politics and law, constitutions and judiciary, education and culture give clear testimony to the fact that they are far away from the Qur'anic roadmap —*the siratul mustaqeem*. With such a gross disconnection from Allah SWT, if 1.5 billion Muslims had achieved any success or glory that would have nullified the need for Islam. But such disconnection from Allah SWT didn't bring any success in the Muslims' life in any part of the World. Rather, it shows the opposite. More the disconnection from Allah SWT, more the disgrace and failure.

The calamity of spiritual death

The wellbeing of a man depends solely on his physical and spiritual health. The foods and drinks ensure physical health, but spiritual health comes only from the connection with Allah SWT. In its absence,

a man or woman ends up with spiritual death. And the spiritual death robustly expresses through rebellion against the Qur'anic rule and deeper detachment from *siratul mustaqeem*. Hence, those who oppose the practice of sharia, *hudud*, *khilafa*, jihad, Muslim unity and other Qur'anic basics in a Muslim majority country are the spiritually dead Muslims. Because of such a state of spirituality, they fail to respond to the Qur'anic call of jihad. Rather, they helped the imperialists in the past to raise a huge army of the Muslim mercenaries to occupy the Muslim lands and kill the Muslims. For example, in the First World War, the western imperialists received the massive Arab Muslim help to dismantle Osmania Khilafa. Because of such internal enemies, the foreign enemies could easily prevent the resurgence of any powerful Islamic state in any part of the Muslim World.

It is significant to note that such a huge number of Arab Muslims never fought any war for Islam in any segment of the Muslim history –not even in Abbasid and Umayyad period, as they fought for the imperialists. Only in the First World War, about half a million Arabs got killed for the British cause.-(Source: Al Jazeera English, the First World War through Arab Eyes). The spiritual death of these so-called Muslims was so complete that they disliked investing their life –the *Amanah* of Allah SWT, in His cause in exchange of a deathless life in paradise. It beggars belief that they sold the same *Amanah* only for a few hundred pounds per month to the enemy of Islam! Therefore, the contribution of the Arabs in the disintegration of the Arab World and in the creation of Israel is immense. The state of the Indian Muslims wasn't any different either. More than 200 hundred thousand Indian Muslims fought as mercenaries for the British only in the First World War. They helped the British in the occupation of Iraq, Syria and the holy city of Jerusalem. All the ruling military elites of Pakistan like General Ayub Khan, General Yahiya Khan and General Zia ul Huq started their life as the mercenary of the colonial *kuffers*. They fought the World War for them. They were even ready to die for them. Later on, these real Trojan Horses of the West could easily grab the highest seat of power in Pakistan and ruled the country as the worst despotic ruler. While in power, they caused a rapid and immense ideological meltdown of Pakistan. Their radical secular rule

dismantled the pan-Islamic glue and could precipitate the breakdown of the country in 1971. As a result, the great passion for an Islamic civilizational state of the South Asian Muslims stands shattered.

Because of spiritual cum ideological ill-health of the Muslims, even the cow-worshipping Indians could deeply influence the Muslim politics. In 1971, they could recruit thousands of Bengali Muslims to train them on their soil to kill the Islamists and the non-Bengali Muslims and used them to dismember Pakistan. For the same reason, the USA could easily occupy and destroy Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria. Because of the moral death, the government of Afghanistan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Qatar, UAE, Turkey, and others didn't face any moral barrier to align with the USA to help its war on Islam. These Muslim countries spent hundreds of billions of dollars and sacrificed thousands of people in this pure American war.

Whereas the history of the early Muslims tells a different story. Their sacrifice was enormous. More than 70 percent of them sacrificed their own life to promote the agenda of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. As a result, they could add a huge glory to Islam and caused a sea of civilizational changes over a huge part of the world. Such a passion for Allah SWT's agenda is indeed the product of strong spiritual bondage with Him. Such a strong passion pulled the Muslims out of the hell-bound popular march and could drive them onto the *siratul mustaqeem* (straight path) towards the paradise. This is indeed the exact showcasing of the Qur'anic promise that whoever holds fast to Allah, is indeed guided onto the straight path and gets saved from the hellfire.

The disconnection from Allah SWT and the catastrophe

The disconnection from Allah SWT never goes unpunished. In fact, it brings the worst consequences. It nullifies the ultimate purpose of humans' survival and helps qualify for the hellfire. Such disconnection from Allah SWT means inviting Shaitan (Devil) on the shoulder that undo every effort to do any good and put a bar on the

way towards the paradise. Allah warns about such an awful consequence in the following verse: "And whosoever turns away from the remembrance of the Most Beneficent (Allah SWT), We appoint Shaitan upon him. And verily they (Shaitan) hinder them from the path (*siratul mustaqeem*), but they think they are guided aright."—(Sura Zukhruf, verse 36-37). Such disconnection from Allah SWT causes other disasters, too. Apart from a Shaitan on the shoulder, such a man turns himself to a Shaitan. Then he works on other people to make them Shaitan, too. Thus the Army of Shaitans gets bigger and bigger. A man can pursue the right path and can avoid any disaster only if he stays constantly focussed on it —like driving a car on a motorway. But such awareness gets switched off if he stays off the remembrance of Allah SWT. Such a stern warning comes in the following verse: "And be not like those who forget Allah; (because of that), He caused them to forget their own selves. These are the people who establish themselves as *fasiqun* (rebellious, disobedient to Allah)." —(Sura Hashar, verse 19).

The Divine connectivity cum spirituality of a Muslim does not mean mere remembrance or glorification (*tasbeeh*) of His holy name. Rather, along with His glorification, it is indeed the deep and unfaltering commitment to abide by His every command. The true faith of a believer gets expressed only through such commitment. Therefore, a true believer shows his uncompromising attitude to implement His prescribed code of life (*deen*) in every arena of life. He shows his commitment to run the judiciary only according to the *sharia*. Hence, he never shows any leniency in executing the sanctioned punishment (*hudud*) on the convicts. And establishing an Islamic state, Muslim unity and jihad (holy war) in His way become the parts of his life. Any amount of non-compliance or rebellion against any Qur'anic decree or sharia is a major sin. Such non-compliance or rebellion are incompatible with *iman*. It is indeed an indicator of total disrespect of Allah SWT. Only a man with total disconnection from Him can dare do that. No amount of religious rituals can repair such a disconnection. If a judge rejects sharia and gives judgment according to *kufr* law, how can his prayer, fasting, charity, and haj compensate such a rebellion against Allah SWT? Dividing a Muslim country —like killing a man, is a major sin in Islam. If a person takes part in dividing a Muslim country in the name

of language, race or geopolitics, how can his prayer cover up such a huge crime? The ongoing downfall of the Muslims indeed owes to such disobedience, disconnection, and suicidal crimes. Instead of connection with Allah SWT, they showcase their deep connectivity with Devil. The supremacy of the *kufur* laws in the judiciary, *riba* in banking, prostitution in the society, and secularism, nationalism, racism, tribalism, and despotism in politics are indeed examples of such an evil connection.

How to build the connectivity with Allah SWT?

The connectivity with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la is very crucial. It is indeed the survival issue that helps to live as a true believer. But how to build such connectivity? How can one hold fast to Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la? The answer is simple. It is true that Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala is not visible. None of the prophets saw Him either. But that didn't stop them to get strongly connected with Him. Even amidst His full invisibility, His vision, mission and agenda are distinctly visible to the public eyes in the Holy Qur'an. In true sense, connecting with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la means connecting with His vision, mission, and objective. The true spirituality of a man or woman indeed gets its nourishment only through such connectivity. Otherwise, he or she dies a quick spiritual death and lives only with utter disbelief or hypocrisy.

Therefore, whoever wants to connect himself or herself with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, the Qur'anic methodology is clear. He or she hasn't any option but to hold fast the Holy Qur'an and follow the embedded guidance in every step of his or her life. Only this way one can build up the true connectivity with Allah SWT and enrich the pure spirituality. A person may spend thousands of nights in *Sufi khanqa*, *Darwish* circles, shrines or caves but his spirituality is totally fake if he stays disconnected with the vision, mission, and objective of Allah SWT and doesn't adhere to the Qur'anic guidance like performing obligatory prayers, establishing an Islamic State, implementing sharia, enjoining the right and eradicating the wrong, promoting the

Muslim unity and engaging in jihad in His Way. Such a non-compliant man is indeed a disconnected man from Allah SWT and the *ummah*. And his disconnection expresses through his politics, culture, behaviour, attitude and worldviews. Such a man can enjoy a pain-free complacent life even after the enemy occupation of the Muslim lands. Deaths, rapes and brutality against the Muslim men, women and children in the occupied lands never touch his heart, nor does disturb his sleep and comfort. Because of such disconnection, the suffering of the Muslims in Kashmir, Palestine, Myanmar, Uighur, and India do not touch most of the ruling elites of the Muslim World. Although they claim to be Muslim, they prove fake in their claim by the actions. Because of such disconnection, such people even join the invading *kuffar* Army to celebrate their occupation of the Muslim lands. Such a scene was seen in the fallen Bengal capital of Murshidabad in 1757, in Dhaka in 1971, in Jerusalem and Damascus in 1917, in Kabul in 2001 and in Baghdad in 1917 and 2003. The disturbing pain that must generate from the absence of Islamic basics like Islamic State, sharia, *hudud*, jihad, *khilafa*, and Muslim unity doesn't touch their hearts either.

Amidst a world of ideological warfare, only the infant, the insane and the dead stay neutral. Every sane man or woman takes a side. Only a man who has the capacity to differentiate right from wrong can be a true Muslim. This way one has to prove his sanity. Moreover, those who fail to align with Almighty Allah SWT and His agenda, definitely align with the falsehood. These are the people who align with the army of evil forces. They differ only with the degree of involvement, but not in belief and intention. On the other hand, whoever gets connected with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, receives strong inner motivation to work as His most obedient servant on earth. As connection grows strong, he feels the passion to invest all of his talent, energy, skills and even blood to fulfill the Wish of his Supreme Lord. The early Muslims could stand as the best people in human history only because of the strong connection with Allah SWT and the relentless passion.

Without a strong connection with the Allah SWT, a Muslim can't survive as a true Muslim either; nor can be aligned with His vision, mission and the prescribed roadmap. Such a disconnected man can't stand

against the strong current of corruptive faiths, thoughts, and cultural cum political forces. Like floating leaves in the wind, he also gets quickly pulled away from the straight path and ultimately finds a place in the hellfire. A man can't build a strong connection with Allah SWT by a mere pronouncement of faith in Him, His revealed books and the prophets. Belief needs to be reinforced with deeper understanding. *Jaheliyah* (ignorance) is the worst enemy of Islam. Seeds can't grow on a stone, likewise, the Qur'anic Truth can't grow in a man of *jaheliyah*. For a full revolution in character and deeds, it needs a total revolution in the conceptual premise –the birthplace of all revolutions.

Islam has its own methodology to build such a connection. In fact, Islam is the only religion that can successfully connect people with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. And it owes to the methodology devised by Allah SWT Himself. All obligatory religious rituals like 5 times daily prayer, month-long fasting, charity, and haj are indeed the parts of that methodology. And the most powerful tool to build this connection is the Holy Qur'an. The word "*Qur'an*" means the act of recitation. It is itself a great *ibadah*. In the initial decade of prophethood, there was no obligatory five-time prayer like today. And there was no mosque to have any congregation. Standing in the middle of night and recitation of the Holy Qur'an was the recommended *ibadah*. So, in one of the earliest chapters of the Qur'an it is revealed: "Stand (to pray) all night except a little; half of it or a little less than that. Or a little more. And recite the Qur'an (aloud) in a slow (pleasant tone and) style. Indeed, We will send down to you heavy words (the obligatory prayers, establishing an Islamic State, jihad for protecting the state, practising sharia, and etc.). Verily, the rising by the night is the most potent way to govern one's self and suitable for understanding the Word (of Allah)."—(Sura al-Mujammel, verses 2-6). Through slow and mindful recitation of the Holy Qur'an, the human mind gets the much-needed nutrition for his spiritual growth –crucial to grow as an all-time obedient slave of the Almighty Lord. An anemic patient needs a regular transfusion of blood for his survival. For the survival of *iman*, a believer, too needs a regular transfusion. It is the transfusion of the Qur'anic knowledge that

builds his *iman*. It works through slow recitation and a deeper understanding of the Holy Qur'an. The Message, the Vision and the Mission of the Almighty Lord then get direct access to his heart.

The knowledge of the seen and the unseen worlds gets the most powerful expression only through Allah SWT's Own vocabularies. While a man or woman recites the Holy Qur'an in prayers, indeed the message of the Almighty Lord dips down into his or her soul and recharges his or her *iman*. Hence in prayer, the best part is the *qiyam* (standing in prayer) when the Holy Qur'an is recited with the full understanding of its meaning. The understanding is so crucial that Allah SWT ordered not to come nearer to the prayer if one fails to know what is being recited. (It was revealed: "*la takrabus salata hatta ta'lamu ma ta'kulun.*" meaning: "don't come near to the prayer if you don't know what you say in the prayer"). The deeper understanding of the Holy Qur'an, the five-time prayer in congregation, the month-long fasting in Ramadan, haj and zakat are indeed the prescribed means to continuously strengthen the connection with the Almighty Allah SWT.

The worst scenario is looming

In the early days of Islam, the Qur'anic prescription showed a tremendous amount of success to build the best people on earth. In fact, the five-time daily prayer worked as *meeraj* in believers' life—as has been narrated by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). *Meeraj* is a Qur'anic jargon and has a special meaning in Islam. It is indeed an ascension to the nearness of Allah SWT. In such a special context, *meeraj* causes transmission of the Divine message deeper down into the heart of a believer. Thus it causes the closest integration with the Qur'anic mission. Exactly it happens when a believer stands in prayer and slowly recites a good portion of the holy Qur'an with the full understanding of its meaning. Such a believer is appreciated as an ever-ready submissive Muslim. Whenever such Muslims listen to the Qur'anic command promptly say "sam'yena wa ata'na" (meaning: we listened and we obeyed).

But nowadays, the Muslims have reached the lowest low of their *iman*. And it is proven by their sheer absence of promptness or readiness to listen and obey Allah SWT. Hence, the Qur'anic commands fall on deaf ears. Their prayer has turned into thoughtless and life-less rituals. So it fails to integrate the Muslims with the vision, mission, and objective of Allah SWT. Such a failure has made them ready to integrate with the Devil and his armies. As a result, the Muslim World is inundated with nationalism, secularism, tribalism, fascism and other Devilish ideologies. And the Qur'anic law -known as sharia, doesn't get practised in any of the 57 Muslim countries. They practise the *kuffar* law introduced by the British or French colonialists. What an ugly betrayal! In the golden days of Islam, even the known *munafiqs* didn't show such overt rebellion against sharia. Prior to the colonial occupation, even none of the Muslim rulers –despite their multitude of failures, showed such betrayal either. Now, the whole process of listening and obeying –one of the best attributes of a true Muslim, looks non-functional. The people recite the Holy Qur'an, even memorize the whole text only for the reward and not to practise on its teachings. As a consequence, they fail to get the desired benefit from this greatest gift of Allah SWT. The question arises, with such a cold-blooded betrayal, how can they expect a reward in the hereafter?

Although the disease has already turned really serious, what an irony that no effort is being made to deploy the best prescription that has already been authenticated by the All-Wise Creator for a sure cure. Surprisingly, they still think they will recover without following Allah SWT's prescription! What else could be the worst contempt of Allah SWT's Wisdom? Here an extreme arrogance has taken over to undo the Almighty's plan for bestowing the best blessing for mankind. So, amidst such Pharaonic arrogance, the calamity in the world shows no sign of abatement, rather gets day by day much deeper. 08.12.2019

Tsunami of Secularism in the Muslim World & the Damage

Secularism: the vile ideology

Secularism stands inimical to the whole project of Islam. Although claim to be Muslim, the secularists in the Muslim World are the real distractors from the Divine vision, mission, and roadmap. In the golden days of Islam, the Muslims could stand united to promote Islamic vision only because of the strong pan-Islamic brotherhood. But the deep de-Islamisation through secularisation badly eroded such ideological glue. As a result, the body of the Muslim Ummah got deeply fractured and became unable to stand on the feet. Because of the corrosive impact, the secularised Muslim Ummah developed extreme incompatibility against the basic tenets of Islam. In the name of the language, tribe, sect, and geographical identity, they returned back to the days of the old jahiliyyah. So the Osmania Caliphate dismantled. The Arabs divided into 22 pieces. The united Pakistan project of the South Asian Muslims also collapsed. Such a state of crippling divisions of the Ummah gave a golden opportunity to the enemies to have a full reign on Muslims' land, lives, resources, and dignity. The secularists, because of their deep detachment from Islam, prefer to ignore Islam's golden past and celebrate their tribal, racial, linguistic or geographical identity. Like the known external enemies, they too perceive the emergence of Islam as a threat to their own political, ideological and cultural survival. During the colonial rule of the European imperialists, they got ideological cum cultural nurture in their secular educational institutions; as a result of such secular upbringing, millions of these ideological converts worked as footsoldiers both at home and abroad to protect the colonial rule. The colonial-era has ended; but the imperialists didn't end their ideological, political, cultural and business enterprises in the former colonies. In fact, they have forged a coalition with the native secularists to protect their interests in the Muslim World. With the recent wave of Islamic resurgence in the Muslim World, they feel

threatened and it has given them new impetus to develop a common ground to foil it. Such a coalition with the imperialists has given the ruling secularists a new opportunity to sustain their own rule and protect their own vested privileges.

To spread the ideological disease, the secularised education system works as the main vehicle. Devil doesn't need to approach individuals to whisper into the ears; the secularised education system is doing the job. Through education, they alienate people from Islam's core vision, mission, and objective. The students are taught to use profession, politics, culture, media and intellectual endeavors only for the worldly success. The subjects like Qur'anic education, moral development and Islamisation of state are kept out of the public domain. As per the plan, the issue of attaining success in the endless life in the hereafter is kept out of the focus. Even the Qur'anic concept of the worldly life as an exam period for the promotion or the demotion in the hereafter is kept out of the curriculum. Even the faith of Islam has been heavily corrupted. As a result, the religion of Islam -as practiced by the secularist Muslims is altogether different from Islam of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Whereas unlike other religions, Islam is known for its clarity. The Prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) didn't leave any ambiguity or obscurity vis-à-vis how Islam should be practiced in private or public life, in politics or warfare, in judiciary or administration, in culture or education. He showed the distinct roadmap -as revealed in the Holy Qur'an and all the rightly guided Caliphs followed it. And it is obligatory on every Muslim to follow it. How one can deny the historical fact that immediately after the migration from Mokka to Medina, the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) founded an Islamic state. He was himself the head of the state. And every Muslim, Jew, Christian and the kuffars living in that state recognized that. He also raised a state Army and took part in many war campaigns. He sent ambassadors to the foreign states. He also delivered justice as per sharia law. How can one follow the Prophet (peace be upon him) without following such prophetic practices? Because of the deviation, the Qur'anic Islam and such prophetic teachings don't exist anymore in any of the Muslim countries. The Muslims are living without Qur'anic Islam

and the Prophet's teachings. The secularists call such Islamic practice of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and the early Muslims as the political Islam. As if, politics is forbidden in Islam! As if, Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) worked as the head of the Islamic State and led the Muslim Army without engaging in politics!

In order to promote their selfish worldly agenda, the secularists brought a huge shift in Muslims' conceptual paradigm. It is indeed a 180-degree shift against Islam. However, such a secular world-view is not modern either, rather as old as the origin of humans on earth. Humans had always the temptation of being focussed only on immediate worldly successes and ignoring the distant hereafter. The Holy Qur'an is also very explicit on such human tendency. Today's Muslims have fallen into the same trap. The pre-Islamic Arab kuffar also had the same conceptual disease. They believed in Allah. They even named their son Abdallah -meaning a slave of Allah. They believed that Ka'ba is the house of Allah SWT and was built by His prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him). But they did not believe in the hereafter. Hence they did not have any fear of accountability of the bad deeds. So the concept of hereafter with its hells and heavens had no place in their life. Their only agenda of survival was to enhance their worldly gains.

The crimes of the secularists

The most catastrophic defeat of the Muslims did not take place in any battle-field. They lost their war on the conceptual premise. The defeats on the geopolitical frontiers came later on. The Muslims lost the war of ideas only because of the secularisation of their thought. The early Muslims used Qur'an as the most powerful ideological weapon. But the secularists ignored its importance. So they were ideologically defeated before the war started. Secularism is defined as a "system of social organization and education where religion is not allowed to play a part in civil affairs."-(Collins COBUILD Advanced Learner's Dictionary). Therefore, the prime political objective of the secularists is to restrict religions playing any role in the system of

social organizations, politics, education, and warfare. In fact, here starts the conflict between the secularists and the believers. Islam is known for its all-inclusive global vision and objective. It is the greatest blessing of Allah SWT for the whole of mankind. Humans can get peace on earth and access paradise in the hereafter only through the path shown by Islam. Allah SWT has labeled it as *siratul mustaqeem* in the Holy Qur'an. And the Qur'anic path must be followed not only in five-time prayers, fasting, haj, and charity, but also in education, politics, judiciary, trade, administration, economics, and warfare. These are indeed the playing fields where the destiny of a people - both here and in the hereafter gets decided. But if Islam is kept out of the playing fields -as it's the plan of the secularists, how can it deliver such blessings to the mankind? In order to take the blessings of Allah SWT to every man and woman, all the social, religious, political, judicial, cultural and educational institutions must work together -as was the case during the golden days of Islam.

Awfully, the secularists work in the opposite direction. They keep the statecraft and its institutions free from the Islamists' control. This is their worst crime against humanity -worse than any worst war crimes in the history. Nuclear bombs instantly burn people to death but do not take people to burn eternally in hell. But the vile secularists take people to hellfire by putting an obstruction on the heaven-bound Divine roadmap. Moreover, they use the secular education system to immunize students' minds against any Islamic influence. Thus they raise a barrier against the Islamisation of individuals, states, and societies. In the geopolitical arena, it raises divisive walls in the name of different language, ethnicity, geography and culture. Thus, the secularist forces could easily dismantle the unity of the Muslim Ummah and could restrict the spread of Islamic influence from one country to another. In addition, they execute other strategies, too. They keep the Qur'anic lessons out of the classrooms, throw out the laws of Allah SWT off the courtrooms and restrict the practice of Islam only within the mosques. Because of such works against Islam and the Muslims, they could easily qualify as the trustworthy friend of the known anti-Islamic forces all over the world. Hence, many of them are taken as partners to occupy Muslim lands. So the Americans, the

British, the Russians and the Indians were never alone in their occupational wars in the Muslim lands like Afghanistan, Palestine, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan and many others.

The moral, cultural, behavioral and political revolutions always start in people's minds. The ideas generated in mind indeed work as the real engine of any revolution. Hence, the pre-Islamic Arabs did not remain the same after the acceptance of Islam. Prior to Islam, engaging in various crimes was not morally disapproved, rather many moral perversions worked in the name of religion. But after the acceptance of Islam, the people understood the agenda of life differently. Investment of time, talent, energy, and money for the promotion of the good and for the eradication of the wrong was considered an investment for profit trillions of times higher in the hereafter. Only such an investment can buy a place in a paradise for infinity. So they engaged in doing good deeds with all of their physical, financial and intellectual abilities. Because of such a strong passion to do the highest investment, more than 70 percent of the companions of the prophet (peace be upon him) preferred to sacrifice their lives.

But today's Muslims live with other paradigms in their hearts. As a result, they take a different path in their strategies of survival, politics, and ibadah. Although they recite the same Qur'an and read the same narratives of the prophet (peace be upon him), the missing element is the proper and deeper understanding of these two greatest sources of knowledge. Such a lack of understanding indeed caused the most paralyzing damage to the Ummah. And it owes to the secularisation of education. Because of that, the focus of all thoughts and activities shifts from the hereafter to the worldly life. Therefore, gratifying the personal whims gets the preference over satisfying Allah (SWT).

Since in a secular state the implementation of the Qur'anic law and its principles is not an objective, the understanding of the Qur'an gets heavily compromised. Who is going to study Qur'an, when there is no scope for the practice? In such a secularised context, the people are forced only to study and practice the law in operation. But the question arises, how can one sustain his faith if he ignores Allah

SWT's law? This way one can only forfeit his own faith and turns a rebel against Allah SWT. In fact, such a crucial point is made explicit in the Holy Qur'an. So, it is revealed, "Those who do not run judiciary as per my revealed law are kafir, ... zaleem and ...fasiq." –(Sura Maida, verses 44, 45 and 47). Therefore, the Holy Qur'an keeps no ambiguity that whoever wants to live as a Muslim must live with sharia. There exists no exemption. This is why, prior to the occupation by the colonialists, the Muslims never spent a single day without the practice of sharia law. The occupation of the kuffar colonialists has ended, but the occupation of the native secularists still continues. So the crime of the colonial era still survives. As a result, the law of Allah SWT stays outside the courtroom in His own land! How can a Muslim please Allah SWT with such a rebellious act?

The awful disservice

How to learn is education. And knowledge is the product of all educational endeavors. But what is the benefit of the knowledge if it imparts wrong objectives, wrong roadmap and wrong priority in life? Even criminals do have skills in reading, writing, and arithmetic. But for success here and in the hereafter, humans need the right vision, the right objective, the right role model and the right roadmap. More than a hundred thousand prophets were sent by the Almighty Allah SWT not only to show the right path but also to work as the role model. The Muslims have no option but to follow the prophetic model. In the early days of Islam, the Muslims didn't have any university or college but have the institutions to show the right path and showcase the right role model as per Qur'anic and prophetic teachings. The Islamic state, the mosques, the madrasas, and the families worked jointly to promote the Divine agenda. But the secular education system does the opposite. In the name of education, it hides the Divine path (*siratul mustaqeem*) and the right role models from public eyes. Even the prophets –the greatest teachers and reformers in the history of mankind are not mentioned in the classrooms. This is indeed the greatest disservice in the name of education.

The educational institutions are committing colossal crimes by showing the wrong directions in life and presenting the wrong people as the model figure of highness to follow. Hence with the increasing number of colleges and universities, the deviation from *siratul mustaqeem* is getting much wider. As a result, the failures of Muslims are also getting much deeper. This is why, the secular universities –though in hundreds, couldn't add any single glory to the Muslim history. In fact, some of the Muslim countries, with a higher number of university graduates earned the highest disgrace by ranking as the most corrupt country in the world.

The secular education is helping the greedy, the corrupt and the clever predators to gain more skills to do more harm to the societies. Wars, World Wars, colonial occupational wars, ethnic cleansing, dropping nuclear bombs and other genocidal crimes in the past are indeed the works of such secular university graduates. In fact, their knowledge, skills, and efforts get exhausted only to attain the worldly aims and nothing is left over to invest for the hereafter. Allah SWT labels these people as the ultimate loser and said, "Say (O Muhammad), "Shall we tell you who the greatest losers in respect of their deeds are? It is they whose labor has been wasted in this world's life, while they think that they are doing good works. These are the people who deny the signs of their Lord and deny the fact of meeting with Him in the Hereafter. Vain will be their works. Nor shall We, on the day of judgment raise any scale to weigh their deed."-(Sura Kahaf, verses 103-105). Because of secular education, the Muslim World is full of such failed people. And awfully, the ever-increasing number of these failed people are adding more failures to the Muslim Ummah.

Failures are breeding more failures

Success starts with education. And its failure breeds more failures. Hence ensuring Islamic education for children is the most fundamental responsibility of the parents as well of the states. Education decides how children will grow up in the future. If such an Islamic obligation

is ignored or delegated to a non-Muslim or a secularist enemy, it brings disaster -both here and in the hereafter. Since the Muslims' mission of survival is different from that of the non-Muslims, their educational objective and need are also altogether different. Service of a non-Muslim can be acceptable in the field of medicine, engineering, agriculture or other non-ideological arenas, but not in the field of education. It is the duty of the Muslims themselves. So, the Muslims living in non-Muslim or secular Muslim countries face a catastrophic problem. In such countries, the aim of becoming a doctor, accountant, engineer or scientist can be easily met, but growing up with Islamic education, vision and ideology remain in great danger. A Muslim can never deserve any Islamic education from a non-Muslim.

Education is also the most powerful tool of indoctrination. In the occupied Muslim lands, the Christian missionaries used it as a tool of subversion against Islamic faith for ages. They opened hundreds of missionary schools not as a part of charity rather as a ploy to increase the speed of cultural and ideological conversion. Failing to make any significant gain in religious conversion, the Christian colonialists found such ideological and cultural conversion as the most successful means to harm Islam and the Muslims. Because of such colonial strategy, all the Muslim countries are now under the occupation of these ideological and cultural converts aligned with the old masters. In fact, more damages are done and being done to Islam and the Muslims by these ideological and cultural products of the colonialists. Because of them, the unity of the Muslim countries, the practice of sharia and reclaiming the lost glory stay almost impossible.

The children of Muslim immigrants in non-Muslim countries are the easy prey of the anti-Islamic ideological predators. Since the Muslims started to send their children to non-Muslim schools at home and abroad, their downfall as a civilizational power also took a start. The collapse of Osmania Khilafah is an example. The unifying force of the Osmania Khilafah was pan-Islamism. The Turks, the Arabs, the Kurds, the Albanians, the Kosovans, the Moors –all live in the same country for more than five hundred years. But the corrosive hatred

against each other reached an explosive proportion while the Turks and the non-Turks were sent to European colleges for education. In those days, the West was the breeding ground of radical nationalism and secularism. They even fought a war of a hundred years to prove their tribal or national superiority. Therefore, while these Muslims returned back, they were already heavily infected with the toxic viruses of secularism and nationalism. As a result, they turned their faces against Islam. As two blades of the same scissors, nationalism, and secularism could cut the great Muslim empire into more than twenty-five pieces. The foreign military interventions during World War-I only expedited the process.

Another success story of the secular ideological converts in a Muslim land was the breakdown of Pakistan –the largest Muslim country in the contemporary world. This country was born out of India to meet the Muslims' ideological, educational, cultural and civilizational objectives – as was envisioned by the great philosopher like Allama Iqbal. The foundation was also based on pan-Islamism. But the country did not have enough intellectuals and political leaders to understand such a profound vision. Such a huge void was filled with people who have little understanding of Islam's civilizational need and goal. In the name of promoting education, the Bengali and non-Bengali academics and the army personnel were given scholarships to the western countries for education and training. The west got the golden opportunity to inculcate them with anti-Islamic venom. As a result, they returned back as the ideological and cultural converts. Their mind was so much embedded with the toxic virus of nationalism, secularism and western hedonism that they become highly incompatible among themselves. The army cantonments and the civil and military officers' club turned to be the protected islands of the western culture and ideologies. Drinking wine on taxpayers' money and womanizing become the pastime of many army and civil officers. Drinking wine in Pakistan Army's officers' mess was firstly stopped by Gen. Ziaul Haque in the late seventies. The ideological converts in the universities were not idle either. They turned the university campuses into fertile breeding grounds for the radical secularists and the nationalists. So, the pan-Islamic glue of unity was eroded quickly

and Pakistan become ripe for quick dismemberment from the inside. In 1971, the known enemy like India only played a midwife's role.

The disease in remaining Pakistan still continues. The moral, political and economic crisis in Pakistan still owes to its educational failure. It has failed to mobilize people around Islam's core vision and values. Because of the eroded pan-Islamic glue, the fracture lines in Iraq, Syria, Sudan, and Turkey are also getting deeper on ethnic and linguistic fault lines. If the colleges and universities of the Muslim World continue to breed the enemies of Islam and the Muslims men and women fail to fulfill their Islamic obligation, many more failures are waiting in the line. Allah SWT never helps those who do not help themselves. How the Muslims can help themselves while they are not equipped with Islamic knowledge and not imbued with the Islamic vision and mission? The first thing must be done first. But awfully, such first thing has been neglected from the very beginning. 23/05/12; re-edited 27/11/2019.

Islam's Recipe for the Glory & the Betrayal

The past glory

Islam's main focus is to guide humans towards attaining the successes both here and in the hereafter. For that, Islam considers man's conceptual, moral, spiritual and behavioral purification as the most important issue in life. Men and women engage in doing good deeds and detest doing bad deeds only after such a purification. No amount of material gains and scientific progress will bring such purification unless one pursues the correct path conceptually, morally, and spiritually. These are also the indispensable pre-requisites to build

any sound civilization. Only a relentless pursuit in making purification of the self helps people qualifying for Allah SWT's visible and invisible mercy –crucial for any success in one's life. So it is revealed: "Indeed he succeeds who purifies his ownself" –(Sura As-Shams, verse 9). But such purification doesn't come through foods, drinks, and money, but through knowledge. And the Holy Qur'an is the only source of such knowledge.

The key to bring revolution in deeds, character, and behavior in people lies in the hand of the individuals. The Holy Qur'an reveals, "Certainly Allah does not change the affairs of a people unless they change themselves."–(Sura Ar-R'ad, verse 11). Hence, engaging in changing the state of affairs is the most important task that decides the fate of humans. And, education works as a real change-maker. Humans could add invaluable worth to their own understanding, morality, and character only through it. In fact, the highest value-adding process doesn't work in industries but through education. Hence, from day one of the revelation of the Holy Qur'an, reading (*iqra*) which implies accessing the Holy Qur'an –the best source of the highest knowledge on earth becomes the first obligation in Islam. Other obligations like five-time prayer, month-long fasting, giving charity and hajj came a decade later. Hence, whoever ignores it, ignores Allah Subhana wa Ta'ala (SWT)'s prescription and methodology. In fact, the Qur'anic education worked as the most powerful tool to add the highest possible values to the early Muslims. In those early days, the Muslims didn't have any school, college or university, but they had verses of the Holy Qur'an in their hearts. So every Muslim became a full-time moving student and a moving teacher of Islam. As a result, every mosque and every Muslim house turned into an effective learning institution. Because of such sacred educational inputs, the early Muslims grew up with the purified mind and could attain the status of the best people in the whole human history. In any part of the history, did any ruler of the largest country of the contemporary world make any journey of more than five hundred miles only with a single servant and a camel? Even a petty political leader or minister doesn't walk alone. Did any head of the state ever alternate the ride on the camel with his servant? Did any ruler ever pull the rope of the

camel while his servant is seated on it? Caliph Omar (R) did it while he made his journey from Medina to Jerusalem to take the city without any war. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his companions not only talked about equality, justice and morality but also practiced those principles. Therefore, although the early Muslims didn't build any pyramid, great wall or other wonders, but could raise an army of the best humans in the whole history. Because of them, Islam could raise the finest civilization on earth.

In those golden days of Islam, the Muslims added incredible value to humans. In no other segment of human history, men and women received such a huge uplift in their worth –as was the case of the early Muslims. What those Muslims could practice 14 hundred years ago, the non-Muslims couldn't think even a hundred years ago. It is significant to note that the equality of man and women, the inheritance of assets by the daughters, the freedom of the slaves and the rule of law are not be included in the menu of social reformations in other faiths. Therefore, occupation of the foreign lands, the enslavement of the weak and ethnic cleansing of the occupied lands was not the savagery only of the ancient Greeks and the Romans, but also of the modern European Christian imperialists. Burning down the Persian capital Persepolis by Alexander –the great icon of western values still works as a legacy closely followed by the modern protagonists of Western civilization. So, the US Army could raze to the ground the historic cities of Mosul, Raqqa, Deira'zour, and many others without an iota of remorse. Hence, the ethnic cleansing of the Muslims from Spain, the Red Indians from America, the Aborigines from Australia, the Maoris from New Zealand and putting Jews in the gas chamber could be practiced in the West with huge jubilation. Even such colonial barbarity is celebrated as a mark of glorious victory. The Muslims also conquered many lands, but never indulged in ethnic or religious cleansing in those occupied lands. This is why, even after more than 6 hundred years of the Muslim rule in India, Spain, and the Balkan states, the Muslims preferred to stay minority rather than launching any religious or ethnic cleansing. But this has not been the case with the Christian rule in Europe, Americas, Philippines, and many African countries; the original people of these occupied lands were coerced to

Christianity within decades. Because of Muslims' tolerance towards other faiths, a significant number of non-Muslims could live peacefully even in Islam's heartlands like Iraq, Syria, and Egypt. Islam brought not only a faith-change, rather moral, cultural and civilizational change. Such change still remains unsurpassed in the whole history.

The physical strength owes to healthy foods and drinks. But the moral strength owes to healthy knowledge and correct understanding. In the annals of human history, the Holy Qur'an indeed proved to be the best source of moral and spiritual nutrition. The relentless current decline of the Muslims also proved its importance; since the Muslims stand deeply detached from the Holy Qur'an, no amount of petrodollars and numerical numbers could arrest their ongoing downfall. In fact, without understanding the Holy Qur'an, moral and spiritual growth of humans is unthinkable. The Holy Qur'an showed its miracles in the life of the early Muslim. It was the first book in the Arabic language, but within a short span of time they could develop a huge wealth of knowledge in diverse fields. In fact, whatever glorious achievements the Muslims achieved in the fields of Tafseer, hadees, fiqh, Islamic jurisprudence, philosophy and moral science, are the works of these early Muslims. They studied and translated a huge number of books written by non-Muslims. Even the works of the Greek scholars reached to the west through their translation.

The mother of all revolutions

Islam teaches how to prioritize issues in life. The last prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) didn't make any political issues out of the socio-economic backwardness of the Arabs. Nor did he prioritize to revolutionize the Arab economy. Rather he brought a 180-degree shift in the conceptual model: a shift in people's thinking. The prophet (peace be upon him) made his followers fully focussed on akhera (the hereafter). When such a shift was accomplished, the revolution took a gigantic start. Such a shift in focus indeed worked as the mother of an overwhelming revolution in people's thoughts, behavior, attitude,

values, culture, spirituality, and politics. The same people, who were the arch-enemy of Islam and kill their own daughters, became the protectors of people and the devoted Khalifa (viceroy) of Allah SWT. As a result, promoting the sovereignty of Allah SWT and practicing His sharia became the way of their life. In fact, believing in the hereafter worked as a key to bring such a paradigm shift in the early Muslims' minds. To succeed in the hereafter worked as a powerful inspiration to do the good deeds; they spent their wealth and sacrificed even their life to enjoin the good and annihilate the wrong. They considered the life on earth as if sitting in an exam hall and the good score a key to get more rewards in akhera. Therefore, in order to get a good score, a true Muslim spends every moment of his life doing good deeds. Such an akhera-centered belief opened the flood gates of good deeds in the Muslim World. In fact, such an understanding added a tremendous speed to the civilization making efforts of the early Muslims.

Allah SWT has His own vision vis-à-vis the world and mankind. Such a vision has been repeated several times in the Holy Quran to frame it in Muslims' minds. The Holy Qur'an reveals, "He it is Who has sent forth His Apostle with the task of spreading guidance and the religion of truth to that end that He makes it prevail over all other religions.." -(Sura As-Saf, ayah: 9, Surah Fatah, ayat:28; Sura Taubah, ayah: 33). As an indispensable part of faith, the prime duty of a Muslim is to align himself with the vision of Allah SWT. Hence, a Muslim's aim of survival and his educational need is altogether different from that of a non-Muslim. A factory man cannot do the job of an army man; he needs special training and education for that. In the Holy Qur'an, the Muslims are proclaimed as the army of Allah. So they need special education and skills to do the job properly. So, the role of education in Muslim's life is crucial. But the secularisation of education has made it almost impossible to generate such skills in the Muslims.

Allah SWT wants the victory of His religion only in the interest of mankind. Such a victory is indeed the most effective way as well as the only way to save people from the hellfire. Only this way the right

path towards havens can be shown to the people. Only then, a civilization can take a heavenly turn. To play such a crucial life-saving civilizational role, Islam can't work in solitude. Its works must not be restricted within the confines of mosques, madrasas, and houses, rather they must go all-encompassing to the highest point. To fulfill such a Divine vision, the whole statecraft, the politics, the culture, the educational institutions, the judiciaries, the army, the police, and other executive agencies must be integrated with the Divine mission -the mission of enjoining the good and eradicating the wrong. During the rule of the prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) and the early rightly guided caliphs, all such state and non-state institutions and faculties rendered their full and deliberate support to promote such Divine vision and mission. Otherwise, the job would have remained un-accomplished. Such a practice indeed stands as the most important legacy of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) that can shape the world as per Divine roadmap at any point in time.

As per prophetic legacy, incorporating every individual and every state-institution in the service of Allah SWT's vision is not only a political need but also an Islamic obligation. Any detachment or non-compliance not only forfeits one's Muslimness but also showcases his rebellion. A Muslim -like any other Muslim of any other age and place enjoys no other option but to align with Allah SWT's vision and fulfill the Islamic obligation. But the secularist forces in the Muslim World stand against the practice of the prophet (peace be upon him)'s legacy. They keep the statecraft and the powerful state institutions captive in their own hands to undo any attempt of Islam's revival. If they foresee any imminent defeat, they even take the help of the non-Muslim mentors. The secularists in the Muslim World thus work as the enemy inside. They oppose the role of Islam in shaping their fate as well as the fate of mankind. The secularists thus block the Islamisation of state and individuals and put serious obstacles to carry out Allah's prescribed mission. Awfully, all the Muslim countries currently stand occupied by these internal enemies.

The mother of all failures

The most awful failure of Muslims today doesn't owe to the failure in industry or agriculture, but in education. Educational failure is indeed the mother of all other failures. Such failure has caused them to forget even the main purpose of their creation. Hence they failed to carry out even the most fundamental duty as Muslims. Because of that, many people have even retreated back to the old jahiliyyah –the era of ignorance. Due to such a retreat, Allah SWT's sharia law –as revealed in the Holy Qur'an has been replaced by the kufr law in almost all the Muslim countries. To put in practice such manifest falsehood, the enemies of Islam didn't need to launch any war. The new converts to the old jahiliyyah did the job eloquently. Like any physical disease, jahiliyyah –the most lethal illness in the conceptual premise has indeed shown its awful impact. Not only does it damage people's moral fabric, but it also kills the iman (the belief). As a result, instead of pan-Islamic brotherhood, the culture of tribal feuds, wars, disunity, disintegration, and rebellion against Allah SWT's sharia laws thrived in almost all Muslim countries. Islam survives only as lifeless rituals.

For moral and spiritual growth, learning the truth and de-learning falsehood should go hand in hand and must happen all the time. A Muslim needs constant renewal of his relation with Allah, otherwise death of his belief and spirituality is inevitable. Five times prayers, month-long fasting, zakat, haj, regular study of the Holy Qur'an and giving charity are the parts of the Islamic curriculum to prepare a believer for the assigned job. But the devils have their own institutions and methodology to take them away from Islam. The immoral practices like prostitution, gambling, drinking wine, pornography, vulgarity and obscenity are not the only vehicles to take people out of the Islamic roadmap. In fact, the educational institutions work as the main and the most powerful tools to do such harm. Hence with the increasing number of secular educational institutions, the process of de-Islamization has got a very high momentum all over the Muslim World. So, in most of the Muslim countries, each day the tide of jahiliyyah is getting stronger and the Muslims are getting more away from the Divine path. The impact of such de-Islamization is so explicit that the most Muslims have already de-learned the Divine

narrative that they are the people who have been appointed by Allah SWT as His viceroy (*khalifa*). What could be worst betrayal than dishonouring such a Divine assignment? It indeed amounts to dishonouring Allah SWT's vision. It is also an ugly betrayal against Muslim's own mission.

The word "Muslim" carries a very meaningful historical connotation. It doesn't mean merely to be a believer, rather a very committed actor to fulfil the Wish of Allah (SWT). His or her role is not to invent any new roads, but to follow the Qur'anic roadmap (*siratum mustaqeem*) - already shown by the prophet of Islam 1400 hundred years ago. Failing to do so leads only towards the most disgraceful failure -both here and in the hereafter. Such failure takes straight only to the hellfire. The most important task of education is indeed to generate a deep awareness of this Divine responsibility and showcase the failure of the evil people and the success of the believers. But, in almost all Muslim countries, education has failed to accomplish such a seminal duty. The current education system -even the religious one in madrasas, has failed to nurture such a sense of Divine responsibility. Awfully, the worst crime is being committed every day in the Muslim World in the name of education. As a result, Islam-as practised today by the most Muslims, looks spectacularly dissimilar to the Islam of the early Muslims. Therefore, the outcomes of these two sets of the Muslims couldn't be similar, either. Today, the glory of the early Muslims stands terribly replaced by the ongoing decline. 18.11.2019

The Educational Failure of the Muslims

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Knowledge works as the most powerful and the most decisive tool in transforming humans' belief, behavior, character, culture, and fate. It decides the fate of humans' destiny not only on the earth but also in the hereafter. On the other hand, ignorance works as the most unsurmountable barrier against peace, truth, justice, values and higher civilization. But knowledge has its own connotation and dimensions. To get the real benefit of knowledge, one must know its true depth and dimensions. In fact, the benefit of knowledge can be severely curtailed by restricting its focus and application. In the making of full humans and human civilization, knowledge must go beyond any restrictions; it must encompass the understanding of the Visible and the Invisibles. Both the material and the metaphysical domains of knowledge must be parts of it. Those who built pyramids in ancient Egypt were not illiterate or ignorant; their awe-inspiring talents in civil engineering and architecture still survives as one of the few ancient wonders. But, their ignorance vis-à-vis Divine Truth was awful. Like the ancient ignorant cave dwellers, they too worshipped tyrant Pharaoh as a god. It owes to their knowledge that had highly restricted focus and was de-linked from other highly critical mass of information. As a result, they failed to show their wisdom to appreciate the historical Truth. In fact, they proved extremely foolish and incompetent to understand even the simple message of Prophet Musa (peace be upon him). In comparison, the illiterate Arab –though didn't build any pyramid, showed better wisdom. They could raise the foundation of the finest civilization on earth in the whole human history. Because, their knowledge incorporated the knowledge not only of the visible world but also of the invisible world –as revealed through the Holy Qur'an. Because of similar restrictive focus and incomplete knowledge, many Indians with the highest university degrees worship cows as god and drink cow urine as a holy drink!

The secularisation of knowledge may add material prosperity to humans but can't take them to any moral height. Neither can it show the path for success in the endless life in the hereafter. Knowledge gives light, and ignorance brings darkness. People deny Allah, His guidance and His prophets and get deviated from the right path due to ignorance. Ignorant men engage in major sins and ultimately reach the

hellfire. Thus it nullifies the whole purpose of human survival. Such man lives only to add failures in the hereafter. In fact, human's greatest sin –as well as the mother of all sins is ignorance (*jahiliyah*). The pre-Islamic ignorance in Arabia ended more than 1400 years ago, but modern man's ignorance thrives amidst all advancement of science and technology. The idolatry, gambling, alcoholism, obscenity, homosexuality, pornography, torture, mass-murdering, ethnic cleansing, economic exploitation, and other vile acts still survive with the same toxicity of ancient ignorance and arrogance. Therefore, in India, people are being lynched to death for eating beef. And in Europe, women are tormented in public and not allowed to enter universities for wearing a headscarf.

Modern man's ignorance cum incompetence is not in scientific invention, but in discovering the Divine Truth. Skills in knowing the Divine Truth comes only through Divine knowledge. And delivering such knowledge is the exclusive domain of the Allah SWT. Therefore Allah SWT proclaims, "Showing the right path is My task"–(Sura Layil, verse 12). Also revealed, "Allah SWT is the friend of the believing man and woman and takes them from darkness to the light. (And Satan does the otherwise); Satan is the friend of the non-believer and takes them from light to the darkness"–(Sura Baqara, verse 257). The holy Qur'an was revealed to show this right path. Hence, without the Qur'anic knowledge, the greatest Truth in life remains undiscovered, and the task of educating people remains awfully incomplete. So in Islam, education is not a mere academic and professional need, rather the most basic intellectual, religious and civilizational need. Otherwise, man fails to become a Truth-seeking honest human, thereby fails to raise a sane civilization. So the role of education is extremely crucial. Its success is measured not by the number of educational institutions, teachers and students, and nor by per capita income; rather by the number of people saved from hellfire. The ability of those who have gone through the education to know the Divine Truth is the real marker of its success. Even dogs or monkeys, if trained, can do miracles. Man can do, too. The success of modern-day universities' in adding such skills is undeniable. But its failure in saving people from hellfire is catastrophic. By preaching atheism, secularism,

nationalism, racism, fascism, supremacism, materialism, Marxism, hedonism and Darwinism, these universities have opened a huge number of highways to the hellfire.

Allah SWT loves His greatest creation – mankind. He wants their ultimate success – the success here and in the hereafter. But such success is pre-conditional. It does not come through economic growth or scientific invention; rather following the Divine path (*siratul mustaqeem*). Only this path leads to the heavens. Thousands of prophets were commissioned by Allah SWT to show that path. They did not teach science or technology but made Allah's greatest gift – the true path, known to mankind. Man's ugliest ignorance and failure are not assessed by the inability to build a pyramid, spacecraft or atomic weapon, rather by his inability to discover and adhere to this greatest Divine gift. This very inability drives him to the hellfire. Departure from this world without knowing and following this Qur'anic Truth will cause the greatest regret in the hereafter. Of all ignorance, this is indeed the most devastating one; and will torment endlessly in the endless life in hellfire.

Mis-education: the worst criminality

The man's *muslimness* is crucial. The ultimate success in life depends on it. So, Allah SWT warns, "O you who believe! Fear Allah with all fearfulness – as deemed appropriate for Him; and do not allow death to overtake you unless you are a (true) Muslim"–(Surah Al-Imran, verse 102). So for the believers, Allah SWT sets the priority. It is not attaining great success in professions, politics or business; nor becoming a proud Arab, Afghani, Turkish, Iranian or Bengali, but to be a committed Muslim. For that, it does not require birth in a Muslim family but needs a qualitative change in belief and deeds. Fear of Allah is the essence of such change. And such change comes only through true knowledge –the true understanding of Divine guidance. Allah SWT reveals, "Of all His servants, only those who are endowed with knowledge fear Allah"–(Surah Fatir, Verse 28). The prime objective of the education is to generate such fear of Allah SWT

through Islamic knowledge. But if education promotes atheism, secularism, materialism, nationalism, Darwinism, Marxism only adds deviation. Thus, education helps people to go to hellfire. Such education then becomes the worst harmful criminal acts on earth. In the name religion, a lot of vile acts are still done. Ancient ignorance like worshipping man, animals, idols and deities still survive in the life of billions. Likewise, awful criminal acts are done in the name of education. More awfully, teaching falsehood and promoting deviation towards the hellfire –even in Muslim lands, enjoys huge public funds and acceptance as the modern education.

The first thing must be done first. Otherwise, many other crucially important issues stand unattainable. Seeking Islamic knowledge is such a first obligation. Without fulfilling it, becoming a true Muslim remains inconceivable. Hence, the first revelation of the Holy Qur'an was not on salah, fasting, haj, zakat or jihad, but it was "*iqra*" –which means "do read". Reading with the understanding of the Holy Qur'an serves as the greatest source of the Divine knowledge. Indeed, Divine guidance comes only through it. Acquiring such knowledge is acknowledged as the most important act of ibadah; other ibadah indeed get added values if it is done with a deeper understanding of the Qur'an. With a void of understanding, ibadah turns to mere lifeless rituals. It fails to bring any qualitative change in man's behavior and deeds. Such prayers do not prevent people from corruptions; rather people with such lifeless rituals may even overtake the non-believers in such vice. Bangladesh is a perfect example. Very few countries have such a huge number of mosques and mosque-goers; 90% of its people are Muslim. But Bangladesh stood first in corruption 5 times in the world. It is not an economic failure, rather an educational failure. Bangladesh has tens of universities and thousands of colleges and religious madrasas, but those institutions couldn't add any higher moral values to the students. Rather brought worldwide disgrace. People have failed badly to learn and practice the basic lessons of Islam.

Seeking knowledge is so crucial that even a short engagement in its pursuit is superior to the whole night's non-obligatory (nafl) prayer

—as narrated by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Even the war criminals could be freed if they had delivered writing, reading and numeracy skills to the Muslims —as done with the kafir captives of the battle of Badar. The most distinctive feature of the early Muslims was their spectacular success in realizing and fulfilling this first Islamic obligation of seeking Qur’anic knowledge. They excelled not only as practitioners of religious rituals but also as torchbearers of knowledge in Islamic jurisprudence, politics, philosophy, geography, mathematics, astronomy, chemistry, human and social development and military science. Their success was so great that within the shortest possible time, those ignorant people of Arabia became the most educated and civilized people on earth. As a result, the Muslims could become the number one global power and could subdue both the Roman and the Persian empires.

The failure of the West & the lesson

Western civilization added enormous values to stones, metals, minerals, agricultural goods, and other materials. It has added enormous skills and scientific knowledge to humans, too. But it has added little moral and cultural values. Western education is very asymmetrical; it runs only on one dimension. It is focussed only to attain material progress and gave little or no attention to humans’ spiritual development. Its scientific advancement has given the most devastating tools in the hands of the most greedy, brutal and immoral people. In savagery and brutality, they stand hardly better than the Mongol thugs of Halaku and Chengis Khans. In fact, colonialism, imperialism, ethnic cleansing, genocide, slavery, exploitation and other dehumanizing instincts attained more virulence and global expansion by them. They killed more than 75 million people in only two world wars. The Red Indians in the USA, the Aborigines in Australia, and the Maoris in New Zealand were almost ethnically cleansed by them. They didn’t bother to drop atomic bombs on the civilian population of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Millions of peoples are put to death in Vietnam and other parts of Asia and Africa. Their killing machines are still all-time active. The people of Afghanistan, Iraq, and Palestine

are their recent victims. All worst beasts in all ages could not inflict such deaths and devastations on humans as were inflicted by these torchbearers of this western civilization.

No doubt, science never advanced with such a tremendous speed in the past –as did in recent times. But it is also true, such huge atrocities never happened in any previous segment of human history either. That too happened by the hands of the flagship countries of western civilization like the USA, UK, France, Germany, and Italy. Military occupation, colonization, multinational capitalism, and global exploitation are their original inventions. Here too, the west's failure owes entirely to its educational failure. The secularisation of knowledge has robbed people of their moral and spiritual compass. So, the so-called educated people terribly fail in distinguishing the right from the wrong and the civilians from the military targets. Therefore, crimes like genocide, ethnic cleansing and drone attacks get their moral, political and legal approval. Such moral failure could only lead to civilizational failure.