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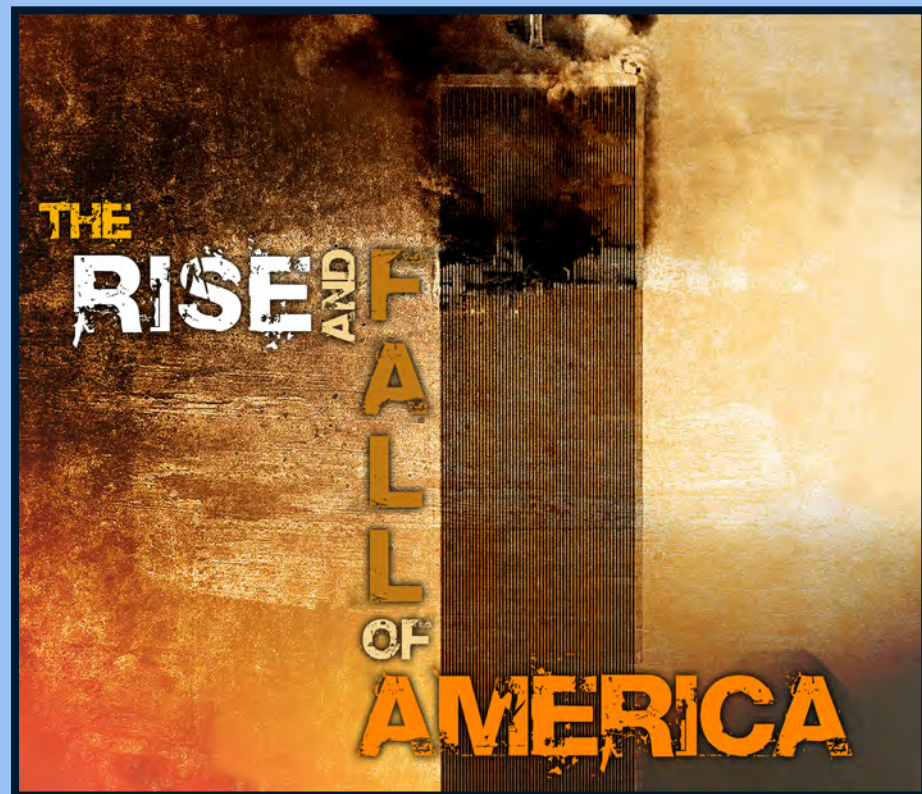
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In the war with the Mujahideen, the US has suffered irreparable damage and undergone heavy losses, in terms of economy, men of war, honor and the trust of its people. It has lost the war it arrogantly thought of winning with ease. Now, it stands, much like the USSR at the end of the 80's, on the brink of a gradual collapse, and slide into nonentity and international irrelevance. In this issue, we look at the story of the USA and the way it rose and how it is now on the precipice of collapse - in accordance with the way all empires based on evil, Kufr and oppression eventually sift way, according to the Sunnah (way) of Allah ﷻ: "How many a town (community), that were wrong-doers, have We destroyed, and raised up after them another people!" [21:11]

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We say to the Ummah in times of war, change and sacrifice that our foremost weapons in this Jihad are faith in Allah ﷻ and His Messenger ﷺ and unity among ourselves. We must continue our Jihad against the global Kufr alliance, with our ranks united, and we must not let the propaganda of the Kuffar to alienate us from our *Manhaj*. To the Kuffar we say that the Jihad has well and truly spread through the earth and it shall continue with the Will of Allah ﷻ until Islam spreads throughout the earth, even if you hate it!

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Call to Jihad

THE RESURRECTION I

All Praise is due to Allah ﷻ Alone, The Exalted in Might, The Only One who has the right to be worshipped... Praise is to Allah ﷻ Who Sees and Hears all! And may His Peace and Blessings be upon our final Prophet, Muhammad ﷺ, his companions, family and all who follow him till the Day of Judgment... Continuing our humble series on the Events of the Next Life, we open the all-important chapter of The Resurrection... When the whole of mankind shall be resurrected to stand before its Lord, to account for its deeds..

The Resurrection is a stark reality that really puts into perspective the life of this world and its fleeting nature. The Day of Judgment is an awe-inspiring day when the earth will be changed to another earth and when Allah ﷻ will come to judge among the people. Unfortunately, in our day and age, with the secularist thought that has infiltrated the hearts and minds of the people, the people have become heedless of the reality of this life. They build institutions, engage in wars and plan their plots without a valid answer of what is to transpire after death. **What happens after we die?** Such a basic question this is, and yet we find that the advanced and enlightened American civilization, and its new world order fail to provide the proper answer. They build their NASA Rockets, send space shuttles into outer space, discover hundreds of planets in the Milky Way and come up with the most complex of medical formulae and scientific machinery; and yet, of the reality of this life remain so awfully short-sighted.

This world will come to an end. The Muslims speak to the world, about the truth of the

matters. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, informed us about the Events of the Last Day, and we, the Mujahideen, relay it to the people of the world so that they may understand the nature of our struggle, and so that they may also come to grips with the reality of this life before they enter their graves. And Allah ﷻ is Witness over our intentions. We ask Him to save us all from the torment of the grave, the Last Day and the torment of the Hellfire.

When is the Hour?

It has been authentically reported that the Prophet ﷺ said that there are five matters regarding which none has knowledge except Allah ﷻ. Then, the Prophet ﷺ recited:

“Surely, it is Allah with Whom rests the knowledge of the Hour; and He sends down the rain, and He knows what is in the wombs. No one knows what he will earn tomorrow, and no one knows in which land he will die. Surely, Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware.” [31:34]

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The knowledge of the Hour is reserved with Allah ﷻ. None knows it except Him. Even the Prophet ﷺ, the best of creation, was not informed of it. However, he ﷺ was informed of the various signs and events that were to occur before it and these, he relayed to us through the Quran and Hadith which were then channeled to us through reliable scholarship. Some of these may be looked at in the *Third World War and Dajjal Section* of Azan Magazine (Issues 1-4).

In this article, we will cover only what will happen once the Resurrection starts and people rise up from their graves. Care must be taken to picture the events as they are narrated, and to prepare for them with sure knowledge of their occurrence in the utmost near future:

“... And the matter of the Hour is not but as a twinkling of the eye, or even nearer. Truly! Allah is Able to do all things.” [16:77]

Who will face the Last Day?

Before the arrival of the Hour, all the believers will die and the Hour will not come except upon the worst of people. The Prophet ﷺ said:

“Anas ﷺ reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, ‘The Hour will not arrive until it is no longer said on earth, *La ilaha ill Allah* (none has the right to be worshipped except Allah ﷻ).’” [Ahmad]

“Abdullah ibn ‘Amr ﷺ related that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, ‘The Hour will not arrive until Allah takes His Shariah from the people of the earth, and the *‘Ujaajah* (the mob and the common masses) will be left on it (i.e. on earth); they will neither promote good nor forbid evil.’” [Ahmad]

“Abu Hurayrah ﷺ related that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, ‘And the Hour shall arrive when two men will have spread a garment between them, but they will not make the transaction for it, nor will they fold it. The Hour will indeed arrive when a man goes with the milk of his

Allah ﷻ says:
 "... The Day that the sky will be like the boiling filth of oil, (or molten copper or silver or lead, etc.). And the mountains will be like flakes of wool..."
 [70:8-10]

Liqhah (camel that gives a lot of milk) but he will not taste it. And the Hour will indeed arrive when one is plastering his basin, but he will not drink from it. And the Hour will indeed arrive when one raises food to his mouth but he will not taste it." [Bukhari]

Indeed the Hour is near, and an utter reality. Abu Ja'far Al-Baaqir (RA) used to say,

"It is the strangest thing that some disbelieve in the bringing about of the creation again when they see the first creation. And it is most strange that one should disbelieve in resurrection after death when he is resurrected every day and night (i.e. after sleep)." [Ibn Abi Ad-Dunya]

The Blowing of As-Soor (Trumpet/Horn)

Once all of the signs of the Day of Judgment that are related to this world will have occurred, then the angel Israfil ﷺ will blow into the *Soor* that he has been holding all this time, waiting for the Command of Allah ﷻ to blow on.

Ibn 'Abbas ﷺ reported that the Messenger

of Allah ﷻ said, "How can I be comfortable when the one of the trumpet has taken the trumpet (by his mouth) and has inclined his forehead, waiting for the time he will be ordered, and then he will blow." The Companions ﷺ of Muhammad ﷺ said, "O Messenger of Allah! What should we say?" He ﷺ, said, "Say: Sufficient is Allah for us and the most Blessed *Wakeel* (Protector), and we place our complete trust in Allah." [Ahmad]

Glory be to Allah ﷻ! How can we consider ourselves safe from the coming of the Judgment Day, when even the Prophet ﷺ was not comfortable regarding it? As for the *Soor*, it is related from 'Abdullah ibn 'Amr ﷺ that a bedouin said, "O Messenger of Allah! What is *As-Soor*?" He ﷺ said, "It is a horn that is blown." [Ahmad]

Israfil ﷺ will blow into the *Soor* and the heavens and the earth and all those within them will be terrorized. The *Ulama* of Islam differ on the number of times that the *Soor* or the horn will be blown, based on the various Ayahs and Ahadith that have been narrated on the subject. A lot of *Ulama* contend that the *Soor* will be blown into twice. After the

first blow, the inhabitants of the heavens and earth will pass out. Then after the second blow, they will all be resurrected. This is the opinion of Al-Qurtubi (RA), Ibn Hajar (RA) and As-Suyuti (RA) among others. However, others such as Ibn Kathir (RA) and Ibn Taymiyyah (RA) say that there shall be three blasts. After the first blast, everyone shall be terrorized (as in the Ayah 27:87-88) and then on the second blast, they will all pass out (as in the Ayahs 39:68-70).

Allah ﷻ Says: "And (remember) the Day on which the Trumpet will be blown and all who are in the heavens and all who are on the earth, will be terrified except him whom Allah ﷻ will (exempt). And all shall come to Him humbled." [27:87]

Ibn Kathir (RA) says about this Verse: "This blowing is the blowing of terror. It will be looked at, and none shall remain from the people of the earth except that he raises his neck and then lowers it, hearing the great matter, which will have terrified the people and caused them great anxiety. Referring to the occurrence of this tremendous matter, Allah ﷻ said..." Then he quotes the above Ayah.

Those who take the view that there will be three blows of the horn, take the following Ayah to indicate the second and third one:

"And the Horn will be blown, and whoever is in the heavens and whoever is on the earth will fall dead except whom Allah wills. Then it will be blown again, and at once they will be standing, looking on. And the earth will shine with the light of its Lord, and the record [of deeds] will be placed, and the prophets and the witnesses will be brought, and it will be judged between them in truth, and they

will not be wronged. And every soul will be fully compensated [for] what it did; and He is most knowing of what they do." [39:68-70]

Regardless of whichever opinion is closer to the truth, the important lesson for us is to understand the awesome event of the Day of Judgment and the gravity of its terror, and to make a firm vow to prepare ourselves for what lies ahead.

As for those whom both the Ayahs declare as exempted from the effects of the blows, then Imam Qurtubi (RA) says about them:

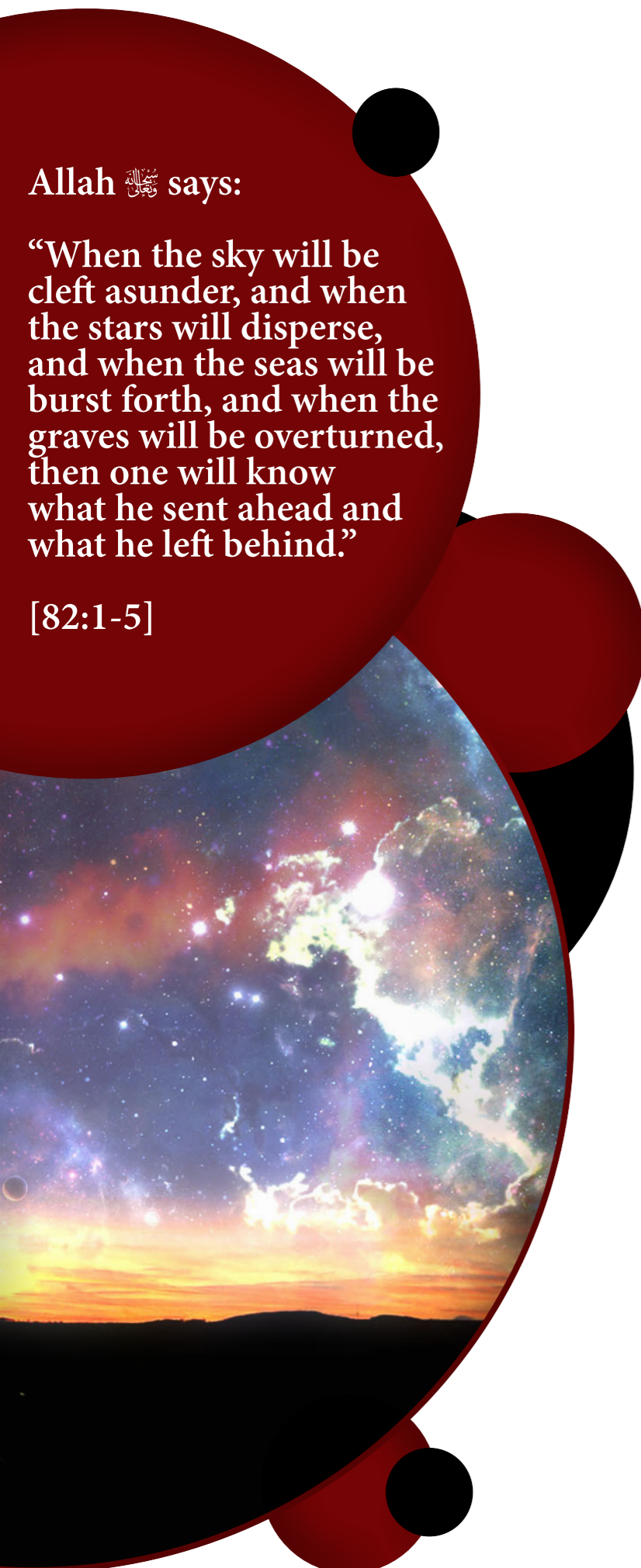
"Scholars disagreed among themselves about the identity of the exempted persons. Some of them maintained that they are the angels; some held that they are prophets and others said they are the martyrs. *Al-Haleemi* stated that they are martyrs, based on the Hadith narrated by Ibn 'Abbas ﷺ (to the effect) that exemption is allotted to martyrs as Allah ﷻ says about them: 'Think not of those who are slain in Allah's ﷻ Way as dead. Nay, they live finding sustenance from their Lord.' The rest of the opinions are weak. Abul-Abbas, the celebrated scholar, stated that no definite opinion can be adopted as all of them are probable."

The State of the Universe when the Horn will be blown

Allah ﷻ says: "The Day that the sky will be like the boiling filth of oil, (or molten copper or silver or lead, etc.). And the mountains will be like flakes of wool" [70:8-10]

"When the Event (i.e. the Day of Resurrection) befalls. And there can be no denying of its befalling. It will bring low (some); (and others)

1. [3:169]



Allah ﷻ says:

“When the sky will be cleft asunder, and when the stars will disperse, and when the seas will be burst forth, and when the graves will be overturned, then one will know what he sent ahead and what he left behind.”

[82:1-5]

it will exalt; when the earth will be shaken with a terrible shake. And the mountains will be powdered to dust so that they will become floating dust particles” [56:1-6]

The day will be one of chaos once the trumpet is sounded. Ibn ‘Umar ؓ reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “Whosoever it pleases to see the Day of Resurrection with his very own eyes, then let him recite, “When the sun will be folded up”² and “When the sky will be cleft asunder”³ and “When the sky will split apart”⁴,

Ibn ‘Umar ؓ then said, “And I think he said, ‘And Surah Hud.’”[Ahmad]

Some of the Ayahs from the first three Surahs mentioned in the Hadith picture a terrifying view of The Hour:

“When the sun will be folded up, and when the stars will swoop down, and when the mountains will be set in motion, and when the ten-months pregnant she-camels will be abandoned, and when the wild beasts will be gathered together, and when the seas will be flared up...” [81:1-6]

“When the sky will be cleft asunder, and when the stars will disperse, and when the seas will be burst forth, and when the graves will be overturned, then one will know what he sent ahead and what he left behind.” [82:1-5]

“When the sky will split apart, and will listen to (the command of) its Lord, and it ought to, and when the earth will be stretched (to give room to more people), and it will throw up whatever it contains, and will become empty, and will

- 2. Surah Takweer
- 3. Surah Infitar
- 4. Surah Inshiqaq

listen to (the command of) its Lord, and it ought to, (then man will see the consequences of his deeds.)” [84:1-5]

In a long “Hadith of the Horn” , that has been narrated in various books of Hadith and is considered famous among the scholars of the Hadith, which depicts the events of the Trumpet Blows and the Day of Judgment in vivid detail, the Prophet ﷺ is reported to have said:

“...The mountains will move like clouds, and they will be (like a) mirage. The earth will shake its inhabitants, and it will be like a ship at sea, and the waves are striking it; it will capsize its inhabitants like a lamp suspended from a throne. It will shake the souls. Lo! It is the one about which Allah ﷻ said :

“On the Day the blast [of the Horn] will convulse [creation]. There will follow it the subsequent [one]. Hearts, that Day, will tremble,” [79:6-8]

The earth will shake with its inhabitants; every nursing mother will forget her nursling and every pregnant one will drop her load. Children will turn gray-haired, and people will flee from the terror. The angels will meet them, striking them on their faces, and they will return. Then they turn around, running away. They will have no protector from Allah. Some of them will call the others, and while they are upon that state, the earth will split into two cracks, from one region to another. Then they will see a tremendous matter, never having seen before something similar to it. And for that they will fall into such a state of terror and grief that only Allah has full knowledge thereof. They will look at the sky, and it will be like the boiling filth of oil, (or molten copper or silver or lead, etc.). Then the sky will be cleft asunder and the stars will be scattered. The sun and its moon will be eclipsed.” The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “The

dead will know nothing of that”.

What will occur between the (final) two Blows of the Horn

Abu Hurayrah ؓ related that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “Between the two times the horn is blown is forty.” Abu Hurayrah ؓ was asked, “Forty days?” He ؓ said, “I refuse (i.e., I refuse to comment on this, for I cannot say for sure whether it is forty days, months, or years. All that I know is that it is forty).” Then he was asked, “Forty months?” He ؓ said, “I refuse.” Then he was asked, “Forty years?” And he ؓ said, “I refuse.”

(He ؓ further related that) The Prophet ﷺ then said, “Then Allah sends water down from the sky, and they (mankind) will grow like vegetables. And everything from man decomposes except for one bone: ‘Ajbudh-Dhanab (the lowest bone on the spinal cord), and from it the creation will be made again on the Day of Resurrection.” [Muslim]

In the Hadith of the horn, the following is mentioned:

“... Then Allah will order Israfil to blow the blowing of the swooning away. He will blow, and except for those whom Allah wills, the inhabitants of the heavens and the earth will swoon away. And they will be silent (dead, destroyed). The angel of death will go to the All-Mighty and say, ‘O my Lord, other than those whom You exempted, the inhabitants of the heavens and the earth are dead. Allah will say, and He is most knowledgeable regarding who remains, ‘And who is left?’ The angel will say, ‘O my Lord, You, the Ever-Living, Who never dies, remains, the bearers of your throne remain, and Jibril and Mikail remain..’ Then Allah will order him to take the soul of Jibril and of Mikail, and

then Allah will order him to take the life of the throne bearers, and then Allah will order him to die, and he will be the last of the creation to die”

Abu Hurayrah رضي الله عنه related that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, said, “Indeed, Allah will say to the angel of death, ‘Verily, you are a creature from my creation. I created you for the purpose that you have seen, so die and then do not live.’” [Ibn Abi Ad-Dunya]

“Whatsoever is on it (the earth) will perish. And the Face of your Lord full of Majesty and Honour will abide forever!”⁵

It is mentioned in the Hadith of the Horn: “... When no one remains except for Allah, the One, the Irresistible, the One, the Sole Self-Sufficient Master (Whom all creatures need, He neither eats nor drinks): He begets not, nor was He begotten. And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him. He will be the Last just as He was the First. He will fold the heavens and the earth like the folding of the registry for a book. Then he will spread them and then wrap them three times. He will say, ‘I am the All-Mighty (*Al-Jabbar!*) three times. Then He will call, ‘Whose is the kingdom this Day?’ He will call out (with this question) three times, and no one will answer Him. He will say to Himself, ‘It is Allah’s, the One, the Irresistible...!’”

Allah ﷻ Says: “They made not a just estimate of Allah such as is due to Him. And on the Day of Resurrection the whole of the earth will be grasped by His Hand and the heavens will be rolled up in His Right Hand. Glorified is He, and High is He above all that they associate as partners with Him!” [39:67]

“And (remember) the Day when We shall roll

up the heavens like a scroll rolled up for books, as We began the first creation, We shall repeat it, (it is) a promise binding upon Us. Truly, We shall do it.” [21:104]

Abu Hurayrah رضي الله عنه reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “Allah ﷻ will grasp the earth, fold the sky with His Right, and say, “I am the King, I am the All-Mighty! Where are the kings of the earth? Where are the tyrants? Where are the haughty ones?” [Bukhari and Muslim]

Ibn ‘Umar رضي الله عنه, reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “Indeed Allah will grasp the heavens with His Right, and then will say, “I am the King.” [Bukhari and Muslim]

When Mankind shall be resurrected!

Once more, after the finishing off of the complete story and the fulfillment of “Whatsoever is on it (the earth) will perish”, the trumpet will be sounded again and spectacular events will occur.

The New Earth

He ﷻ said in the Hadith of the horn: “The earth will be changed to another earth. Then He will unfold, even out, spread, and then extend it, like the extending of tanned leather...

“And they ask you concerning the mountains, say: ‘My Lord will blast them and scatter them as particles of dust. Then He shall leave it as a level smooth plain. You will see therein nothing crooked or curved.’” [20:105-107]

“On the Day when the earth will be changed to another earth and so will be the heavens, and they (all creatures) will appear before Allah, the One, the Irresistible.” [14:48]

“The changing of the earth might have a meaning other than the one mentioned in the aforesaid Hadith: the features and characteristics of the earth will undergo a change between the two blows of the horn, the blowing of the swooning away and the blowing of the Resurrection. The mountains will move and the earth will shake, and then all will become a single plane, with no crookedness therein, no hills, and no valleys” [Ibn Kathir (RA) Pg. 241]

The Rain and the Revival

The Prophet ﷺ said in the Hadith of the horn: “... Then Allah will send water from underneath the Throne, and then the sky will give rain for forty days, until the water will be above you by 12 arm-spans. Then Allah will order for bodies to grow, like the growing of *At-Taraatheeth* (small Egyptian cucumbers) or like the growing of vegetables...”

In a Hadith related by ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Umar رضي الله عنه, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “... And then the horn (Trumpet) will be blown, no one will hear it except that he tilts his head forward and backward. And the first to hear it is a man who is plastering his basin, and he will swoon away. Everyone that hears it will swoon away. Then Allah will send rain that is like dewdrops or the shade. From it the bodies of the creation will grow. Then it will be blown into another time, and they will be standing, looking. Then it will be said, ‘O people, come to your Lord!’” [Muslim, Ahmad]

Mankind Awakened!

“The Day when the Trumpet will be sounded: that Day, We shall gather the sinful, blear-eyed (with terror).” [20:102]

“And among His Signs is that the heaven and the

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earth stand by His Command, then afterwards when He will call you by single call, behold, you will come out from the earth (i.e. from your graves for reckoning and recompense).” [30:25]

“So (O Muhammad ﷺ) withdraw from them. The Day that the caller will call (them) to a terrible thing, they will come forth, with humbled eyes from (their) graves as if they were locusts spread abroad, hastening towards the caller, the disbelievers will say, “This is a hard Day. [54:6-8]

Wahb ibn Munabbah (RA) said, “They will decompose in the graves, and when they hear the shout, the souls will return to the bodies and joints...

... When they hear the second blowing, the people will rise, standing on their legs. They will shake off the dirt from their heads, and the believers will say, ‘How perfect You are! We did not worship You as You truly deserve to be worshipped!’

The People will be Raised Unclothed

‘Ayesha ؓ reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “People will be raised on the

Day of Resurrection barefooted, naked, and uncircumcised.” Ayesha ؓ said, “O Messenger of Allah ﷺ! And what about the private parts?” He ﷺ said “Every man, that Day, will have enough to make him careless of others.” [Ahmad]

Ibn ‘Abbas ؓ said, “The Messenger of Allah ﷺ stood among us, admonished us, and said, “O people, you will indeed be gathered to your Lord, and you will be barefooted, naked, and uncircumcised:

“As We began the first creation, We shall repeat it (it is) a promise binding upon Us. Truly, We shall do it.”

“Lo! From the creation, the first to be clothed on the Day of Resurrection will be Ibrahim ؑ. And people from my nation will be brought, and they will be taken on the side of the left (i.e. towards the Hellfire). Then I will say, ‘My companions,’ and it will be said to me, ‘You do not know the sins they perpetrated after you.’ Then I will say as the righteous slave said:

‘And I was a witness over them while I dwelt amongst them, but when You took me up, You were the Watcher over them, and You are a Witness to all things. If You punish them, they

are your slaves, and if You forgive them, verily You, only You are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.’

“Then it will be said, ‘These kept turning back on their heels (i.e. returning to Kufr; some ‘Ulama said that this refers to those who apostatized during the caliphate of Abu Bakr ؓ) since you parted from them!’ [Ahmad]

Pandemonium on the Day

“Then on that Day shall the (Great) Event befall, and the heaven will split asunder, for that Day it (the heaven will be frail (weak), and torn up, and the angels will be on its sides, and eight angels will, that Day, bear the Throne of your Lord above them. That Day shall you be brought to Judgment, not a secret of you will be hidden.” [69:15-18]

“And (remember) the Day We shall cause the mountains to pass away (like clouds of dust), and you will see the earth as a leveled plain, and we shall gather them all together so as to leave not one of them behind. And they will be set before your Lord in (lines as) rows, (and Allah ﷻ will say): ‘Now indeed, you have come to Us as We created you the first time. Nay, but you thought that We had appointed

no meeting for you (with Us)! And the Book (one’s Record) will be placed (in the right hand for a believer in the Oneness of Allah ﷻ, and in the left hand for a disbeliever in the Oneness of Allah ﷻ), and you will see the *Mujrimoon* (criminals, polytheists, sinners, etc.), fearful of that which is (recorded) therein. They will say: “Woe to us! What sort of Book is this that leaves neither a small thing nor a big thing, but has recorded it with numbers!” And they will find all that they did, placed before them, and your Lord treats no one with injustice.” [18:47-49]

“And warn them of the Day of approaching horror, when hearts will jump up into the throats, (and they will be) choked. There will be neither a friend for the unjust, nor an intercessor to be listened to. He knows the treachery of the eyes and whatever is concealed by hearts. He will give His judgment with truth. And those whom they invoke beside Him cannot judge anything. Surely, it is Allah who is Hearing, Seeing.” [40:18-20] []

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All Praise is due to Allah ﷻ And may His Peace & Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Throughout history, empires have come and gone, from the ancient Assyrians and Persians to the more recent Portuguese and British. At their peak, it must have seemed utterly inconceivable that their vast and powerful empires will one day cease to exist, yet each suffered the same fate; gradual decline followed by total collapse. The 20th century saw the rise of the latest of these powers; the American empire. *We will have a brief look at the history of America and see if it can manage to evade the tide of history that has consigned to its pages those great empires that came before it?*

The American Revolution

The United States of America had its beginnings in the late 16th century when European powers began to colonise eastern North America. Among those powers was the British Empire, which had established 13 colonies in the continent by the year 1733. The settlers in these regions were predominantly emigrants from Britain, who, though having left their homeland, considered themselves Englishmen.

In the 1760's, the British began imposing excessive taxation and unjust laws in order to demonstrate their authority in the colonies; this led to the Empire's unpopularity. The colonists believed this was a violation of their rights, George Mason, one of America's Founding Fathers said, *"We claim nothing but the liberty and privileges of Englishmen, in the same degree, as if we had continued among our brethren in Great Britain."*

During the early 1770's, realising that their cries for rights as Englishmen were falling on deaf ears, they staged many public protests, such as the Boston Tea Party, against Britain's oppressive laws. They also took practical steps in seeking autonomy by establishing their own Congress in which representatives of the colonies could gather to make political decisions. In 1775, war broke out between the colonies and the British Empire and by 1776 Congress declared their independence as a separate nation, rejecting the British

monarchy and Parliament. This marked the establishment of the United States of America with the colonists identifying themselves as being American rather than English. America effectively won the war by 1781 and in 1783, Britain formally abandoned any claims to the United States with the 'Treaty of Paris'.

America's Emergence as the World's "Superpower"¹

After achieving independence the US committed itself to expansion, often resorting to far more oppressive measures to achieve their goal than those they complained were committed by the British against them. To fulfil its desire to expand westward, a policy of forced migration and genocide was adopted against the Native Americans. Although the most famous sentence of the Declaration of Independence includes that *"all men are created equal"*, apparently only 'whites' were granted the status of men. In 1830, Congress passed the 'Indian Removal Act' which allowed the removal of natives and annexation of their land. As more land was forcefully brought under the flag of the US, the demand for slaves to work on the farms rose sharply; hence the amount of slaves in the US progressively increased from 700,000 in 1790 to 4,000,000 in 1860. These

1. This word has been used in the contemporary sense to refer to a nation that has amassed massive socio-economic-political strength in comparison to others. But in reality, all Might and Power belong to Allah ﷻ Alone and it is Allah who has given these Kuffar worldly power in order to test some by others.



THE RISE AND FALL OF AMERICA

oppressive measures lead to great prosperity for the US, and by 1870 it had become the largest economy in the world. The subsequent Spanish-American Wars and America's role in WWI and WWII confirmed the US as a great military power.

With the defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II, the world emerged as a bipolar international system² where nations were either threatened or enticed into a choice of two camps; that of the US and the USSR. Relations between these two superpowers were marked by perpetual political conflict and military and economic competition. Owing to their nuclear capabilities, it was imperative that a direct face-off be avoided. An indirect strategy was instead adopted that left a trail of destruction and suffering in its wake. Weak countries unfortunate enough to possess any strategic significance found themselves the battlegrounds for ruthless and bloody proxy wars, which, western historians refer to as 'The Cold War' but which was anything but cold. In 1991 – only two years after its defeat at the hands of the Mujahideen in Afghanistan – the USSR collapsed, disintegrating into many states. The American quest for world supremacy was suddenly realised as America became the leader of a unipolar world order. It resolved to enforce a world order that could preserve its newly found supremacy and guarantee its hegemonic control of the world. Intoxicated by this triumph, Francis Fukuyama, a leading Neo-Conservative thinker wrote his book *"The End of History and the Last Man"*, in which he argued that: *"What we may be witnessing is not just the end of the Cold War, or the passing of a particular period of post-war history, but the end of history as such: that is, the end point of mankind's ideological evolution and the universalization of Western liberal democracy as the final form of human government."*³

2. There are generally considered to be three types of international systems: Unipolarity, Bipolarity and Multipolarity. In a Unipolar system, most of the world's military, economic and cultural influence is exerted by one state; in a Bipolar system, this is mainly exerted by two states, and in a Multipolar system, by three or more.

3. In reality, these constitute nothing but whimsical



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With regards to their propaganda campaign, in a barefaced lie, George Bush Senior said while describing US world hegemony, *"A world once divided into two armed camps now recognises one sole and preeminent power, the United States of America. And they regard this with no dread, for the world trusts us with power, and the world is right. They trust us to be fair, and restrained. They trust us to be on the side of decency. They trust us to do what's right."*⁵

thoughts and ideas stemming from imperfect human intellect, without any Guidance or Sanction by Allah ﷻ. In reality, the idea of evolution contradicts itself because it somehow assumes that (a) The universe came out of nothing, while the concept of something emerging out of nothing or 1 emerging out of 0 is contradictory to the "evolved" modern science, (b) What was false yesterday might become true tomorrow – and this is a farce, because it would implicate that nothing is absolutely true or absolutely false. So, homosexuality, abortion, extramarital relations were wrong yesterday but are right today! In effect, Islam – because it is revealed by Allah ﷻ - is perpetual in its definitions of rights and wrongs which do not change over time. And the reality of the universe is that an Almighty, All-Knowing, All-Powerful God originated all that exists. The idea of evolution and Western liberal democracies are mere theories and guesses. As Allah ﷻ says: *"... and verily, guess is no substitute for the truth."* [53:28] ... Ed.

4 ["Rogue State": William Blum]

5 [New York Times, January 29, 1992, Pg. 16]

American Foreign Policy



Decent



Fair







R e s t r a i n e d

'Right' is notorious for meaning different things to different people, and its meaning is especially dubious when defined by those in power. Well, the world soon found out just what the Bush, and the later administrations, meant by 'fair', 'restrained' and 'decent'. **Fair** – Sustaining Israel, "free trade"; **Restrained** – Equipping ruthless dictators in the Muslim world, 'Shock and Awe' methods of war, use of depleted uranium resulting in birth defects, not sparing even their own soldiers (America follows no ethical standards when it comes to their own armed services who are willing to sacrifice their lives for American interests... what then about Muslim lives...?); **Decency** – Embargo of Iraq, resulting in more than a million deaths, deploying troops to a land considered holy by Muslims, even though there is an express ban in Islam on the presence of disbelievers in the Arabian Peninsula, the institutionalised use of rape, sexual humiliation and torture against prisoners of war.

American Encroachment in the Muslim World

The European colonial powers had a firm foothold in the Muslim world by the 19th century and they had dismantled the Uthmani Khilafah during the first decades of the 20th century. The Muslim world was divided into separate states that the colonialists could continue exploiting via the Sykes-Picot agreement of 1916; this condition lasted for most of the Muslim world till at least the end of World War II. As the European colonial powers declined, the US and the USSR pushed for the colonies to be given independence, hoping that they would succeed the colonial powers in exploiting the Muslim world for material gain. The allegiances of the Muslim nations were split between the two superpowers and the Muslim world went through a transition of having been directly ruled by colonial powers, to being indirectly ruled by either of the superpowers through

puppet regimes. Although each Muslim nation proudly celebrated the "independence" they perceived themselves to have gained, the difference between the two conditions was largely symbolic.

America's demands on the *Tawagheet*⁶ that rule



Between 500,000 and 1,500,000 children were killed due to the economic sanctions; however these deaths were not anything to worry about for these cold-blooded, perpetrators of infanticide. Madeleine Albright (then US ambassador to the UN) was asked, "We have heard that half million children have died. I mean, that's more children than died in Hiroshima. And, you know, is the price worth it?" She replied, "...we think the price is worth it."



the Muslim nations have been that they allow multinational companies to practically steal their natural resources, hire their citizens to toil under arduous condition in sweatshops for

⁶ *Tawagheet* is the plural of *Taghut* which can refer to a ruler who rules by other than what Allah ﷻ has revealed...

near-slave wages, and open up their markets to American merchandise. In return, the *Tawagheet* and their associates are allowed to steal the meagre profits that the country makes in order to satisfy their thirst for indulgence, and they have complete approval to use whatever means (often violent and inhumane)

to suppress opposition. Among the most loyal US client states have been Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Iran (before the 1979 revolution) and Pakistan, all known for corruption and oppression of their citizens.

In addition to their neo-colonialism in the Muslim world, the US has given unwavering support to Israel since 1967. In the Six Day War, Israel essentially destroyed the army of Jamal Abdul Nasser, who had given his allegiance to the USSR and was seen as a threat to US hegemony in the Middle East. The US has since given tens of billions of dollars in military aid to Israel, without which it wouldn't have possessed anywhere near the military strength it has attained, as the US saw, in the state of Israel, a reliable base for its power in the region.

The Israelis have committed enormous crimes against the Palestinian people. After having occupied their land, including Masjid Al-Aqsa, it expelled most of the Muslims from Palestine, the majority of whom settled in the neighbouring countries of Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. Those who live in Gaza and the West Bank are essentially confined to open prisons. The Israeli occupiers are notorious for crimes such as mass killings of innocent civilians, using civilians as human shields, torturing those it kidnaps, bulldozing homes, blocking ambulances, preventing freedom of movement and imposing curfews for days on end.

Israeli aggression is not only limited to Gaza and the West Bank. In attempts to expand and create what Zionists define as 'Greater Israel' – a territory including all of Lebanon and parts of Egypt, Jordan and Syria - they have at different times occupied Southern Lebanon, the Golan Heights in Syria (which it still occupies) and the Sinai Peninsula. Tens of thousands have been killed by Israel in its attempts to expand; one of the most horrific cases has to be the *Sabra* and *Shatila* massacre in which the Israeli Army led the *Phalanges* (a Christian Lebanese Political Party) to a Palestinian refugee camp in order to massacre those inside. **Two thousand men, women and children were cruelly killed in this act of genocide.**

With the fall of the USSR in 1991, the US saw itself as invincible and was eager to show the world its military might. This opportunity arose when Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait and the US decided it was the right time to flex its muscles and show the world who's boss. During its war against Iraq it committed many atrocities: the US bombed an Iraqi air-raid shelter incinerating hundreds of women and children; it destroyed Iraq's civilian infrastructure, including electric power stations, refineries, telecommunications centres, bridges, roads, etc. The Iraqi population has suffered from birth defects ever since due to the use of depleted uranium by the US invading army. The US soldiers, whose units were told to take no prisoners, killed thousands of Iraqi soldiers who surrendered to them. The punishment unleashed upon the Iraqi population didn't stop with the end of the Gulf War; the UN imposed sanctions upon Iraq, which although hardly affecting Saddam Hussein and the corrupt elite's lavish lifestyles, caused devastation for the now forsaken Iraqi people. The economic sanctions, which were possibly the most stringent in human history, lasted until the 2003 US invasion of Iraq. Between 500,000 and 1,500,000 children were killed

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After the demise of the USSR and the event of the first Gulf War, the only "superpower" had just given the world an example of the terror it can unleash on its foe. All of the *Tawagheet* that were in charge over the Muslim nations submitted to the US; those who were previously loyal to the USSR took a sudden U-turn realising that the status quo had changed. The brutal regimes throughout the Muslim world were now all subservient to the US. On the other hand, due to the crimes of the US, anti-Americanism increased in the Muslim populations, creating an ideal climate for rebellion.

Jihad begins against America

Ever since the fall of the Khilafah, those who seek its return in the Muslim world have been

oppressed by the *Tawagheet* that rule with an iron fist in the Muslim world. This oppression has had the full support of the US and its allies. In the 1990's, many of the Mujahideen came to the following conclusion: **The re-establishment of the Khilafah in the Muslim world is only achievable once America has been degraded to the point when it can no longer meddle in the affairs of Muslims.** Henceforth, they began planning attacks on US interests worldwide. The most prominent successful attacks were the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Centre, the 1998 bombings of the US embassies in Nairobi and Dar-us-Salaam and the 2000 bombing of the U.S.S Cole while it was harboured at the Yemeni port of Aden.

In 1998, Shaykh Usama bin Laden (RA) and Shaykh Ayman Az-Zawahiri (HA) published a *Fatwa* in which they declared that fighting the US was *fard 'ayn* for every Muslim:

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*the al-Aqsa Masjid [in Al-Quds] and the Masjid [in Makkah] from their grip, and in order for their armies to move out of all the lands of Islam, defeated and unable to threaten any Muslim. This is in accordance with the words of Allah ﷻ, "... and fight against the Mushrikoon collectively, as they fight against you collectively..." and, "And fight them until there is no more Fitnah (disbelief and worshipping of others along with Allah) and (all and every kind of) worship is for Allah (Alone)."*⁸

Finally, nineteen soldiers of Allah ﷻ carried out a heroic operation on the 11th of September 2001 that shattered the image of US invincibility before the eyes of the world. America, who had grown accustomed to causing destruction abroad while living securely at home, at long last got a taste of its own medicine. The Mujahideen chose to target symbols of America's economic, military and political hegemony, i.e. the World Trade Centre, the Pentagon and either the White House or the Capitol (the plane which was designated to hit the White House or the Capital didn't reach its target). The US, now seeking revenge upon

7. [9: 36]

8. [2: 193]



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those who dared challenge its oppressive foreign policy, decided to invade Afghanistan with the purpose of toppling the Taliban government and destroying Al Qaeda.

As the US and its allies invaded Afghanistan, the Mujahideen retreated to the mountains where they regrouped. This tactical withdrawal fooled the US and its allies into thinking that they had effortlessly won the war. Due to their arrogance, they went on to invading Iraq in March 2003 in order to steal its oil and create yet another client state in the heartland of the Muslim world. Saddam Hussein's regime was swiftly toppled, with the vast majority of his soldiers surrendering to the invaders. On May 1st 2003, standing in front of a banner which read "Mission Accomplished", George Bush gave a speech in which he prematurely said, "In the battle of Iraq, the United States and our Allies have prevailed." However the brave sons of this Ummah took up the task of defending Iraq against the US invaders, and within a matter of months, the US were on the back foot as the Mujahideen ambushed their patrols, mined their routes and shelled their bases. At the same time, the war in Afghanistan was steadily going against the US; the Taliban had earlier decided that it was time to begin military operations and, resurging as if out of nowhere, began to attack the US invaders. By 2006, it was clear that America would face the same fate as the British Empire and the USSR who foolishly believed they could conquer Afghanistan.

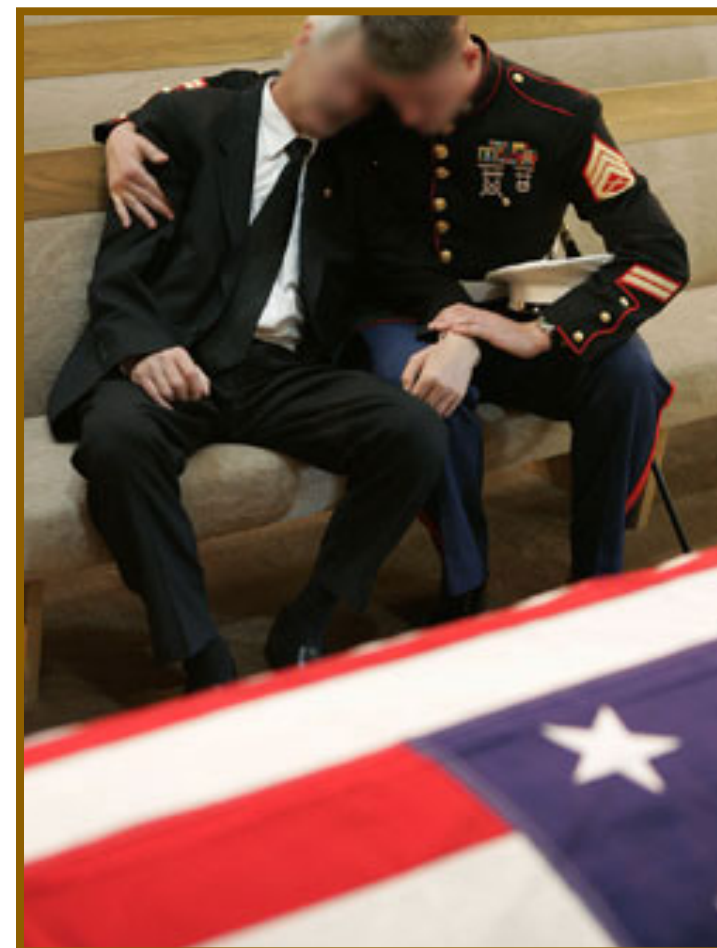
The Decline of the US

Now in 2014, the US is no longer feared or admired as it was at the turn of the century. The Mujahideen have succeeded in exposing America to the world as the paper tiger they had always believed it to be. US attempts to intimidate the rest of the world, particularly the

Muslim world with its invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, have backfired disastrously. Despite possessing the most technologically advanced military in history, whose 'Shock and Awe' tactics are supposedly so powerful that they can bring regimes down to their knees in a matter of weeks, it has failed miserably to hold on to any territory that the lightly armed Mujahideen chose to contest.

The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq resulted in a complete failure for the US. After having been haunted everywhere by the incessant attacks in Iraq, it fled the country a few years ago, and this year, it is fleeing from Afghanistan. The stated goals of the US in Afghanistan were to destroy Al-Qaeda and the Taliban, but since 2001, Al-Qaeda has spread throughout the world, not only as an organisation but also as a *manhaj* (methodology). The Taliban have proved to the world that the US is not to be feared, and that they can be defeated through a sustained guerrilla war. Much of Afghanistan is effectively under Taliban's shadow government and once the US leaves, it is only a matter of time until the entire nation is once again ruled by the Taliban In Sha Allah ﷻ. A recent US intelligence report itself declared that by the year 2017, the Taliban will have undone any gains that were made by the US and its allies.

The American people have grown tired of their government's hopeless foreign adventures in the Muslim world. American parents no longer want to send their sons and daughters to be cannon fodder in their government's imperialistic wars. Thousands of US soldiers have died in Afghanistan and Iraq, and tens of thousands have returned injured. Then there is the untold story of veterans who had witnessed horrific crimes committed against innocent people, whose memories haunt them and drive them out of their minds and into a state of despair that leads to the murder of



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close ones and even suicide. On the economic front, the US is in turmoil. Its wars against the Muslim Ummah have and will continue to cost it trillions of dollars. Its national debt currently stands above \$16 trillion. The global financial crisis affected the US more than any other nation and showed how much the US and its people have been living far beyond their means. The gap between rich and poor is widening; while their elite live in lavish extravagance, the majority drown in interest-based debt.

The US claimed that it was the bearer and exporter of what it terms 'human rights'. However, during its "War on Terror", it has shown that there are no bounds of inhumane treatment that they will not cross. The world has witnessed their abuses in Abu Ghraib, their legalisation of torture euphemistically termed "Enhanced Interrogation Techniques", their abduction (so-called "Extraordinary Rendition") of Muslims to secret prisons, their detainment of child prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, and their

murder of countless innocent civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan among other places. Whereas once the US had deceived much of the world into believing it was a force for good, now the US is seen as one of the world's leading violators of human rights.

As a result of these "new realities", such as its defeats in Iraq and Afghanistan, the US has declared that it will be reducing its military force and will not be planning any more long-term wars. In recognition of just how much things have changed, US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel has announced his plans to shrink the US peace-time Army to its smallest size since 1940, stating, "...after Iraq and Afghanistan, we are no longer sizing the military to conduct long and large stability operations". As the US has lost the will to fight, it has been seeking methods of warfare that don't put its soldiers' lives on the line. This is manifested in many ways, including its increasing reliance on drones as can be seen in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Yemen and Somalia,

its use of mercenaries, especially in Iraq where it hired more than 100,000 mercenaries to fight on its behalf and its outsourcing of wars against the Mujahideen, an example of which can be seen in Somalia, where the US has been funding the neighbouring countries to do the bulk of the fighting while the US conducts limited raids and drone strikes.

Due to its military, ethical and economic decline, the US has lost the political clout it once had. Nations that had submitted in servile obedience to US orders now happily announce to the world exactly what they think of it. The unipolar world order is giving way to a multipolar one in which regional powers have a bigger say in the affairs of their respective regions, such as China in South East Asia, Turkey and Iran in the Middle East, Russia in Central Asia and Eastern Europe. Within the Muslim world, the Mujahideen are now significant players. The threat that the Mujahideen pose to the Kuffar and *Murtadeen* (apostates) means that their presence has to be accepted and world governments now seek to appease the Mujahideen through concessions. Examples of this can be seen in the desperate attempts at peace talks with the Taliban in Afghanistan, negotiations with the TTP in Pakistan and the permission given by Turkey to the Mujahideen to travel through its territory towards Syria. The Mujahideen have also been able to take advantage of regional tensions, such as those between Saudi Arabia and Iran. Saudi Arabia has been forced to allow massive funds to transfer from the pious Muslims in their country to the Mujahideen in Syria in order to counter Iran's influence in the region. Although different nations may do these actions believing them to be for their own benefit, eventually victory will be for the true believers In Sha Allah ﷻ.

“And thus We have set up in every town great ones of its wicked people to plot therein. But they plot not except against their own selves, and they perceive (it) not.” [6:123]

These are all positive signs for the Muslim Ummah that we are on the road towards victory and the eventual return of the Khilafah which will protect the rights of the Ummah throughout the Muslim world. This is not to say that the work is done. The US is still the strongest nation in the world and the stage of targeting the US for the Muslims is far from being over. All of the Mujahideen across the Muslim world should target US and Western interests in their respective regions. By attacking the US throughout the world, we will continue to reduce the awe that some of the Muslims still have of the US, encouraging even more of the Muslim youth to join the ranks of the Mujahideen. Our most important targets are their economic interests; attacking these will exacerbate their present dire economic condition, making it increasingly difficult for them to carry on with their interference in the Muslim world. We have to spread our attacks on US interests throughout the world; when any of its interests are targeted, the US boosts its interests' defences generally in that region, and specifically on that particular type of interest worldwide. **For example, if an oil interest is hit in the port of Aden, the US will necessarily boost the defences of all of its interests in Yemen, and in the fear that other Mujahideen may copy this tactic elsewhere; they will be obliged to increase the defences of their oil interests in the entire Muslim world. If this phenomenon spreads across the globe it will overstretch its forces and lead it to exhaustion.**

Conclusion

The world has changed greatly in the previous two decades. After abusing its power against those weaker than it worldwide, America eventually came across a community inherently disposed to take up the task of defending themselves against its oppression. Due to the attacks by the Mujahideen on their interests, and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the US is now on a slippery slope to collapse, as experienced only too recently by its one time foe, the USSR. **The strategy of attacking US interests has worked and needs to continue for the foreseeable future until its strength has been reduced to a state in which it will be unable to support the Tawagheet that rule the Muslim lands.** Victory for the Ummah of Muhammad ﷺ is on the horizon. All we need to do is carry on along this path of Jihad and sacrifice in order to reclaim the Khilafah that rightfully belongs to the 'best community'.

“You are the best community brought forth for (the guidance of) mankind: you command righteousness, forbid evil and believe in Allah.” [3: 110]

The Prophet ﷺ said: “Prophethood will be in your midst for as long as Allah wishes it to be, and when He wishes, He will withdraw it. Then you will have a Khilafah that follows the example of the Prophet, for as long as Allah wishes it to be, and when He wishes, He will withdraw it. Then you will have tyrannical rulers for as long as Allah wishes, and when He wishes, He will withdraw them. Then you will have rulers imposed and maintained by force for as long as Allah wishes it to be, and when He wishes, He will lift them from you. **Then you will have a Khilafah that follows the example of the Prophet which will fill the earth.**” [Ahmad] □



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Is Pakistan going to be

Sandwiched?

Adnan Rasheed

All Praise is due to Allah ﷻ Alone. And may His Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. In this article Brother Adnan Rasheed talks about the prospects of Pakistan, in context of its treacherous war against the Mujahideen... With the extremist Modi on one side, and the anti-Pakistan Abdullah Abdullah on the other, Pakistan looks to be sandwiched between a rock and a hard place...

When I was under investigation by the ISI in Rawalpindi in 2004, one night the ISI team asked me some very strange questions. I was blind folded and handcuffed and could not see their faces; but I was sensing them around me.

The team leader, who was sitting in front of me across the table, asked me, "Do you know Mr. Abdullah Abdullah?" I asked them if they were asking about the Persian Afghan politician. They said "Yes!" I replied "Yes. I know him but not personally, I heard about him in the news and watched him appearing on TV, and saw his photo in the newspaper."

They said, "We have to investigate your high profile case from every aspect and angle; we want to know if your case has any link with Dr. Abdullah Abdullah or any other foreign element." I asked them, "What is leading you to ask me about Abdullah Abdullah's hand in the assassination attempt of Pervez Musharraf?" They replied, "You must know that Abdullah Abdullah is one of the strong enemies of Pakistan and an agent of Mossad¹ and RAW²."

I said, "I do not know anything about Dr. Abdullah Abdullah and I have no links with him. I am not against my country. I am against

the anti-Islamic system and its policies." The interrogation session regarding Dr. Abdullah Abdullah was short and over soon.

Now, the Presidential elections have taken place in Afghanistan. The preliminary results show that Dr. Abdullah Abdullah is leading with 44% of the votes. His rival Ashraf Ghani is far behind. Any political pundit can predict that Dr. Abdullah Abdullah will be the next president of Afghanistan.

Not only does Pakistan have the incoming government of Afghanistan to worry about, the elections in India have occurred and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), a Hindu nationalist party, has emerged victorious. The BJP are a close ally of RSS³ and VHP⁴, the political voice for RAM Janmabhoomi Movement, which resulted in the destruction of Babri Mosque in 1992 and the riot aftermath. The 2002 Gujarat Massacre of Muslims took place during the administration of BJP's chief minister Narinder Modi - the new prime minister of India.

BJP's Atal Bihari Vajpayee declared the Kargil war as a victory after Operation Vijay. The victory of Kargil was a key element in

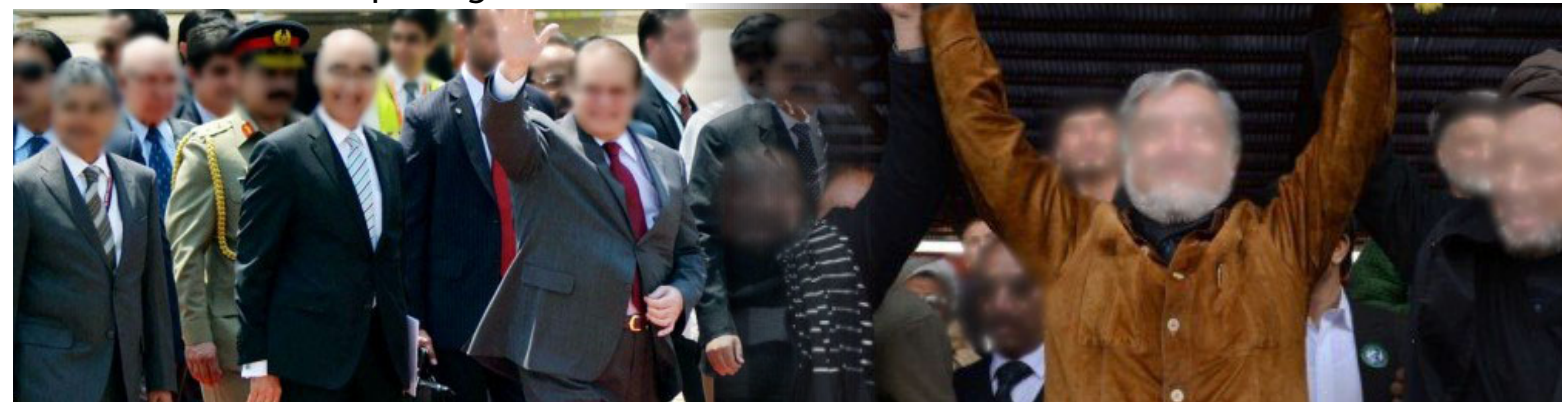
3. *Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)*: A right-wing paramilitary Hindu nationalist organization allegedly responsible for the Babri Masjid demolition.

4. *Vishva Hindu Parishad*: Another Hindu Political anti-Muslim organization.

the election campaign of BJP in 1999, which resulted in a strong BJP government, with Vajpayee becoming the prime minister for the 3rd term.

This is the last year of Coalition Support Fund for Pakistan in the war on terror; the CSF funds are going to be stopped by America for Pakistan, but the TTP (*Tehreek Taliban Pakistan*) and other Jihadi movements are stronger than they have ever been.

Pakistani Government is very worried about this scenario - Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, the agent of Mossad and RAW according to the ISI, on the western front in Afghanistan and Narinder Modi of the BJP in India, a traditional rival of Pakistan on the Eastern front, with America pulling its hands from



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behind Pakistan - Pakistan is going to be sandwiched between two rivals!

The history of Pakistani establishment shows that it prefers to surrender when it sees red eyes. It feels no shame in taking U-turns on its policies due to its cowardice and greed. Just as the Pakistan army never regretted the loss of East Pakistan; it will never regret the future catastrophes that might take place in the future. The reason behind this shameful policy is its adoption of the English proverb: "Easy come, easy go!" The Pakistan Army played no part in

1. Israel's intelligence agency.
2. India's intelligence agency.

the independence struggle, and has since been useless against Pakistan's disbelieving enemies; however it has done a great job in murdering its own citizens throughout the decades.

Hard days are ahead for the Pakistani Government; it is going to be between the devil and the deep blue sea. The time is very near when it will have to pay for the innocent blood it shed in the name of "war on terror", its crimes against Islam and humanity, extraordinary rendition, forced disappearances, mutilated bodies, target killings, drone programs and its proxy war in Afghanistan and in Indian held Kashmir.

There is no light at the end of the tunnel for the Pakistani government and the Pakistan Army but there is a way out for the Muslims of Pakistan.

It is on the record that Pakistani politicians who are out of government prefer to live abroad and only return once they reclaim their positions, and the same is the case with retired army generals. The people of Pakistan always suffer for the mischiefs of their leaders. This will happen again unless the people choose another path. That path is the golden path of JIHAD; Jihad is the solution of these upcoming circumstances. In Sha Allah ﷻ, Mujahideen are the only defenders and sincere friends of people of Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Bangladesh as well as all others. The Muslims of the sub-continent and Afghanistan must help and join their true friends if they want to save their *Deen*, honor and lives.

In the last few centuries, history has witnessed that self-proclaimed, western appointed leaders of Muslim lands betrayed Islam and Muslims enormously. They proved to be killers, robbers, dictators, tyrants and loyal to their western lords.

We witnessed the uprightness of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, which was always concerned for the welfare of their Afghan people and *Muhajireen*. To save just one Muslim, Shaykh Usamah bin Laden (RA), they sacrificed the entire Emirate instead of compromising on the Islamic principles which safeguard the honor of every Muslim.

On the other hand, Pakistan as a state, sold our beloved sister Dr. Aafia (May Allah hasten her release) to the Americans for a few dollars.

Once while under interrogation in custody of the ISI, an officer told me that he had also investigated Khalid Sheikh Muhammad (May Allah hasten his release). I lambasted the ISI officer for bringing a shame on us, and though the interrogation turned into a debate, he finally said, "I agree with all your points, but don't you know where our monthly salaries comes from? If we stop cooperating with America, our salaries will be stopped".

This is the main difference between the vision of this rental army and the Mujahideen; the rental army is only concerned about themselves, whereas the Mujahideen are concerned about the whole Ummah.

O people of Pakistan! Please open your eyes! Help, support and join hands with the Mujahideen, your true friends! We love you all... You will never know how much we love you and are concerned about you and your future; we are your friends, not your foes...

I end my article with a mention of Ahsan Aziz (RA), a poet of Islam, who had written a poem titled, "O My people! You are our sorrow", I would suggest all readers to have a look at that poem, which is my message to you... []



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All Praise is due to Allah ﷻ Alone... And May His Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad ﷺ... In the previous issues of this series, we have gone through the *Fitnah* of Dajjal in detail and seen how the Shariah describes it. Now, in this issue, we analyze the world that we live in and the *Fitn* we are facing in the context of the Fitnah of Dajjal, and see if the two are similar. We look in detail at the nature of this Fitnah of today, and how horribly it attacks the very basis of the Muslim faith, creating doubts and unlawful desires within the heart of the Muslim, and what might count as a valid way of escape from this Fitnah. May Allah make it of benefit for the Ummah...

The Dajjali Fitnah and The World Today



From what we have previously discussed of the subject of Ahadith and the statements of the scholars, the main characteristics of the *Dajjali* civilization are as follows:

- **Complete, utter rebellion against truth and the forces of truth**
- **The presentation of truth as falsehood, and falsehood as truth**
- **Great power, (given by Allah ﷻ to test mankind) which is used sweepingly against all opposition**

When we see the world around us, we come to realize that these characteristics are abundantly found in the “new world order” that is implemented upon the masses throughout the world. The world we live in is quite a uni-polar world with America at the

axis, and with Europe and the majority of the states of the world content to be under its flag. They may have their differences of opinion here and there, but all of them are united in their enmity against “terrorism” and the absolute rejection of Islam as the absolute truth and a political power.

Is Dajjal going to be the eventual head of this secular world order that is implemented upon the world?

Certainly, many theorists around the world contend that the formulation of the United Nations is the first step towards a “One World Government”. It is true that the United Nations has tremendous (increasing) influence around the world and all the nations of the world have gathered under its secular banner that is voiced by

its Declaration of Human Rights, and the proceedings of its various committees such as UNSC, UNHRC, UNDP, WTO, IMF etc... Both the Kafir countries, as well as the “Islamic” countries have gathered under its banner and agreed upon the secular principles laid out by the founders of the UN organization.

The world that we find ourselves in at the moment is a world devoid of the Law of Allah ﷻ - the Divine Shariah revealed upon the heart of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Even the so-called Muslim countries of the world have suspended the rule of the Quran, and the Muslim of today finds himself utterly handicapped with the loss of Islam as a socio-economic-political authority. The resulting situation is a terribly calamitous one, and those who realize it feel the weight of its reality once they try to find a place on earth in which they can worship Allah ﷻ Alone, and submit to his religion in its entirety. Majority of such people are found beneath the shade of drones, “Hellfire” missiles, with the most basic of weaponry in their hands, yearning to defend the light of faith within their hearts from an enemy that transcends nations and borders...

Have a look at Syria in the most recent past, and the oft-quoted killings in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia and Palestine. Does there remain a doubt in the tyranny and unyielding power of this great world alliance? Wide scale bombings of women and children happen every day and the value of Muslim blood remains at an unthinkable low. To cap it all, the most *Dajjali* aspect of this world order is that it touts the killers and murderers as peaceful

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and the victims as the “terrorists”. The UN “Peacekeeping Force”, the “Hellfire” Missiles and the drone strikes are supposedly all instruments of “peace”. A Mujahid fulfilling the duty that the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth placed upon him by defending his homeland and religion is a terrorist for whom there is no safe haven in this world order. Heroes of 9/11, 7/7, Woolwich and the countless martyrdom operatives who sacrificed their lives for Allah ﷻ are termed the most terrible of people who are the gravest of threats for humanity. We reckon much has been written and said about this matter, and the correct understanding regarding this matter is not far from the heart of a person who seeks guidance and salvation.



A World War is On The Horizon

The title of this essay was decided to be “The Third World War and Dajjal”. This is because when Dajjal will emerge, the world will be divided into two decisive camps – those with him, and those against him. After the Cold War ended and the Taliban gained power in Afghanistan and implemented the Shariah of Allah ﷻ, the so-called world powers could not tolerate this. So they decided to invade and destroy what was contrary to their capitalistic way of life. 19 men firmly stood against the tide and sacrificed their lives for the Sake of Allah ﷻ and destroyed the hub and symbol of the New World Order (The Twin Towers and The Pentagon). What was already being planned spurred into action, and the great “world powers” united upon one enemy just as the forces of Pharaoh united against Musa ﷺ and the believers among the Children of Israel. The “War on Terror” resulted which is nothing short of a World War III or at least a precursor to it. Even George W. Bush termed

it as so in a 2006 interview.¹

Certainly with the amount of casualties on both sides, and the number of people killed, indeed some people can argue that we are living in times of a third world war. The great issue however this time, is that World War III or the precursor to it is a war against Islam, as it was revealed to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ; and it is a war that is being fought both on an ideological and a military front. A major difference between the last Crusade wars and this one is that the last Crusades were fought openly under the banner of Christianity, openly against the religion of Islam. This time around, the situation is different. The Crusaders have hidden their true motives behind their *Dajjali* face and are continuously saying that their war is not against Islam or Muslims (when it in fact is!). Rather, it is against a specific group of individuals who are “misguided”, “extremist”

1. 6. ABC News Online, May, 2006, “Bush likens ‘War on Terror’ to WWII”

and separate from the main body of Muslims that does not have anything against the New World Order.

A recent RAND Study entitled “In their Own Words: Voices of Jihad” unashamedly stated in its introduction:

“While it is true that all Jihadis consider themselves Muslim fundamentalists, few Muslims, or even fundamentalists, are Jihadis. Fanaticism and violence are not unique to Islam, or even to religion. As obvious as this point may be, it is important to stress it. This book focuses on what Jihadis say and on their narrow view of Islam. As crucial as it is to understand their beliefs, they in no way represent the whole of Islam.”²

This *Dajjali* deception is extremely widespread. The aim of isolating religion from the conflict and making the Crusade seem like a worldwide military and ideological spree to establish “peace” in the world which is only opposed by a select few “misguided extremists” speaks volumes of the nature of today’s conflict – deception... spectacular deception... which is the essence of the *Dajjali* Fitnah; and the truth has become strange...

Ibn Taymiyyah (RA) related from Imam Abdullah ibn Mubarak (RA) and Imam Ahmad Ibn Hanbal (RA) that they said: “If the people disagree regarding anything, then look at what the Mujahidin say – since the truth is with them; because Allah says: *“As for those who strive in Us (for Our Cause), We will surely Guide them to Our Paths...”* [29:69] [Majmu’ Al-Fatawa 28/442]

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“From what is apparent of the modern civilization of the West, it is preparing the ground for the emergence of the “Dajjal, the (false) Messiah... The beginning of the emergence of the Fitnah that the (false) Messiah will inflict upon the world has occurred in one color or another.”

The Muslim Ummah, as a whole, is under attack by the Crusaders. Its Book and Prophet ﷺ have been insulted... its sons and daughters have been killed... and yet the vast majority of the Ummah is ignorant and immobile to the great wave of events happening around the world. They are busy with the mundane life of this world, oblivious to the blinding reality that lies ahead. However, for as long as Dajjal’s emergence isn’t confirmed, there is yet time for those who truly seek guidance to act and choose a side. Abu Hurayrah ﷺ reported Allah’s Messenger ﷺ as having said: “Hasten to do good deeds before six things happen: the rising of the sun from the west, the smoke, the Dajjal, the beast and (the death) of one of you or the general turmoil.” [Muslim]



Is Today's Fitnah The Fitnah of Dajjal?

We do not emphatically say that this new world order is necessarily the *Fitnah* of Dajjal that has been narrated in the Ahadith regarding the End of Times. However, it is not hidden from the eyes of many that the characteristics of the "New World Order" that the Mujahideen are fighting against are strikingly similar to the *Fitnah* of Dajjal. Many among the people of knowledge have stated so.

Maulana Munazir Ahsan Gilani (RA) writes in his famous book called, "*Dajjali Fitnah ke Numayan Khad-o-Khaal*" (The Prominent Characteristics of the *Dajjali* Fitnah):

"It is true that the Europeans and Americans have continuously been gaining extraordinary capabilities over natural laws over the past two and a half centuries. The citizens of these countries are also using their capabilities to fulfill these "*Dajjali* goals"³, as is evident. "*Kaaf-Faa-Raa*"⁴ i.e.

3. What are these Dajjali goals? The presentation of truth as falsehood, the use of tyrannical authority to subdue the forces of truth, and to send the caravan of humanity from the path of Paradise to the path of Hell-fire etc... And Allah ﷻ Knows best! - Ed.

4. These Arabic letters will be written on the forehead of Dajjal, as the Sahih Ahadith testify – refer to the previous issues of this article - Ed.

Kufr and atheism or deviating from or being fed up of God⁵ is the common stamp of the present Western civilization. Every knowledgeable or ignorant person knows and recognizes this, if some ray of faith exists inside him. Today Europe is actively working to create despondency and dissatisfaction over the system of life which the Prophets of Allah ﷻ had presented to the slaves of Allah ﷻ, according to His Will. Seeing Europe's diligence in this task, the meaning of those prophecies of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is understood in which it is mentioned that the believer will go near Dajjal, but when he will return, he will find sparks of various doubts and uncertainties bursting inside him. It is also being seen that this fire of *Fitnah* is going beyond men and surrounding women too.(...)

... And it is also true that though Europe has not made the claim of godhood openly in front of the world yet, but with the ideological pace that the people have been made accustomed to in this age, the final result of this advance is and will only be that mankind will be accepted as the final authoritative power of this universe instead

5. We seek Allah's ﷻ refuge from such blasphemy. Far Exalted is He ﷻ from what they attribute to Him - Ed.

of God. The issue of evolution which is the sole pathway of the Western thought, itself takes thinkers towards this conclusion. In fact, Europe and America have become centers of all kinds of muscle and power today, among human beings. Hence even if the word "God" is not used to refer to leaders and representatives of the Western civilization, and if the word "God" is used to refer to the Power over which there is no power, then split open the hearts of those people today that are under the influence of the Western civilization... this same belief and feeling will be found within them... that there is no one greater than the Europeans and Americans, and that the upper limit of all excellence is found in them. (...)

...Even the claim of the emergence of Dajjal, the (false) Messiah whose mention along with his specific qualities is found in the Prophecies, is before its true time. However, this much is true that from what is apparent of the modern civilization of the West, it is preparing the ground for the emergence of the "Dajjal, the (false) Messiah". This is because in the modern Renaissance of Europe, the work that is being conducted using the power and authority that Europe has - it is the same work that "Dajjal, The (false) Messiah" will carry out using his power and authority.

Europe is clearing or has already cleared the way for making the rejection of God or being tired with Him beloved to everyone.⁶ But the dare to claim its own godhood instead of God is still not present. Dajjal, the (false) Messiah will conclude this story. Whatever the case, the correct, clear and weighed opinion - in which there remains no need to

6. Ibid.

stretch the words of Prophethood or come up with some detailed interpretations is that the claim of the emergence of Dajjal, the (false) Messiah is before its time. **However, it should at least be accepted that the beginning of the emergence of the *Fitnah* that the (false) Messiah will inflict upon the world has occurred in one color or another – this much should be accepted. In other words, it can be said that regardless of whether Dajjal has emerged or not, the *Dajjali* fire has indeed erupted."**

The above extract was written towards the end of the last century. With the events that have unfolded during the last 20-30 years throughout the world, it seems that Europe and America are indeed heading towards that very same road of ignominy.

"Corruption has appeared throughout the land and sea by [reason of] what the hands of people have earned so He may let them taste part of [the consequence of] what they have done that perhaps they will return [to righteousness]." [30:41]

The Terrible Nature of Today's Fitn

There have been many kinds of views among the Muslim Ummah regarding explaining the *Fitnah* of Dajjal in context of the world we live in. A lot of the Muslims take the line of what are known as "conspiracy theories" among the West. They discuss the possibilities of a freemasonic secret order that has fully infiltrated the Governments of the world and that has built hegemony over international policies. Others spend a lot of their time looking at secret symbols

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that are found in the logos of multinational companies and organizations that supposedly represent the secret cult of freemasonry that is the forerunner of Dajjal. Yet others speak of "backtracking" in songs, "subliminal messages" in cartoons and film cultures, and satanic and freemasonic infiltrations in media and economic institutions. There is also a regular group of Muslims who unfortunately even believe that 9/11 was a Jewish plot to attack America, so that America could come up with an excuse to attack the world of Islam!

Our take on all these theories is that the world of Kufr is not at all hidden for us to explore secret societies and cults that have infiltrated the governments of the World. The very fact that Kuffar are ruling over the countries of the world, who do not take Islam as their religion, is the most worrying of facts and enough as a reason for us to label this world order as satanic. For Allah ﷻ has cleared for us the picture in His Glorious Book:

"... Verily, the disbelievers are ever unto you open enemies." [4:101]

The very fact that the puppets imposed upon the countries of the Muslim world are fully allied with their Crusading masters against the Mujahideen, and have replaced the Law of Allah ﷻ from the land of Allah ﷻ and are fighting the men of Allah ﷻ with their nationalistic armies is enough of a reason for us to understand the heinous nature of this New World Order. Yes, it is true that many of the world media organizations are owned by Jews, and so are the majority of the large multi-national companies and economic institutions – but at the same time, the very fact that a Kufr order is rampant in the entire world is enough of an evidence for a Muslim to understand the evil nature of the systems of life prevalent around the globe. Of course Kufr, freemasonic or otherwise, is evil enough in its reality to pose as a threat to Islam and Muslims!

Therefore, let us look a tad deeper and understand the basic philosophies and beliefs that govern this disbelieving system and its *Dajjali* nature, for this is what will truly help us in understanding our enemy and realizing the merits of our struggle:

The Modern Secular Enlightenment

The most dangerous of missions that this *Dajjali* system seeks to accomplish is not to force Muslims to verbally give up Islam. Rather, it assiduously seeks to convince Muslims that they can retain their faith and fit into the capitalistic, secular, democratic world order (when in fact this is impossible). It does not tell them directly to apostatize. Rather, it creates an environment for the Muslim of today in which he is required to give up several fundamentals of his religion (at times, not even knowing that he is giving them up) – an environment where alliance and enmity upon Islam is rendered irrelevant... an environment where *Zina* and *Riba* are considered social norms... where even keeping a beard and wearing a veil is frowned upon... where blasphemy against the Prophet ﷺ is not even a crime... where Allah's *Hudood* Laws are considered outdated... where Jihad is a crime punishable by imprisonment and death... where a Muslim can become an apostate without any blame... where praiseworthy zeal for the religion is considered "extremism" etc... where the media daily criticizes various aspects of the Shariah openly...

And what is the root of all this? The root is the firm attack that the secular order inflicts upon the basic *Aqeedah* of the Muslim – the attack on the Muslim declaration of faith of *La ilaha ill Allah Muhammad ur Rasoolullah!*

How does this attack take place? Well, quite simply, the new world order also has a declaration of faith. It is, as what many of the scholars have said, the declaration that "There is no god but man" (We seek Allah's Refuge from this). Maulana Muhammad Ahmad Hafiz writes in his excellent treatise, "*Sarmayadarana Jamhoori Nizam ki Shar'i Haisiat*" (The *Shar'i* Status of the Capitalistic Democratic System):

"According to these western philosophers, reason alone can be used to arrive at comprehensive and utter truths. Hence, if man alone can decide what is good or bad in this world then the question of "worshipping/obeying God" becomes irrelevant. In reality, this new-age thinking has resulted in an intellect-worshipping man replacing God on the throne (God Forbid). Descartes used to say: 'Why should I proclaim a Being as Truth when it all seems



to be mere imagination?’

This rationalistic philosophy gained popularity in the whole of Europe and affected all aspects of the way people lived their lives. Among others who propounded this new-age philosophy included Voltaire, Kant, Nietzsche, Schopenhauer, Hegel, Feuerbach, Marx and Angles etc. The collective fruit of their views can be described as follows:

1. Man is the central main character in the Universe (Anthropocentricity)⁷
2. Freedom is ideal⁸
3. Equality is value⁹
4. Reason is the criterion

When man is declared the central character in the Universe and freedom is declared ideal then what follows is that man’s intellect alone is the criterion between right and wrong. The result is that man worships himself or his own desires. The fulfillment of these desires is not possible without taking this world as a Paradise; and to make this world a Paradise, capital is needed.

Since the western philosophers do not

7. By this, the philosophers meant that the “assessment of reality must be made through an exclusively human perspective” – this means a clear denial of revelation and a (false) supposition that man is the highest power in a universe that has spun into existence out of nothing, and that is consistently evolving – Ed

8. By “Freedom” they meant that man is free to do whatever he wants in this life, and he possesses the freedom to decide rights and wrongs. This false supposition of freedom stems from the denial of God and man’s reality of being a slave of God. In reality this definition of freedom actually means slavery, which makes man a slave of his own desire or the desires of other human beings instead of a slave of Allah... Ed.

9. By “Equality”, they meant that all human beings are legally equal (under the capitalistic law) regardless of religion, race, gender etc... Ed.

necessarily affirm that this world will come to an end, therefore the result is a man who wants to make his stay in this life as lengthy and comfortable as possible. **It can be henceforth said that modern epistemology is uniting people on a clear declaration of: “La illaha illal Insaan” (There is no god but man).** It becomes necessary for the human being, therefore, to gather as much capital as possible to declare reaffirmation in his own godhood.”

This is what the secular revolutions and the new world order have given us – the belief that rights and wrongs can be decided (absolutely) by man’s intellect, and man does not stand in need of revelation. There was a Facebook poll from around 3-4 years ago in which it was asked (to the effect), “Was religion the main reason of conflict among mankind?” And from among the great number of people who voted in from around the world, the vast majority said ‘Yes!’... Since man is now “free” and in the evolved “new age”, religion is “a thing of the past that men invented from their own minds”; so the problem that stopped mankind’s progression (and kept them engaged in conflict) was religion. (So let’s stop these conflicts based on religion today)... They make this claim while the reality is that *Kufr* was the main source of conflict amongst mankind! All of mankind was Muslim (worshippers of One God) through the Prophet Adam ﷺ and those who differed from this natural state of collectivism were Kuffar.

“Mankind were one community and Allah sent Prophets with glad tidings and warnings, and with them He sent the Scripture in truth to judge between people in matters wherein they differed...” [2:213]

Allah ﷻ Created everyone to worship Him Alone: “And I (Allah) created not the jinns and humans except they should worship Me (Alone).” [51:56]

And this is the natural order, and *Kufr* is *Baatil* (falsehood) in that it has no reality. The real dividers of mankind are those who deny Allah’s ﷻ true religion that guarantees peace on earth. No matter how much widespread the Kuffar may be, the truth is the truth...

*And the pure heart shall testify
If you would only gaze
That Allah is Our Merciful Lord
And we are none but His slaves...*

The fundamentals of this modern system are based on complete rejection of Divine Revelation as a valid source of knowledge upon which the proper course of action in this world may be based. They restrict (useful) knowledge to what they term as mere scientific fact. For example, just because revelation orders that interest based banks are to be abolished is irrelevant because interest results in (seemingly) greater wealth and benefit. Revelation bans illicit relations between man and woman whereas the modern civilization does not see any harm in it, because they do not harm what is utmost necessary: gaining capital! The fulfillment of personal desires is in no way a harm because the concept of an afterlife is the stuff of old stories, and there is no accountability for any of our actions! Therefore on this same premise, homosexuality is also considered legal. According to them, the Mujahideen are disturbing the “peace” of this world – a peace in which everyone is busy fulfilling

Shaykh Abdul Hadi says: “But the sad point is that the Muslims who have accepted the Western thoughts and ideologies do not accede that they are practically involved in a clear apostasy; plus, neither do the Islamic scholars pay attention towards this issue that the apostasy of the modern day, which displays itself under the flag of Communism and Western Liberalism sometimes, and Democracy at others, is in reality a denial of the *Hakimiyyah* of Allah ﷻ”

their purpose of life – gaining capital in this world and enjoyment! (We seek Allah’s ﷻ refuge from all this)

The logical consequence of not worshipping Allah ﷻ Alone, and not taking Islam as a system of life is that men of imperfect intellects seek to explain the reality of this life and build socio-economic-political systems... they falter... but in doing so, they become (false) gods to other men who seek legislation from other men like them. The modern man fears men as he should fear Allah ﷻ. He loves and hates for other than Allah ﷻ. He takes his laws and his rights and wrongs from other than Allah ﷻ. He lays his hopes and dreams on other than Allah ﷻ. He loves others more than he loves Allah ﷻ – all this goes on and Allah The Exalted provides him with food, clothing, shelter and everything he has... How Merciful is Allah ﷻ! And how astray is most of mankind today! []

To be Continued...



1 In order that the disbelievers do not dominate



3 Fear of Hell-fire



4 Fulfilling the duty of Jihad, and responding to the call of the Lord.

5 Following in the footsteps of the Pious Predecessors

2 Due to the scarcity of men.

6 Establishing a solid foundation as a base for Islam

Why we Do Jihad

By Shaykh Abdullah Azzam
[Extracted from his book "Join the Caravan"]



7 Protecting those who are oppressed in the land.

8 Hoping for martyrdom



14 Prosperity of the Ummah, and surplus of its resources

10 Protecting the dignity of the Ummah, and repelling the conspiracy of its enemies

11 Preservation of the earth, and protection from corruption

16 Jihad is the most excellent form of worship, and by means of it the Muslim can reach the highest of ranks.



9 A shield for the Ummah, and a means for lifting disgrace off them



12 Security of Islamic places of worship

15 Jihad is the highest peak of Islam

13 Protection of the Ummah from punishment, disfiguration and displacement

Rulings on the Participants of a Democratic System

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Before reading this article it is recommended to go through Shaykh Abu Mus'ab Al-Zarqawi's article titled "The Religion of Democracy" in the first issue of Azan Magazine.

Ruling of Secular Politicians and Military Officers who Bear Full Faith in Democracy

When it has been established that Democracy is a separate and proper *Deen*¹, which, from its very foundation, is in opposition to Islam, then the question is that what will be the ruling of this secular political leadership and the high-ranking officials of the military institutions of the country, who verbally avow faith in Islam and also bear faith in the *Deen* of Democracy at the same time, while openly confessing it as well, and who use the entire state force for the defense of this *Deen* of

1. The word *Deen* is used here instead of religion because "religion" in contemporary vocabulary has developed certain connotations that restrict its application to some beliefs and rituals. However, the Arabic word *Deen* has a more vast meaning, implying beliefs, worship and also a complete way and code of life for all socio-economic-political spheres of the society... Ed.

Democracy and the prevention of the implementation of Shariah?

Will reciting the '*Kalima*' (Muslim declaration of faith) give them any benefit? Isn't considering any other *Deen* holy along with Islam and taking oath of its allegiance the rejection of Islam and the glorification of *Kufr*?

Answer:

The sanctified Shariah in clear and emphatic terms declares any person a Kafir (an infidel) who bears faith in another Deen along with Islam. Mere recitation of the *Kalima* will not benefit such a person because a person's recitation of the *Kalima* and faith in a *Deen* other than Islam is tantamount to rejecting the *Kalima* he recited with his tongue. It should be clear that if someone verbally accepts Islam and all its commands but commits a sin that does not expel him from the fold of Islam, then such a person will be considered a Muslim. But the problem case here is entirely different, as stated above.

Objection:

Some people might not have

understood the subject yet and may say that the ones running the democratic system do not consider Democracy in opposition to Islam; rather, they have faith in the Noble Quran and they use Democracy as merely a political system? Therefore it is '*Al-Kufr al-Asghar*' (minor *Kufr*) not '*Al-Kufr al-Akbar*' (major *Kufr*)²?

Answer:

Ok, let us accept this claim and now see what kind of faith this governing faction has in the Noble Quran and what is the verdict of the Shariah of Muhammad ﷺ about such faith. These people believe about this democratic system that only a constitution made under it is worthy of being implemented in the country and that the creation of Allah ﷻ should live their lives in subjection to this constitution. It is necessary for every citizen to obey and honor it and be loyal to it. If someone honors a constitution

2. *Al-Kufr al-Asghar* is a huge sin but it does not take one out of the fold of Islam. However, *Al-Kufr al-Akbar* takes a person out of the fold of Islam, provided any impediments do not exist – refer to the discussions regarding the impediments of *Takfir* further on in the article... Ed.

(e.g. Constitution of Quran³) other than this, or decides upon or seeks a decision (verdict) according to the Quran, or tries to run his affairs according to the Quran, then such a person or region will be termed a rebel of this system and will be crushed with the force of Army and Police, and doing so would be *Halal* (meaning "constitutional"), in fact obligatory (duty) for the Army and Police according to this Democratic shariah. Those police or army men who participate in this 'noble deed' will be rewarded with honorable gifts and given additional salaries whereas those who fight against this Army will be made an example out of. If someone burns the Noble Quran, they do not get angry but if someone burns the democratic flag they get enraged. If someone blasphemes against Muhammad ﷺ, the benefactor of mankind, the tranquility of our hearts, the Mercy for all the worlds, they preach peace and accord but if their judiciary is defamed (insulted), the entire system (machinery) moves into action. If someone calls the law of Allah ﷻ wild and barbaric, he remains sitting in the Parliament. But if someone blasphemes against this democratic satanic constitution, he is not just kicked out from the parliament but this world as well.

3. By constitution of Quran, it is meant that the whole Shariah in itself is a "constitution" in the modern sense of the word... So in the presence of the Quran and Sunnah (and the sciences that entail it), there is no need of this modern, contemporary form of "constitution" ... Ed.

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If the dominant majority of the parliament rejects the Shariah of Allah ﷻ, there is no punishment for it but if a Muslim calls for the Implementation of Shariah after rejecting this system, he becomes (like what they did to) Swat and *Jamia Hafsa*⁴. Helping the Kuffar against the Muslims is no crime in this system while fighting the enemies of Muslims on the basis of the *Kalima* in any part of the globe is terrorism. The Army stands deserving of honorable gifts if it goes to Palestine to cooperate with the Jews against the Muslims of Palestine while a Mujahid is jailed if he goes to help the oppressed Palestinians.

Fighting from the British side against the Khilafah is *Halal* (legal) but fighting against the British for the revival of Khilafah is *Haram* (illegal). The security of the Americans, who come here for the mass murder of Muslims, is the *Fardh* (duty) of the agents of this system but if the descendants of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ come here from Makkah and Madinah to help their Muslim brothers, even their modest, veiled women are made examples out of. Kashmir is ours.... But Muslims are mass murdered there and if someone wants to wage Jihad against these murderers without the consent of the rulers, he is accused of breaking the treaty; but in reality, in the presence of oppression in Kashmir, how

4. The *Madrasah* (seminary) adjacent to the *Lal Masjid* in Islamabad which was destroyed by Musharraf and his army when they refused to back down from their demand of the Shariah

can the Indian Hindus be given peace?

All these matters are repeatedly confessed by them (see their statements) and their actions are according to these as well. **Therefore, the Shariah does not command us to dissect their hearts and see what's inside; rather, it applies the ruling upon their apparent words and actions.**

The Kufr of rulers is above doubt!

Also, the state of the secular political and military leadership, about whom you say that they have faith in the Quran, have been stopping the implementation of this Quran with power and insolence – and not for one or two years... for 65 years! Therefore, if you do not term it *Kufr Jahood* (Kufr of rejection) how can you doubt it being *Kufr 'Inaad* (Kufr of stubbornness)? Their words and actions testify that they bear malice and obstinacy towards the law and constitution of the Quran and Sunnah, and the Shari' system and its implementation... And this *Kufr 'Inaad* is *Mukhrij 'Anil Millah* i.e. it expels one from the fold of Islam. **This is because it is Kufr to hold malice, obstinacy or dislike towards even one ruling of Islam, or to delay accepting it without an excuse or to oppose it, whereas, in this case, implementation of the entire Shariah has been barred for seven decades.**

Even if more lenience is observed, their evasion from

Shariah i.e. their delay in implementing its commands is clear, and this is also a type of *Kufr Akbar* (Greater Kufr).

As far as acknowledging the truth of the Quran and Islam, and its affirmation was concerned, even the Jews used to do this as well; but they were stubbornly set upon their deliberately-distorted religion, and did not leave it. Same is the case of this ruling faction implanted upon our necks. **Despite the fact that they bear knowledge of the truth of the Quranic laws, acknowledge them verbally, and (some) even act upon some of the Quran's commands in their personal lives, yet when the democratic laws come against them, they consider it Halal (permissible) to use force to reject the laws of Quran;** they term it “Jihad” to fight against those who call for the Shariah; they make the blood and wealth of *Kalima*-bearing Muslims *Halal* for themselves; they label the ones calling for the system of Quran as “*baghi*” (rebels) when in reality, they themselves are *baghi* of Islam.

After deeply analyzing the state of this class, you should justly decide whether they have faith in the Quran or in what they have crafted with their own hands? Whatever they craft becomes practically imposed – and the same becomes custom, constitution and law. The courts run according to whatever they craft... the military and police are (made) for it... the media calls for its worship...

Then again for the next term, efforts and toil are undertaken for the circumambulation and devoutness for that same idol-temple (i.e. parliament) in which gods and idols besides Allah are worshipped...

Therefore, O '*Ulama* of *Haq* (The righteous scholars)! Is it permissible in the Shariah of Muhammad ﷺ that a ruler considers some other Shariah incumbent upon himself alongside the Quran, even if it is the Shariah of the Torah or the Bible? (What is the ruling of a person who) claims to have faith in the Quran and is obstinate upon the implementation of the shariah of democracy (or any other shariah) and who asserts the belief that in this age, no other shariah besides this is practicable? What is the ruling of such a person? What is the ruling of a member of parliament, a military leader, or a judge who declares a constitution that is a mixture of *Kufr* and Islam as sacred, and considers its implementation as his fundamental obligation and the primary objective of his position?

Consider the difference between a hypocrite and a rejecter!

The religious sector of the Muslim countries says about the aforementioned class of people that they are hypocrites at most. To prove this they give the example of the hypocrites of Madinah. They say that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ too did not treat the hypocrites as Kuffar.



If you study the condition of the hypocrites of Madinah, you'll realize yourself that the claim that the Shariah-denying rulers today are similar to the hypocrites of Madinah is false. The hypocrites of Madinah did not openly reject any command or law of the Quran. Although they did use to make excuses for sitting behind from Jihad, **they did not say about Jihad that they do not agree with the lawfulness of an armed struggle.** Neither did they say that they'll judge amongst themselves by other than the constitution of Quran, or that they do not accept the law of stoning to death and whipping. Similarly, they did not say about *Salah* (prayer) that it is a private matter of everyone; whoever wants may offer it, and whoever doesn't may not, whereas the ruling class that is implanted upon this Ummah today openly confesses all these things verbally and also acts accordingly. Therefore, those who say such things are not hypocrites but rejecters of Shariah. And if they insist on calling their false beliefs Islam, then in Shariah such people are called '*Mulhid*' or '*Zindeeq*'.

Democracy is Kufr but not all people in this system are Kafir!

There is no doubt that Democracy is a proper *Deen*. Therefore, it is a clear rejection of Allah ﷻ and His Messenger ﷺ. But it will never be correct to deduce from this that the ruling of Kufr should be applied on anyone involved in

this system, with eyes closed. This is because the word or action of a Muslim being Kufr is one issue and declaring that person a Kafir because of that word or action is another issue. Inattentiveness to this delicate and important difference coupled with carelessness in applying the ruling of Kufr on individuals result in the *Ghuluww* (Extravagance, Excessiveness) that the Prophet ﷺ declared to be the cause of the destruction of nations.

The Prophet ﷺ said (to the effect): "O people! Beware! Stay away from *Ghuluww* in Deen! Because indeed it was *Ghuluww* in Deen that destroyed the people before you!" [Ibn Majah]

There is a proper discussion in the Shariah of Muhammad ﷺ which is called *Takfir Mutlaq* and *Takfir Mu'ayyan*. And precautions regarding this have also been discussed by the '*Ulama*'.

1. ***Takfir-ul-Mutlaq***: To declare as Kufr a word or an act of Kufr. In this category, the general ruling of that word or action is explained and no particular individual is specified.
2. ***Takfir Mu'ayyan***: To specifically declare as Kafir an individual whose word or action constitutes Kufr. In this case, the ruling is applied on a particular individual.

***Mawani' Takfir* (Impediments/Precautions of Pronouncing a Person who Recites the Declaration of Faith as Kafir)**

Mawani' Takfir refer to those impediments that prevent an individual guilty of Kufr from becoming a Kafir. If a Muslim is guilty of some Kufr word or action, the Shariah doesn't apply an abrupt ruling upon him of being a Kafir; rather it halts for a bit i.e. in spite of a Muslim's Kufr word or action, the Shariah doesn't instantly declare him a Kafir. Rather, in such a case as well, there are a few factors that may prevent him from becoming a Kafir; the most important of these factors or impediments are discussed here briefly:

The Excuse of *Jahl* (Ignorance):

In many scenarios, the excuse of ignorance can become a hindrance in declaring a Muslim as a Kafir, despite the Muslim being guilty of a Kufr word or action. This has been narrated by all the people of knowledge within the rules and manners of giving a *Fatwa*. Then, particularly in the case of a system as fraudulent as Democracy, wherein there lie a great many reasons for ignorance regarding its real face and its Shar'i ruling - many famous '*Ulama*' have given *Fatawa* in its favor, because of which the common people have fallen in error, and the throats of the '*Ulama*' who oppose Democracy are being forcibly strangled in order to

keep their voice away from the common Muslim... Keeping all these circumstances in mind, **it is indeed an important responsibility of the Mufti to keep the excuse of ignorance in front of him before pronouncing as Kafir, a person who considers Democracy (as) correct or who is a participant in the democratic system. At least those people who do not understand the reality of this system or to whom the Kufr (of Democracy) has not become clear will be declared excused.** And although they have fallen into an extremely dangerous crime, it is necessary to pause, research and remove ignorance before passing a *Fatwa* of Kufr regarding them. Allama Anwar Shah Kashmiri RA says:

It is stated in the chapter *Al-Jam' wal Farq'* (Addition and Subtraction) of *Al-Ashbah wal Nadhair* (Similarities and Comparisons) and in *Al-Yateemah*:

"Whoever assumes, on the basis of ignorance, that the *Haram* and prohibited actions he has committed are *Halal* and permitted for him, then if they (actions and deeds) are from the matters that are certainly and decisively known to be from the *Deen* of the Prophet of Allah's *Deen* (i.e. they are from the necessities of *Deen* i.e. the essential matters of the *Deen*), then that person will be declared a Kafir, otherwise not."⁵

5. ["*Ikfar Al-Mulhideen*" Pg. 197]

The Excuse of *Ikraah* (Compulsion)

If a person is threatened with death or cutting off of a fundamental organ of the body, with the overwhelming probability that if he does not say the word of Kufr, he will be killed or a fundamental organ of his body will be cut off, then in such a case, it is allowed for him to utter a word of Kufr, provided that his heart is firm and satisfied upon faith. Yes, it is better if he prefers martyrdom over the word of Kufr. Such a compulsion is termed as *Ikraah* in the terminology of Shariah. **However, it should be clear that permission to commit any and all crimes cannot be given on the basis of *Ikraah* (compulsion), e.g. killing another Muslim illegitimately to save one's own life, helping the Kuffar against other Muslims to save one's country, etc. Using the excuse of compulsion for all these evil actions will not be correct.**

Thus, *Ikraah* can also be an impediment in declaring someone a Kafir. This is a detailed discussion, the details of which can be seen in the books of *Fiqh*.

The Excuse of *Ta'weel* (Interpretation)

"*Ta'weel*" can also be one of the hindrances in declaring a Muslim as Kafir despite the presence of some Kufr aspect in him; an example of this is the *Ta'weel* of a person to enter into Democracy despite

“Calling Democracy Kufr does not necessarily dictate that all people who are involved in it - in whatever level, in whatever way - are excluded from the religion without distinguishing (between them). Neither have we said this and nor is it the way of the Mujahideen to adopt such careless and exaggerated opinions.”

considering the system wrong – but since, according to him, there is no other way left to establish an Islamic Government, he will strive to bring Shariah through this (system). Although we differ with this *Ta’weel*, and it is possible to give dozens of arguments to prove this *Ta’weel* wrong and even though it is a grave crime to enter into this filthy Kufr system even with this *Ta’weel*, but, in many cases, this *Ta’weel* saves/prevents a person involved in Democracy from being declared a Kafir. **This is the *Ta’weel* that constitutes the difference between secular, anti-Islamic parties and the Islamic parties that are involved in Democracy. And it is also necessary to do this differentiation and not tar all the parties with the same brush, without distinguishing.**

In short, *Ta’weel* can also be an impediment in declaring someone a Kafir, though its details are also present in Shariah as to which *Ta’weel* is acceptable and when.

Applying the Ruling of Kufr on Someone is not the Job of a Common Man

We have briefly discussed some *Mawani’ Takfir* here so that our readers understand this difference that all the discussions in the book are basically proving the Kufr of the system of Democracy and the religion of Democracy; however, applying rulings on specific people or groups participating in it is not our objective.

Moreover, **calling Democracy Kufr does not necessarily**

dictate that all people who are involved in it – at any level, in any way – are, in our opinion, excluded from the religion without differentiating (between them). Neither have we said this and nor is it the way of the Mujahideen to adopt such careless and exaggerated opinions. Deducing such a meaning from this book will certainly not be correct.

Yes! We definitely want to warn our beloved Ummah of the danger of Democracy in a nice and clear way and present the real despicable, faith-threatening face of Democracy in front of the Ummah so that it can save itself from this harmful disease, and wage struggle against it.

Furthermore, the following saying of the Prophet of Allah ﷺ should also remain in front of the readers. The Prophet ﷺ said (to the effect):

“Whoever calls his brother Kafir, then the Kufir returns to one of them” [Bukhari, Muslim]

This Hadith means that if there really is some Kufir present in the person who was called a Kafir, then that person is a Kafir; but if a person declared another person as a Kafir without research and there is no Kufir present in him, then the former (i.e. the one who called the other Kafir) will himself be guilty of a grave sin.⁶

6. In the hadith, the returning of Kufir does not mean that the caller (of the other person as Kafir) has himself become a Kafir. Rather, the objective is to describe the intensity of the sin. In *Fathul Bari*, Ibn Hajr RA has stated the preferred opinion

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said (to the effect):

“Two people will not be together in Paradise – of whom one says to his brother, ‘O Kafir!’” [Musnad Ishaq bin Rahwiah]

This means that whoever calls a Muslim a Kafir (in whom there is no Kufir present) committed an act that can deprive him of Paradise.

Hence, if a person is involved in a Kufir, **a common man should not call him a Kafir until the truthful ‘Ulama give a Fatwa of him being a Kafir; but that Kufir action will definitely be called Kufir.**

So we can divide people into three categories regarding the discussion of *Takfir* (declaring a person as Kafir):

- 1. The Common Muslim:** For any common Muslim, even if he is a Mujahid, it is not allowed to start applying the ruling of Kufir on common people or on an *Aalim* (scholar) after reading these discussions. Doing so can definitely put his faith in danger. Therefore, all that a non-scholar is supposed to do is to save himself, his family and relatives from this Kufir; and he is not supposed to apply rulings on others.
- 2. The ‘Aalim (Scholar):** The people of knowledge should

in the explanation of the Hadith: “The outcome is that if the person who was called a Kafir is a Kafir in reality, then the case is such and if he is not a Kafir then the blame and sin will fall back upon the one who said it.”

save themselves from this Kufir and elaborate the Kufir of Democracy in front of people. However, it is not even the job of any and every scholar to apply the ruling of Kufir on a specific group, people or scholar because a particular level of depth and expertise in knowledge is required for this job, which is attained by only a few *‘Ulama*.

- 3. Muhaqqiq ‘Ulama (expert, truthful, trustworthy ‘Ulama):**

Declaring someone a Kafir is not the job of any common person; rather, it is a highly sensitive issue. Therefore, it is more appropriate for the *Muhaqqiq ‘Ulama* to not fear the blame of the blamers in the matters of Allah ﷻ and be fearful of being caught on the Day of Judgment for the crime of concealing the truth. They should declare the truth in any case, according to the principles of knowledge and the manners and principles of *Fatwa* while keeping the heart’s emotions, the self’s desires and personal inclinations all aside, no matter how much the people of authority and the claimers of godhood dislike it. One day, everyone has to stand before the Real God. Successful is the one who fears standing before Him and becomes free from the fear of every worldly power. Even today, it is He who distributes death and life. It is He Whose Kingdom encompasses everything. Those who inoculate poison in jails, kill truthful *‘Ulama*

and Mujahideen and then throw them on the streets are nothing!

Democracy and a few 'Ulama

Here, a question will definitely be raised that if Democracy is Kufr, then why do a few 'Ulama participate in this system, and what is the ruling regarding them?

About the 'Ulama who participated in this system and have left this world now, we will only say that the Kufr of Democracy did not become evident to them. Hence, this is an 'Udhr (Excuse) in Shariah, and because of this 'Udhr, Takfir of a particular person cannot be made. Furthermore, witnesses are present regarding many famous personalities from among them (i.e. the 'Ulama who participated in Democracy) that in the end, they disavowed themselves from this Democracy.

Whether a Kufr becomes manifest to someone or not, or that it becomes manifest earlier to some than others - this is not against someone's piety and knowledge.

It is not against the piety and knowledge of someone that a Kufr did not become manifest to him, or that it became manifest earlier to some others before him. It is useless in this discussion to say that if Democracy were Kufr, why don't all the great 'Ulama declare it as Kufr?

It should be remembered

that Allah ﷻ chose specific personalities in every era, to make truth and falsehood evident and to clear off the dirt that falls onto the manifest religion.

This is the Grace of Allah ﷻ for whoever receives it.

Sayyidina (Our Leader) Umar Farooq (RA) was given the title of *Al-Farooq* (One who distinguishes between truth and falsehood) by the trustworthy angel *Jibreel* (Gabriel) ﷺ. But when *Sayyidina* Abu Bakr ﷺ declared war against those who refused to pay Zakah, Umar Farooq ﷺ said that would he (Abu Bakr ﷺ) fight against those who recite the *Kalima*? Later on, he himself said that Allah ﷻ had opened the chest of Abu Bakr ﷺ. The excellence of Umar ﷺ cannot decrease due to this incident; but it is Allah's *Sunnah* (way) that, in the first stage, the splendors of Allah's Mercy fall upon the heart of a single person or a group.

Pick up the history of Islam and reflect... For bringing the Khilafah on the method of Prophethood - *Sayyidina* Hussain ﷺ; Against the *Fitnah* (trial) of the creation of the Quran - Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal (RA); Against the *Fitnah* of the Crusaders - Sultan Salahuddin Ayyubi (RA); for saving the Islamic world from the effects of the *Fitnah* of Tattar (Mongols) - Shaykh-ul-Islam, Mujahid of the battlefield, marcher towards the jail for the sake of the truth, the one who ascended for meeting the Beloved from within bars - the true successor of Imam Abu

Hanifa (RA) and Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal (RA)... Imam Ibn Taymiyyah (RA); Against Akbar's religion - Mujaddid Alf Sani (RA); For strengthening the government during its decline with the power of knowledge and belief in the (Indian) sub-continent - Shah Waliullah Muhaddith Dehlvi (RA); In laying the foundation of Jihad and *Qital* (war) for the establishment of Shariah in the Islamic Hind - Sayyid Ahmad Shaheed (RA); for denying the excuse of (lack of) numeral strength against a strong enemy and appearing in the battlefield of Shamli - Qasim Nanotwi (RA); In revealing the hidden Kufr of the Shia cult, when it had successfully broken in into the homes of *Ahlus Sunnah* - Haq Nawaz Jhangvi (RA); In establishing an Islamic state upon the precept of Quran and Sunnah, when even the people of knowledge had become disappointed about its practical establishment, and when the (discussion of) Khilafah had even been removed from the educational curriculum - *Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen* (Leader of the believers) Mulla Muhammad Umar Mujahid (HA)... In calling out and burying the arrogance of a Pharaoh America that claimed *Ana Rabbukumul A'ala* (I am your lord most high)⁷ in the ashes of the Pentagon and the World Trade Center - the Martyr of the Ummah - Shaykh Usama bin Laden (RA); the challenger of the Kufr of Parvez Musharraf and his army... the leader of his time - Ghazi Abdul Rasheed Shaheed

7. Pharaoh of the time of Musa ﷺ said this, as mentioned in the Quran in Surah Nazi'at, Ayah 24

(RA)..... The list is quite long, but if only my people could repay the debt of the favors of these few!

All of this history should be enough for us to understand that in every era, a single personality is chosen against any *Fitnah* (trial) in the beginning. Then, an announcement of their *Qubooliyyah* (acceptance) is made in the heavens. So blessings and good fortune are for those who rebel against falsehood and join the ranks of the truthful, after truth and falsehood become evident; and misfortune and evil are for those who do not accept the truth due to stubbornness and obstinacy.

Therefore, not accepting Democracy as Kufr only because great 'Ulama have not called it Kufr is no argument. And neither does it necessarily follow that we start abusing the 'Ulama.

Allama Dhahabi (RA) says:

"The errors of anyone from the great 'Ulama and the *Imams* of knowledge, whose correctness of most opinions, yearning for truth, vastness of knowledge, depth of intelligence and understanding, religiousness and piety, and passion for adherence to truth is known, will be overlooked; and neither will he be termed misguided, nor will he be cast away and nor will his favors be forgotten (because of his errors). Yes! But we will not follow him in his *Bid'ah* (innovation) or his mistake and will hope from Allah that He will forgive his faults."⁸

8. *Al-Amal-ul-Islami Baina Dawal Ijtima'i*

Hafiz Adh-Dhahabi (RA) said: "The errors of the great Ulama and the Imams of knowledge, whose correctness of most opinions, yearning for truth, vastness of knowledge, depth of intelligence and understanding, religiousness and piety and adherence to truth is known, will be overlooked; and neither will they be termed misguided, nor will be they cast away and nor will their favors be forgotten (because of their errors). Yes! But we will not follow him in his Bid'ah (innovation) or his mistake and will hope from Allah that He will forgive their faults."

Hence, we will say about the 'Ulama who participated in Democracy and are no longer in this world that the Kufr of Democracy did not become evident to them. Furthermore, prolonging this discussion is neither in favor of our Dawah, nor is it our subject. Even in this matter, we should not leave the moderate path of our predecessors who would merely say about these matters that:

"That was a nation who has passed away. They shall receive the reward of what they earned, and you of what you earn. And you will not be asked of what they used to do." [2:141]

The fact of the matter is that we should strive to save ourselves and our families from this Kufr.

wa Du'atin Nizai' Pg. 62 (The Islamic Course of Action Between the Means that Create Unity and the Callers Towards Conflict: Published by The Center for Islamic Lectures and Discussions in Pakistan – With foreword by Shaykh Usama bin Laden RA)

The Reality of Mildness and Severity Among the 'Ulama Regarding the Matter of Takfir

Allama Anwar Shah Kaashmiri RA has explained this in a very easy manner. He says:

"And this difference of opinion is based upon the variations in circumstances of the people of authorship. Therefore, whichever author confronted whichever misguided sect, and got the chance of going into the depth of their misguidance, and attained knowledge and certainty of the harm to the religion that their beliefs and actions would bring about, he adopted severity regarding them - and such extreme severity that he completely destroyed them until not even their name or sign remained.

And the author, who did not have such a confrontation and did not get the chance to reach the depth of the misguidance, while considering them Muslim and *Ahl-ul-Qiblah* (People of the *Qiblah*), refrained from calling them Kafir due to their original state out of caution."⁹

9. ["*Ikfaar Al-Mulhideen*" Pg. 289]

Measure for The Common People in Following 'Ulama

Now the problem is that in such a delicate time, what should the masses do? A common Muslim sees that there are people called 'Ulama who are involved in raising the flag of this Democracy. In fact, there is a significant number of populace that is following them.

Mufti Shafi (RA) has said an excellent thing regarding this. In *Ma'ariful Quran, Surah Maida*, after the tafsir (exegesis) of Ayahs 41-43, he says in the *Ma'arif-o-Masail*:

"In this, just like there are warnings for those who commit *Tahreef* (false interpretation) and add wrong things to the Commandments of Allah and the Messenger's *Deen*, in the same way, there is a declaration of "severe criminals" regarding those who make such people their Imams (leaders) and become habitual of listening to fabricated and wrong narrations. There is an important, essential guidance in this for the Muslims – that even though the only way for the ignorant masses to act upon the

religion is to follow the *Fatwa* and teachings of 'Ulama, yet they are not absolved from the responsibility of researching about those they follow with at least as much research as a sick person would do before going to a doctor or physician. He enquires from acquaintances as to which doctor has expertise regarding his illness... which physician is good, what certificates he has attained, what do the people go through who visit his clinic and are undergoing his treatment... If even after his maximum possible research, he gets trapped in the web of a fake doctor or physician or if he commits an error, then he is not blameworthy according to the people of intellect. But the person who gets trapped in the scheme of a quack without doing research about him first and then gets into trouble will himself be responsible for his suicide according to the people of intellect. This same case applies to the common people regarding their religious affairs."¹⁰ []

10. The above extract is taken from between the chapter "*The Ruling on the Individuals and Groups Participating in Democracy*" of Maulana Asim Umar's book "*The Battle of Adyan (Religions)*" from Pg. 135 to 159

Ibn Taymiyyah (RA) related from Imam Abdullah ibn Mubarak (RA) and Imam Ahmad Ibn Hanbal (RA) that they said: "If the people disagree regarding anything, then look at what the Mujahidin say – since the truth is with them; because Allah says: "As for those who strive in Us (for Our Cause), We will surely Guide them to Our Paths..." [29:69] [Majmu' Al-Fatawa 28/442]



THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE ISLAMIC KHILAFAH

MAULANA QARI TAYYAB (RA), IMAM MAWARDI (RA)



All Praise is due to Allah ﷻ, and may His Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Discussions about Islamic Khilafah and its true nature are gaining momentum among the Muslims of today as the Jihad to establish it strengthens around the globe. Therefore, it is necessary for the Muslim of today to understand what the fundamentals of Islamic Khilafah are and what constitutes proper leadership of Muslims. In this (adapted and translated) extract from two stalwarts of Islamic scholarship - Maulana Qari Tayyab (RA) (from his book “*Fitri Hakumat*” (Natural Government)), and Imam Mawardi (RA) (from his book “*Ahkam As-Sultaniyyah*”), the authors briefly explain: Fundamentals of Islamic Khilafah and Obligations of the Imam of Muslims... May Allah ﷻ make it of benefit for the entire Ummah...

WHAT IS THE ISLAMIC KHILAFAH?

When the *Hakmiyyah* (Sovereignty) and Kingship of Allah ﷻ passes from the existential circle and enters into the legislative realm¹ and when man, the noblest creation of the universe, by virtue of his status as the vicegerent of Allah ﷻ, implements the Shariah revealed by Allah ﷻ on earth, then this is called “Islamic Khilafah”.

Khilafah is the practical manifestation on earth of Allah’s ﷻ Kingship of the heavens. Just as the Kingship of the heavens belongs to Allah ﷻ in the same manner, the *Hakmiyyah* (Sovereignty) of the earth also befits Him alone, and establishing this very *Hakmiyyah* (Sovereignty) is called Khilafah.

1. This means that Sovereignty and Kingship belong to Allah ﷻ Alone, and this Sovereignty is established by the human being as a legislative system on earth which is an expression of the Sovereignty of Allah ﷻ, in consistence with the rest of the universe. So, Allah ﷻ is The Sovereign, and His Sovereignty is established on earth by man’s implementation of Allah’s Law in his collective life, and this is the passing of the *Hakimiyyah* from the “existential” circle to the “legislative” realm... Ed.



Seven Fundamentals of Islamic Khilafah

1 SUPREME AUTHORITY BELONGS TO ALLAH ﷻ ALONE:

Just as Supreme Authority belongs to Allah ﷻ in the Kingdom of the heavens, similarly, Supreme Authority in a Khilafah also rests with Allah ﷻ Alone. And it is for the implementation of Allah's Government on earth that the truthful Prophet ﷺ or a successor of his ﷺ (called the *Ameer* or Khalifah [Caliph]) has been made Allah's ﷻ Deputy or Governor.

So, in the system of Khilafah, *Hakmiyyah* (Sovereignty) of Allah ﷻ Alone is acknowledged. And since it has been acceded to through the Prophet of Allah ﷻ, therefore the obedience of the Prophet ﷺ and his ﷺ successor has been made *Wajib* (incumbent). Allah ﷻ says:

“O you who believe! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger (Muhammad ﷺ), and those of you (Muslims) who are in authority. (And) if you differ in anything amongst yourselves, refer it to Allah and His Messenger, if you believe in Allah and in the Last Day. That is better and more suitable for final determination.” [4: 59]

2 THE LAW OF THE SHARIAH IS THE SYSTEM'S LOFTIEST MEEZAN (BALANCE, MEASURE, CENTER)

In Islamic Khilafah, the pivot of the system and the highest *Meezan* is the Shariah law, according to which nations of the world are exalted and subdued.

The Prophet of Allah ﷻ said (to the effect):

“*Meezan* (balance) is in the hand of *Ar-Rahman* (The Most Beneficent/Merciful) (through which) He exalts a nation and subdues another.” [Hakim]

3 THE AXIS OF THE SYSTEM IS THE MAJLIS ASH-SHOORA (COUNSEL):

The *Majlis ash Shoora* has been made the axis² in the system of Khilafah. Allah ﷻ says:

“And those who have responded to their Lord (in submission to Him), and have established *Salah*, and whose affairs are (settled) with mutual consultation between them, and who spend out of what We have given to them,” [42:38]

4 THE SUPREME PURPOSE OF KHILAFAH IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DEEN:

The supreme goal of the Islamic Khilafah is the establishment of *Deen* which results in the nurturing and civilization of souls. Allah ﷻ says:

“[And they are] those who, if We give them authority in the land, establish prayer and give Zakah and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong. And to Allah belongs the outcome of [all] matters.” [22: 41]

5 THE SUPREME EXPEDIENCY IS BROTHERHOOD AMONG MUSLIMS AND MERCY FOR ALL MANKIND:

The chief expediency of the Khilafah is to develop brotherhood and fraternity among Muslims and to make them a single body, and then to bring all other nations under the Khilafah, providing them the safety and kindness of the worldly life. Allah ﷻ says:

“And We have sent you (O Muhammad ﷺ) not but as a mercy for the *Alamîn* (mankind, jinns and all that exists).” [21: 107]

“The believers are nothing else than brothers (in Islamic religion). So make reconciliation between your brothers, and

2. By axis is meant the reference point, the epicenter, the point around which the whole Khilafah system revolves, much like how the earth revolves around its axis... Ed.

fear Allah, that you may receive mercy.” [49: 10]

[The last two fundamentals are regarding the *Wajibat-ar-Ra'iyat* (obligations of the public). Therefore, they are mentioned separately, as follows]

6 THE BAYAH (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE):

In Islamic Khilafah, the *Bayah* (Pledge of Allegiance) takes place in the form of the *Bayah* to the Ameer. Allah ﷻ says:

“Verily, those who give *Bayah* to you (O Muhammad ﷺ) they are giving *Bayah* to Allah. The Hand of Allah is over their hands. Then whosoever breaks his pledge, breaks only to his own harm, and whosoever fulfills what he has covenanted with Allâh, He will bestow on him a great reward.” [48: 10]

7 PRACTICAL OBEDIENCE:

In the Islamic Khilafah, in reality, practical obedience in all *Ma'roof* (good) matters is accomplished in the form of listening and obeying the *Ameer* or Khalifah. The Prophet of Allah ﷻ said (to the effect):

“Listen and obey even if an Ethiopian (black) slave is appointed your *Ameer*; (one) whose even body parts are not sound (i.e. apparently he is considered abject and lowly)” [Sahih Ibn Hibban]

... So, it is evident that only a Government which consists of these seven fundamentals of Divine Rule, and which is founded on these seven pillars, can truly be accepted as an Islamic Khilafah or an Islamic Government. Now, if somewhere, a personal, tribal or party rule is established in the name of an Islamic Khilafah, then it will absolutely never be termed a Khilafah. Rather, it will be the antithesis of the Khilafah. If there lays an opposition to these seven fundamentals in the construction of any Sultanate, then that Sultanate can never be termed a genuine Islamic Khilafah.

ISLAMIC KHILAFAH REFUTES MAN-MADE POLITICAL SYSTEMS:

When the structure of Khilafah will be constructed on the basis of the aforementioned seven fundamentals, then such manifestations of an Islamic Sultanate will emerge by which the root of man-made governments and prevalent politics will be cut off. The present governments and politics, by giving people the Divine authority to legislate, have made the human society (one that is) a victim of immorality, misdeeds and mutual dissension; and they have made world peace meaningless.

By Imam Mawardi (RA)

PURPOSE OF ISLAMIC STATE:

“*Al-Imamah* (The Islamic State) was laid down for the succession of Prophethood with regards to the protection of the religion and the leadership of the world.”



THE 10 OBLIGATIONS OF THE IMAM

- Keeping the religion upon the established principles and upon the issues that the *Salaf* of the Ummah agreed upon. So should a man of *Bid'ah* emerge or a misconceived person deviate, he must clarify the evidence and show them the truth. Also, he must impose on them the punishment they deserve, so as to keep the religion protected from disorder, and safeguard the Ummah from deviance.
- The implementation of rules on those who are in dispute and putting a stop to their disagreement, so that equity may be established; and so that the oppressor may not transgress and the weak may not feel helpless.
- The protection of lives and wealth, and defending women, so that people may earn their living and travel around places while their lives and wealth are safe from risk.
- The implementation of the Islamic penal code, so as to protect things, which Allah has forbidden from being violated and to safeguard the right of His servants from being lost and abused.
- Fortifying the borderlines by a shielding preparation and by a repelling force, thus the enemy may not have the opportunity to make a raid whereby they may violate a sacred thing or shed the blood of a Muslim or a *Mu'ahad* (The Kafir who has a covenant with Muslims).
- Waging jihad against those who oppose Islam after being

called to it until they accept it or enter into the dhimmah (The covenant granted to the Kuffar in an Islamic state) so to establish the Shariah. Supremacy of the religion of Islam over all (false) religions.

- Collecting *Al-Fai* (The booty taken from the Kuffar) and charities according to the textual and ijthadi obligations of the shari'ah without fear or oppression.
- Assessing charities and the wealth of *Bait-ul-Maal* (The treasury) without squandering or stinginess, and distributing it at the exact time – without precedence or delay.
- Training the trustworthy people efficiently and appointing sincere advisers to take charge of the tasks and wealth that he confers on them, so that the tasks may be organized by efficiency and the wealth protected by the trustworthy people.
- Directing and investigating things himself so as to establish the leadership of the Ummah and the protection of the religion; and he should not rely on delegation for the sake of acquiring a pleasure or performing an act of worship. For, indeed, the trustworthy man may cheat and the honest may deceive. Besides, Allah ﷻ said: “O Dawud (David)! Verily!, We have placed you as a successor on the Earth; so judge between men in truth (and justice) and follow not your desires – for it will mislead you from the Path of Allah.” [38: 26]³ □

3. The above extracts regarding the Purpose of the Islamic State and The Obligations of the Imam by Imam Mawardi (RA) have been quoted from the book “*Saudi and the UN*”

MY STORY

“... It is only those who have **knowledge** among His slaves that **fear Allah**. Verily, Allah is **All-Mighty, Oft-Forgiving**” [35:28]

A Scholar, A Mujahid, A Veteran: Ustadh Abu Imran (HA)

All Praise is due to Allah ﷻ Alone, and may His Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, his family, companions and all those who follow him till the Day of Judgment. There are few people in the world today who think of spending their lives serving the *Deen* of Allah ﷻ. This story is about one of these precious few men who has managed to combine learning sacred knowledge, giving Dawah and waging Jihad with his life and wealth in the Cause of Allah ﷻ. A scholar, a Mujahid and a teacher, a person who has given everything that he had in the way of Allah. This is the story of Ustadh Abu Imran, an example to follow for Muslim scholars around the world, told in brief. May Allah ﷻ make it of benefit and a source of inspiration for the Ummah.

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Early Life, Education and the Call to Jihad

I belonged to a religious family. From the beginning, I started attaining religious education – first memorization of the Quran, then the *Dars Nizami*¹. I used to

1. An 8 year course taught in the *Madaris* of Pakistan

be among the topmost students in class. I even attained the first position in the whole country in one annual examination – All Praise is due to Allah ﷻ! It was almost during the middle of my *Dars Nizami* course that the call for Jihad against Russia reached me. Some fellow from my class gave me Dawah for Jihad. The call enflamed my heart but I was quite befuddled as to how exactly should I serve the *Deen*. I was clear that I wanted to serve Islam, but I couldn't quite make my mind up as to what is the best way for me to go about it. There was the *Tablighi Jama'ah* where one could call others to Islam. Then, there was *Dars and Tadrees* i.e. becoming an instructor in the *Madrassah* and imparting Islam to the students just as I had been taught. Then there was Jihad against the Kafir invaders (Russia) in Afghanistan. I was distraught in selecting one from them. My teachers called me to do whatever they were involved in themselves.

Then, in my third year, I received a shocking piece of news. Some students from our

for attaining the degree of 'Alim (Scholar)

Madrassah had gone to Afghanistan for Jihad. They were coming back together in a truck when they were ambushed. All of them were martyred. That had an impact on me. As the holidays after the third year approached, I had to make a final decision as to what should I do. I was extremely tense and worried, and I did not have that power to make decisive choices at the time. In the end, I had a dream which eased matters for me.

In the dream, it was probably the time for *Asr* prayer. I was in the Prophet's ﷺ Masjid of Madina. When I enter the Masjid, the congregational prayer is finished, and they are making the final *Salam*. All of the people inside are the *Sahaba* ﷺ. I begin to look for Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, but I can't see him. I then ask one of the *Sahaba* ﷺ about Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, after they pray *Sunnah* and begin to leave. So they take me to an elderly *Sahabi* ﷺ and this is Abdullah bin Masood ﷺ. They tell me that if I want to ask something, then I should ask him. So I shake hands with him and sit down. Then I ask him that where is Prophet Muhammad ﷺ? He says that he ﷺ has gone for Jihad. So I ask him that why didn't these *Sahaba* ﷺ go with him ﷺ? So he replies that they have a working system – half of the *Sahaba* ﷺ go first, and the remaining half go for Jihad when they come back. Then I ask that where the Prophet ﷺ has gone? He tells me, "North of Afghanistan"! Then I ask him that where would he ﷺ go after waging Jihad there? He ﷺ says, "Kashmir"! I then ask, "After Kashmir?" He ﷺ replies, "Palestine"! Then I again make *Salam* and come back. And then I awakened.

At that time, my body became very light and my mind became fresh and renewed. Then I became fully satisfied regarding my decision and decided that I would be going to Afghanistan for Jihad.

Eventually, I then made my way to Afghanistan without telling my teachers or parents. Even though all the three kinds of work that I considered (Dawah, Teaching and Jihad) constituted serving Islam, but Allah ﷻ eased my decision for me by glad tidings through dreams. And these glad tidings have continued to this day – all Praise is due to Allah ﷻ for this.

My Life in Jihad

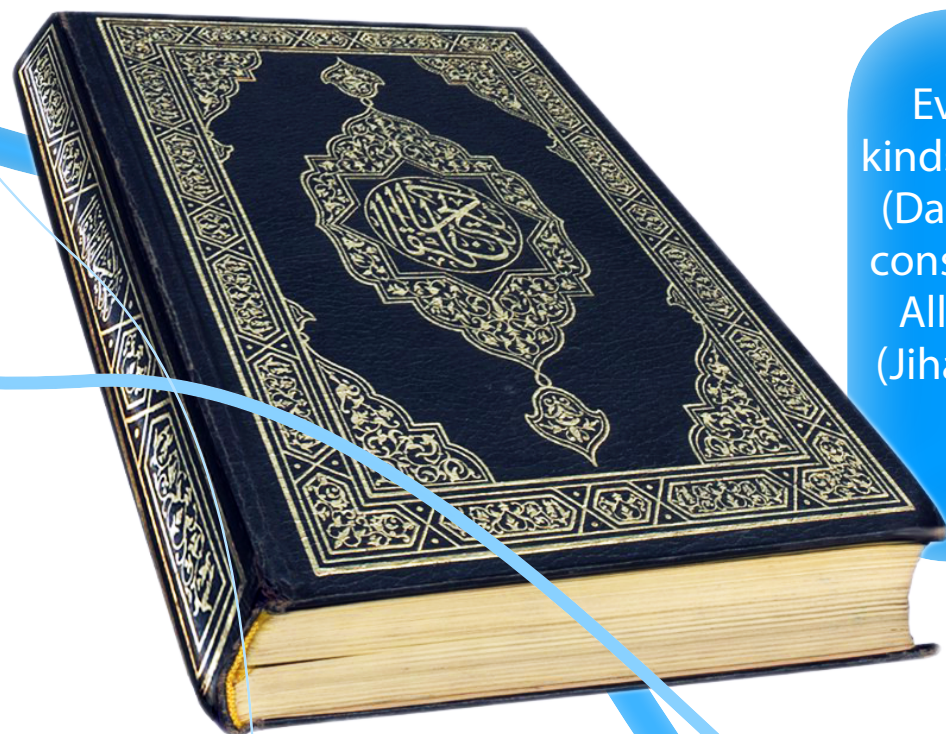
At the age of 19, I first made my way to the battlefield. This was in 1988. Then, after that first experience, I kept going to the battlefield in the yearly holidays. In 1990, I got the chance to participate in the battle for *Khost*. *Khost* was conquered after which many other cities were conquered one after another. At that time, we used to go back and forth from the Pak-Afghan borders openly while carrying weapons. There were no obstacles. Scholars from the Arabian Peninsula would come and openly give lectures throughout Pakistan.

Then steadily, I gained experience in Jihad and the matters of warfare. I kept returning to the battlefield during my holidays, and I continued my studies as well. But then I skipped my seventh year and stayed on the battlefield, though after coming back, I did manage to complete my studies; however, I found it hard because my heart was stuck in the joy of Jihad and battle. After graduating from the *Madrassah*, I then devoted myself to Jihad full-time.

Most of my time in Jihad was either spent on the battlefields of *Khost*, *Kabul* and *Bagram* or in education and training in the camps. I learned and taught heavy weaponry by the Grace of Allah ﷻ including the mortar, the R-82 and the Ballistic Missile among others.

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accidents and wounds. In fact, **several events happened that strengthened my belief that death is only in the Hands of Allah ﷻ and that coming to Jihad does not increase or decrease one's lifespan.** Once in Khost, I was firing an LMG against the enemy. I was in the firing position when suddenly an enemy fire came in my direction. But instead of hitting me, the bullet went straight into the barrel of my gun. This was only from the Blessing of Allah ﷻ. The bullet was fired 100% accurately in my direction and it would have killed me had it hit anywhere other than that very small 7.62 mm diameter barrel of the gun. How much of a probability is there of this happening? Even one millimeter here or there and the bullet would have killed me, because the bullet and the barrel had exactly the same diameter! But Allah ﷻ did not will death for me at that time, and so I survived. I found the bullet inside my gun once I opened it. From this I realized that the time for death is fixed and nothing can change it. It was not my time yet.

Another similar sort of incident happened. There was a ditch within which we had

built an encampment and a small room underneath the ground. The entry into the room was so small that one had to crouch down to enter into the room. There were very little chances of any enemy fire or missile entering into it. I used to sleep on the far corner of that room. So, the chances of an enemy fire coming and hitting me straight were almost non-existent! One day, a companion of mine, "*Hafiz Sahib*" expressed his desire to lie down for a bit somewhere due to tiredness. It was day time, around *Zuhr*. He went on and lied down in my place in that tiny room. It was Allah's ﷻ Will that I was not in the room at that time. A mortar fire came down and hit the corner of the ditch. The shrapnel exploded from it and came down from an impossibly small angle through the door and hit *Hafiz Sahib* straight in the chest right through his sleeping bag? How many chances were there of this happening? It was almost impossible! But, Allah ﷻ Willed it to be so... *Hafiz Sahib* got martyred and I remained alive...

Interestingly, that same day, when another companion of mine heard about the

martyrdom of *Hafiz Sahib*, he said, "Would that I had been in his place!" He was an amusing fellow and so we told him that he was just saying that and he didn't really mean it. But that day, he remarked in all seriousness while swearing by Allah ﷻ that he really meant what he said. Lo and behold! He also got martyred by a mortar fire that very night while guarding that encampment...!

So, events kept happening that strengthened my belief that only Allah ﷻ knows when a person will die and that death's time is fixed. In the battlefields of Kabul, once a mortar fire came across me and landed around 1 meter away with no obstacle between me and it. But it did not explode! All Praise is due to Allah ﷻ! Then in that same battlefield, a mortar fire landed around 3 meters away from me and exploded as well. But All Praise is to Allah ﷻ that nothing happened to me. Indeed, death is in the hands of Allah ﷻ:

"And no person can ever die except by Allah's Leave and at an appointed term..."[3:145]

Though one should ask for '*Aafiah* (well-

being) from Allah ﷻ, there is also a great reward for injuries and wounds in his path. I was saved from any major injury for the large part of my life in Jihad, even though all the chances of being injured were there. But then once when there was very little chance of anything, I eventually suffered an injury in the Path of Allah ﷻ. I was sitting in a room with some close relatives. There were some detonators placed besides us. Then, suddenly a very close relative of mine changed his sitting position and his hand wiped the ground and some static charge was produced. The detonators suddenly exploded. Two people were martyred. I and a friend of mine got heavily burnt. The entire left side of my body was burnt and I couldn't walk for 2 whole months. I was under grievous pain. But all Praise is due to Allah ﷻ who saved me from being handicapped. And I also got the reward for suffering from an injury in His ﷻ Path! During this time I had a lot of dreams that were very comforting and I received many glad tidings in them as well.

During my time in Jihad, I also served as an interpreter for the Arab brothers because



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SubhanAllah!

of knowing Arabic. I also had the honor of translating for Shaykh Usama bin Laden (RA). During my time in Afghanistan, I met him and Mulla Muhammad Umar (RA) as well to whom I gave the pledge of allegiance.

War has changed quite a bit and new aspects of war have opened up which require a lot of work with respect to the present as well as the future. *Alhamdulillah!* I trained in and learned quite a number of new technologies, and taught them as well. Still, we remain busy with learning various different subjects and training in new military technologies, and other necessary disciplines for use against America, NATO and all other enemies of Islam. In Sha Allah ﷻ, in the future too, we will continue to study various subjects and undertake different measures against them.

Message to the Ummah: Rise for Jihad, Correct your Actions!

O my beloved Ummah! Realize that the purpose of our life is not eating, sleeping, engaging in luxury or apparent progress. Rather, we have come into this world for a specific purpose, for a limited time, so that it is clear who does good and who indulges in evil. The real and eternal life is that of the Hereafter and it is the best life. It comes in a Hadith (to the effect):

"Al-Kayyis (Complaisant, Wise, Intelligent) is he who makes his self subservient to himself, and acts for that which is after death. And Al-'Ajiz (unwise, incompetent, weak) is he who himself starts following the desires of his self."

Man desires peace, and peace and contentment can only come through the remembrance of Allah ﷻ. Through the *Dunya* (mundane world), only the outer

desires are fulfilled but along with them a lot of worries also come. If all our actions in this world become for the sake of the Hereafter, then peace can be found in every situation, **even beneath the shade of drones**. Such people who live for the Hereafter find a peace that the people of palaces cannot even imagine. In sacrificing oneself and everything for the sake of Allah ﷻ, there is pleasure and perpetuity. On the other hand, there is humiliation and failure in running after the glamour of the life of this world.

This is why technology and the modern world cannot combat the martyrdom operatives (*Fidayeen*), and the enemies cannot fathom how a Muslim Mujahid sacrifices his life in the path of Allah ﷻ without any worldly desire or want.

The *Dajjali* powers want to keep the people subdued through their technology and glamour, and they want to keep the truth veiled. But Allah ﷻ keeps the truth triumphant and aids the people of faith.

"... And Allah has full power and control over His Affairs, but most of men know not." [12:21]

And when they will recognize the truth upon seeing it in the Hereafter, they will wish to return to this world and follow the truth. But it will be too late. The time for heeding advice would have been gone and the proof would have been established against them.

Allah ﷻ says in the Quran:

"(I swear) by the Time, man is in a state of loss indeed, except those who believed and did righteous deeds, and exhorted each other to follow truth, and exhorted each other to observe patience." [103:1-3]

At another place, He ﷻ says:

"Say: Shall We tell you about the greatest losers in respect of (their) deeds? Those are the ones whose effort in the worldly life has gone in vain, while they think they are doing well! Those are the ones who rejected the signs of their Lord and (the concept of) meeting with Him, so their deeds have gone to waste, and We shall assign to them no weight at all." [18:103-105]

Therefore, faith is necessary for adding weight to one's deeds. And the highest deed of all deeds and the measure of judging between faith and hypocrisy is Jihad.

The Prophet ﷺ said in (part of) a Hadith:

"... Paradise has one-hundred grades which Allah has reserved for the Mujahidin who fight in His Cause, and the distance between each of two grades is like the distance between the Heaven and the Earth..." [Bukhari]

The most successful person in this world and the Hereafter is he who accepts faith, and does righteous deeds and wages Jihad until his whole life becomes according to the Commands of Allah ﷻ, and all his efforts becomes for His ﷻ Sake Alone, until he sacrifices even his life (the most precious thing) while fighting for the sake of Allah ﷻ, against falsehood.

Message for the 'Ulama!

O 'Ulama of the Ummah! What has made you heedless? What has stopped you from acting? What is stopping you from saying the truth... a little wealth... status? If this is the case then re-evaluate your faith! Recognize the obligation of your position, which is only to declare the truth!

*If out of the Ka'abah comes Kufr
From where will Islam emerge?*

Do not consider just apparent words and fiery speeches as the service of the *Deen*. **What matters is 'Amal** (action). And this is what is intended in and of itself. Remember the example of that preacher who said that there is so much power in *Bismillah* (In the name of Allah ﷻ) that a river can be crossed (without using any other means) by only reciting it. A listener acted upon this once he heard it and crossed a river without any apparent means by just reciting *Bismillah*. The preacher got astonished upon seeing this and asked him how he had done it. The man replied that this is the same word that he, the preacher, had taught him. The one who acted upon knowledge became successful and the scholar who had knowledge but did not act upon it failed.

O 'Ulama! Just as you preach the soft aspects of the life of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, also preach the Jihad of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ which is a compulsory aspect of his ﷺ life! If your Imamate and preaching position are taken away because of your declaration of the truth, then consider this your success, and the start of the journey towards your intended destination (Pleasure of Allah ﷻ). Otherwise, life will stay monotonous and will bear little fruit, and (by doing so), you can never hope for progress.

Also, consider *A'amaal* (actions) in addition to apparent words. Today's media cannot be fought with the power of words alone. It is necessary to adopt the path of force.

*Take up the sword and do not defer
Else to dream of Kashmir do not dare*

Do not take lightly the principles of *Fitrah* (the natural order) because the *Sunnah* (way) of Allah ﷻ does not change. If the

work would have been accomplished by mere Dawah and supplication, the *Nabi-ur-Rahmah* (Prophet of Mercy) ﷺ would not have been the *Nabi-us-Saif* (Prophet of the Sword) ﷺ and the *Nabi-ul-Malahim* (Prophet of War) ﷺ as well. If you desire real honor and status, then return towards the real *Deen*. The Prophet ﷺ said:

‘If you trade in *‘Eena* (a form of business transaction), and follow the tails of cows, and became content with being farmers, and ignored Jihad, Allah will impose on you a humiliation that would not be taken away until you go back to your religion.’ [Abu Dawud]

Allah ﷻ says:

“Let those (believers) who sell the life of this world for the Hereafter fight in the Cause of Allah, and whoso fights in the Cause of Allah, and is killed or gets victory, We shall bestow on him a great reward.” [4:74]

“He who emigrates (from his home) in the Cause of Allah, will find on earth many dwelling places and plenty to live by. And whosoever leaves his home as an emigrant unto Allah and His Messenger, and death overtakes him, his reward is then surely incumbent upon Allah. And Allah is Ever Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.” [4:100]

If you will preach only in the Masjid, then only the people who come to you will be able to listen to your exhortation. However if you will come forth in the Path of Allah ﷻ and then preach, the whole world will listen to you. In a Hadith, it is mentioned that knowledge will be taken away before the end of time. The truthful *‘Ulama* will be taken away from the world (i.e. they will die)

and mere words shall remain...

In the Hadith about the three people who did not have sincerity in their actions and who would be thrown into Hell, there is mention of the *‘Aalim* who did not gain knowledge sincerely for the Sake of Allah ﷻ. The Hadith states:

“... Then will be brought forward a man who acquired knowledge and imparted it (to others) and recited the Qur’an. He will be brought and Allah will make him recount His blessings and he will recount them (and admit having enjoyed them in his lifetime). Then will Allah ask: ‘What did you do (to requite these blessings)?’ He will say: ‘I acquired knowledge and disseminated it and recited the Qur’an seeking your pleasure.’ Allah will say: ‘You have told a lie. You acquired knowledge so that you might be called ‘a scholar’ and you recited the Qur’an so that it might be said: ‘He is a *Qari*’ (reciter) and such has been said. Then orders will be passed against him and he shall be dragged with his face downward and cast into the Fire...” [Muslim]

O *‘Ulama!* Remember the history of the scholars of *Bukhara* and *Samarkand!* Knowledge and discussions were found there in abundance; yet knowledge alone did not prove useful against the enemy.

A Dream and a Prediction

The Prophet ﷺ said: “The (good) dream of a faithful believer is a part of the forty-six parts of Prophethood.” [Bukhari]

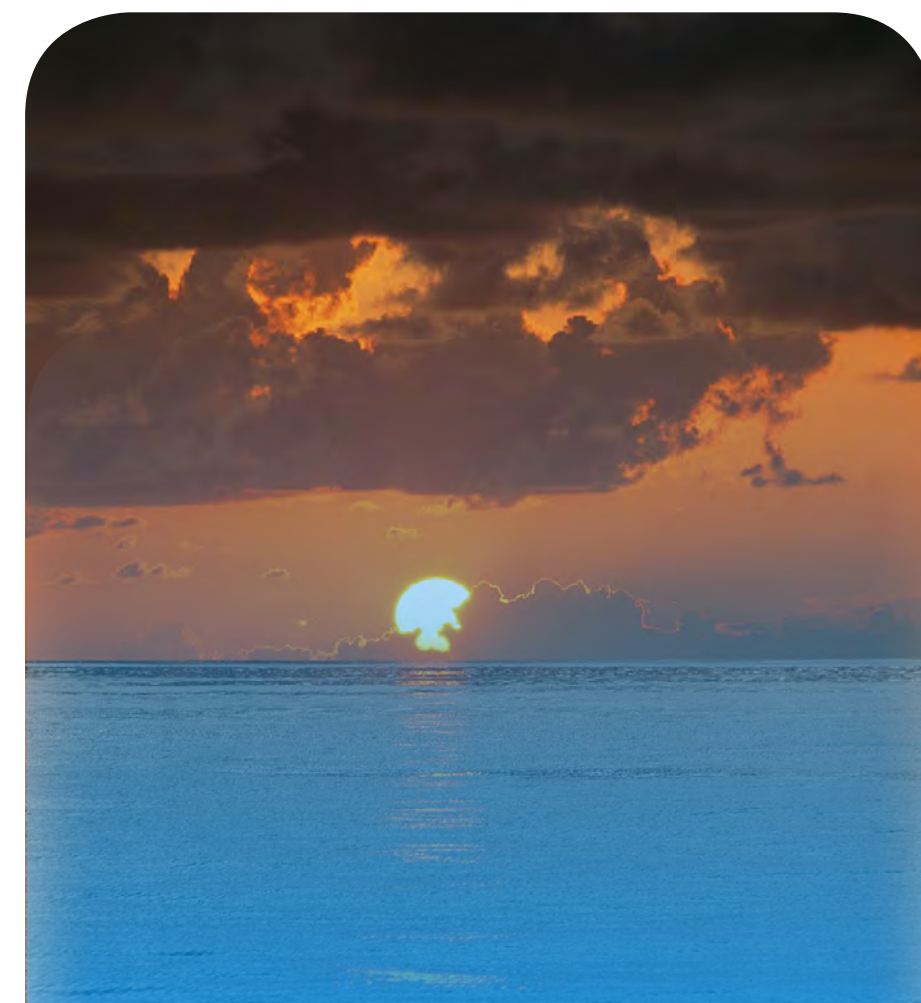
I would end with a dream that I had some time ago. The strange thing is that two other Mujahids related the same kind of dream to me. So, since good dreams of the believers are glad tidings for them

(though they cannot be taken as a legal evidence), I thought I would share mine with the world.

In my dream, I wake up and I feel sick and weak. So, to freshen up or to ward off the sickness, I go outside and there is a city there. In the beginning, there is no one there, but then someone tells me that that there is going to be a solar eclipse at so-and-so time. Then some people start emerging and there is some noise. They are all looking at the sun. I also look at the sun, which is undergoing the eclipse. Then, the sun eclipses in full and the noise of the people increases. It is almost the time after *Asr* prayer, and the darkness of the eclipse is abound and the sun is overshadowed. Then, suddenly the noise of the people increases to a maximum and people begin to say that the sun has in fact completely gone; I think to myself that this is a strange thing. A panic and chaos stricken situation develops in the world.

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“Listen, the friends of Allah shall have no fear, nor shall they grieve – those who have believed and have been fearful of Allah. For them there is **the good news** in the worldly life and in the Hereafter: there is no change in the words of Allah. That is the great achievement.” [10:62-64] []



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Scholars of Resolve

All Praise is due to Allah ﷻ Alone... And may His Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, his family, companions and all those who follow him till the Day of Judgment... As of today, we are in great need of reminders that remind us of the Power of Allah ﷻ, and the awe-inspiring nature of His True slaves... We are in need of 'Ulama who remind us of the piety, asceticism, honour and resolve of the Companions ﷺ of Muhammad ﷺ and those who followed them in excellence... With the increase of Government 'Ulama around the globe who give Fatawa to the Governments against Muslims and Mujahideen and liaise with the rulers, running after the mere goods of this world, we are in dire need of individuals who learn the Book of Allah ﷻ and the Sunnah of His Messenger ﷺ and then follow it to the letter, urging others to do the same, enjoining the good, forbidding the evil and not fearing the blame of the blamer... One such scholar was Sufyan Ath-Thawri (RA) from the first three generations of Muslims that were labelled by the Prophet ﷺ himself as the best of generations... This article is an extract from Sufyan Ath-Thawri's (RA) life regarding his relationship with the Muslim ruler of his time – Haroon Ar-Rasheed. The incident is a startling reminder to the 'Ulama and students of knowledge today as well, to fear Allah ﷻ and leave liaising with the corrupt rulers of today, who are much, much worse than the Muslim rulers that our Salaf ran away from...

BEWARE OF THE RULER!

'Abdullah Ibn 'Abbas ﷺ said that that Allah's Messenger ﷺ said, "There shall be rulers whom you will recognize from them good and evil. Whoever opposes them is saved. Whoever abandons them is freed. And whoever intermingles with them is destroyed." [Ibn Abi Shaybah, Tabarani]

Abul-A'war as-Sulamee ﷺ said that Allah's Messenger ﷺ said, "Be wary of the ruler's gates; for there, there is difficulty and humiliation." [Daylmi, Tabarani]

Abu Hurayrah ﷺ said that Allah's Messenger ﷺ said, "Whoever approaches the ruler's gates becomes afflicted. Whenever a slave draws closer to the ruler, he only gains distance from Allah." [Ahmad]

Jabir ibn 'Abdillah ﷺ said that Allah's Messenger ﷺ said to Ka'b Ibn 'Ujrah ﷺ, "O Ka'b Ibn 'Ujrah, I seek Allah's protection for you from the leadership of fools. There shall be rulers, whoever enters upon them, then aids them in their oppression and validates their lies, then he is not from me nor I from him, and he shall not be admitted to the *Hawdh*¹. Whoever does not enter upon them, and does not aid them in their oppression, nor validates their lies, then he is from me and I from him,

1. The Basin of *Kawthar* granted by Allah to Prophet ﷺ in Paradise. The believers will drink from it - Ed.

and he shall be admitted to the *Hawdh*." [Ahmad, Al-Bazzar, Ibn Hibban]

The above are Ahadith regarding approaching the *Muslim* ruler, then what of the 'Aalim who cements the thrones of the *Tawagheet*² of today?

Surely their deviation is far worse!

We present to you an account from the life of an 'Aalim of the Salaf, who acted upon the Ahadith previously mentioned. Imam Sufyan Ath-Thawri (RA) was an 'Aalim from the *Taba' Tabi'een* (third generation of Muslims), of which he was considered to be the 'The Leader of the Believers in Hadith'.

About him, Abdullah Ibn Al-Mubarak (RA) said:

"I have written (down Hadith narrations) from one-thousand and one-hundred teachers and the best out of all of them was Sufyan."

On another occasion, he said: "Whenever someone was described to me and then I saw him, I would always find him to be of lesser prestige than the description that was given to me about him. The only exception in this regard was Sufyan Ath-Thawri (who, in person, completely lived up to his reputation)."

Ibrahim ibn Muhammad Ash-Shafi' (RA) said: "I once asked Abdullah ibn Al-

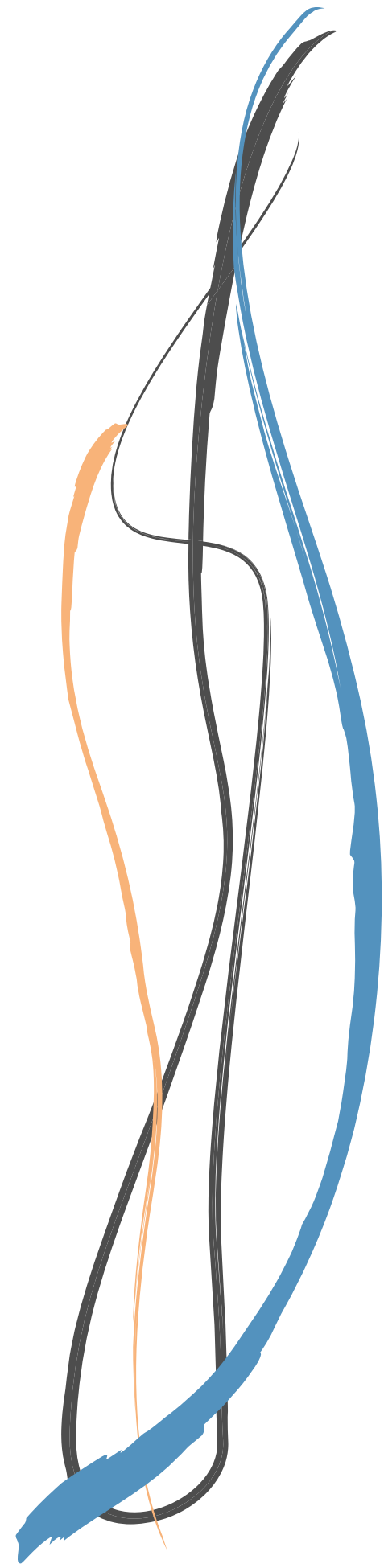
2. *Tawagheet* is the plural of *Taghut* whose meaning includes the ruler who rules by other than what Allah ﷻ has revealed.

Mubarak: 'Have you ever seen the like of Sufyan Ath-Thawri?' And he replied: 'And has Sufyan Ath-Thawri ever seen the like of himself?'"

The Ummah is in dire need of righteous, courageous 'Ulama, who fear Allah ﷻ rather than the *Tawagheet* and unveil the treachery that the rulers of today have committed. About visiting the rulers, Sufyan ath-Thawri (RA) warned, "Don't go, even if they ask you to visit them just to recite '*Qul HuwAllahu Ahad*'" [Bayhaqi]

SUFYAN (RA) AND HAROON AR-RASHEED

Abee 'Imraan Al-Jooni said: "When Haroon Ar-Rasheed became Khalifah, the 'Ulama visited him and congratulated him on this. So he (Haroon) opened up the treasuries and began to bestow on them splendid gifts. However before this (becoming Khalifah) he used to sit in the company of the 'Ulama and *Zuhhaad* (ascetics) and would show devoutness and asceticism and he was very close to Sufyan ibn Sa'eed ibn Al-Mundhir Ath-Thawri. So (after Haroon became Khalifah) Sufyan dissociated himself from him and didn't visit him. Haroon yearned for him to visit him and speak with him, however he (Sufyan) did not come, nor did he care for his position or for what he had achieved. Haroon couldn't stand it anymore so he wrote to Sufyan a letter as follows:



“Write to the oppressor on the back of his letter, so if he received it (the paper) from *Halal* then he will be rewarded by it, and if he received it from *Haram*, he will be punished for it and there will not remain with us anything that has been touched by an oppressor, to spoil our *Deen*.”
[Sufyan to his Students]

“Bismillah Ar-Rahman Ar-Raheem

From the slave of Allah, Haroon Ar-Rasheed, the Leader of the Believers

To his brother Sufyan ibn Sa’eed ibn Al-Mundhir,

To proceed,

O my brother, it is to my knowledge that Allah Tabarakahu Wa Ta’ala³ has made brotherhood between the believers, and has made it for His Sake. Know that I am associated with you in brotherhood, that cannot sever your love, nor cut of your cordiality, and I am enveloped in love and desire for you.

And know O Abu Abdullah, that there are not any of my and your brothers left, who have not visited me and congratulated me for what I have arrived at. And I have opened the treasuries and I have given to them the shining rewards, which made me happy and cooled my eyes. And I waited for you but you didn’t come to me, and I am writing a letter to you - I have a strong longing for you.

And I have learnt the virtues of visiting and staying in contact with the believer, so when this letter of mine reaches you... then hurry, hurry (to visit me)”

So when he finished writing the letter he turned to those around him—and

3. Meaning “Blessed is He (Allah) and Exalted is He (Allah)”

they all knew Sufyan Ath-Thawri and his harshness. He said: “I need a man from the door (i.e. a guard)”

So a man called Abbaad At-Talaqaani entered and he (Haroon) said to him: “O Abbaad take this writing (letter) of mine and go with it to Kufa . When you enter, ask for the tribe of ‘*Banee Thawr*’ and then ask for Sufyan Ath-Thawri. If you see him, give him this letter of mine and pay close attention – with your hearing and heart – to what he says, taking note of his order and stance.”

Abbaad took the letter and left with it until he reached Kufa. He asked after the tribe of *Banee Thawr* and they told him the directions and then he asked for Sufyan, and he was told that he (Sufyan) was in the Masjid.

Abbaad then said: “So I headed to the Masjid and when he (Sufyan) saw me he got up and said ‘I seek refuge in Allah, The All-Hearer, All-Knower, from shaytan, the outcast. I seek refuge in Allah from a striking hammer except (a hammer) striking for good.”

Abbaad said: “His words took hold of my heart and I felt hurt. When he saw that I dismounted at the door of the masjid, he got up to pray even though it wasn’t the time for prayer. So I tied my mount to the door of the masjid and entered, when his students, who were sitting down, all lowered their heads as

though they were criminals whom the Sultan found out about and were afraid of his punishment. So I said *Salam* and not one of them raised their head to me and they returned their *Salam* by raising their hands. I stayed standing and not one of them invited me to sit down and their fear increased my tremor. I turned my eyes to them and said to myself that the one praying was Sufyan, so I threw the letter over to him. When he saw it, he shook and drew away from it as though it was a snake that appeared in his *Mihrab* (Masjid or prayer place). He bowed, prostrated and said *Salam*; then he put his hand in his cloak, wrapped it up and picked it (the letter) up, flipped it over, then threw it to those behind him, saying: **“One of you take it and read it, for I ask Allah for forgiveness, to touch something (that has been) touched by an oppressor.”**

Abbaad said: “So one of them took it and opened it as though he was scared of the mouth of a snake biting him. He then opened it and read it and Sufyan began to smile in a strange way.

When he finished reading it, he (Sufyan) said: “Turn it over and write to the oppressor on the back of his letter.” So it was said to him: “O Abu Abdullah, he is the Khalifah, so (it would be better) if you wrote to him on a clean sheet of paper.”

He said: “Write to the oppressor on the

back of his letter, so if he received it (the paper) from *Halal* then he will be rewarded by it, and if he received it from *Haram* he will be punished for it and there will not remain with us anything that has been touched by an oppressor, to spoil our *Deen*.”

So it was said to him: “What should we write?”

He said: “Write:

Bismillah Ar-Rahman Ar-Raheem

From the sinful slave Sufyan ibn Sa’eed ibn Al-Mundhir Ath-Thawri

To the mislead slave, Haroon Ar-Rasheed, who has been robbed of the sweetness of Iman⁴

To proceed,

I am writing to you in order to inform you that I have severed your rope, cut off your cordiality and roasted your position, for you have made me a witness against you due to your decision to write to me about your attack on the treasury of the Muslims, spending it unwisely and on what is not its right. Still, you are not satisfied with what you have done; you are so far away from me, yet you write to me making me a witness against yourself. As for me, I have witnessed against you, as have my brothers who have witnessed the reading of your letter. We will bear

4. I.e. Faith

witness against you tomorrow between the Hands of Allah All-Mighty.

O Haroon, you have attacked the treasury of the Muslims without their consent. Have the "Mu'allafati Quloobuhum"⁵, the "Al 'Aamileena 'Alayhaa fee Ard Allah Ta'Aalaa"⁶, the "Mujahideen fee Sabeel Allah"⁷ and the "Ibn As-Sabeel"⁸ consented to this? Or were the "Hamalat Al Qur'an"⁹, the "Ahl Al 'Ilm"¹⁰, and the "Araamil wa Al' Aytaam"¹¹ happy with this? Or was any creature of your flock happy with this?

So tighten your belt O Haroon and prepare for the question, an answer, and for the trial, a gown, and know that you will stand between the Hands of the Most Just Judge. You have deprived yourself as you have been robbed of the sweetness of Knowledge, Zuhd¹² and the sweetness of the Qur'an, and the sittings of dignitaries, and you have made yourself content with becoming a tyrant and a leader of the tyrants. O Haroon! You sat on the bed and wore silk and let a veil fall over your door, and with this covering, you imitated the Lord of the Worlds. Then you placed your tyrant soldiers in front of your door and veil, letting them oppress the people instead of treating them justly; they drink alcohol and hit others who drink; they commit adultery yet punish the adulterers; they steal, yet chop the hand of the thief. Are not these

5. *Mu'allafati Quloobuhum*: The people who are given Zakah/Sadaqah to attract their hearts to bring them towards Islam

6. *Al 'Aamileena 'Alayhaa fee ard Allah Ta'ala*: Those employed to collect the funds (Zakah, Sadaqah etc) on the earth of Allah ﷻ

7. *Mujahideen Fee Sabeelillah*: The people who wage Jihad in the Path of Allah ﷻ

8. *Ibn As-Sabeel*: The wayfarer (a traveller who is cut off from everything)

9. *Hamalat Al-Quran*: The people of the Quran

10. *Ahl Al 'Ilm*: The people of knowledge

11. *Araamil wa Al' Aytaam*: The widows and orphans

12. Asceticism

rulings obligatory upon you and them, before you rule with them on the people?

So how will it be for you tomorrow O Haroon, when the caller will call on behalf of Allah Almighty... (...) ...and you are brought between the Hands of Allah All-Mighty and your hands are shackled to your neck – nothing will release them, except your justice and fairness—and the unjust are around you, and you are to them a leader and the first to enter the Fire. It is as though I am beside you O Haroon and you are seized by the narrow chocking and you appear to drift as you see your good deeds in the scales of others, and other's bad deeds in your scales, more than your sins... affliction after affliction, wrong upon wrong.

So take care of my advice and take heed of my warnings, and know that I have advised you and what I have kept from you of advice is little.

So fear Allah O Haroon with your flock and preserve the Ummah of Muhammad ﷺ and improve the leadership over them and know that this charge, if it is left to other than you, it would not reach you while heading to other than you. And the same as this life, it moves with its people, one after another, from among them are some who rise to a position that benefits them, and from among them are the ones who lost their Dunya (worldly life) and their Akhirah¹³. And I class you, O Haroon, of those who lost their Dunya and Akhirah. So beware, beware of writing to me after this for I will not reply to you.

Wassalam"

Abbaad said: "He threw the letter, open and not folded or stamped. So I took it and headed to the market of Kufa, the address (of Sufyan) taking hold of my

13. The Hereafter

heart. I called out 'O people of Kufa!' and they replied. I said to them 'Who will buy a man who ran away from Allah to Allah?' and they began to offer me Dirhams and Dinars. So I said to them 'I have no need for money, but (I want) a Jubba¹⁴ of coarse wool and a cloak of cotton.'

So I received them, and I removed the clothes that I had been wearing in the presence of the Ameer Al Mu'mineen. Then I began to pull my horse and on it was the weapon that I was carrying, until I arrived at the door of the Ameer Al Mu'mineen Haroon, barefoot and walking; and those at the door of the Khalifah began to mock me. Then he gave me permission to enter. When I entered and he saw me as I was, he stood up, then sat down, then stood up and slapped his forehead and face; calling out with woe and sadness. He said, 'The messenger profited and the sender failed (to gain). What is it with me and this world? And the reign is slipping away from me quickly.'

I threw to him the letter, unfolded, as was given to me, and Haroon began to read it, tears falling from his eyes, reading and gasping. Some of the people sitting with him said:

'Sufyan has become bold towards you, so face him, weigh him down with iron, narrow him down in prison and make him an example to others.' So Haroon said: 'Leave us O slaves of the Dunya! The misguided is the one you misguided, and the wretched is the one you destroyed. And Sufyan is an Ummah by himself, so leave Sufyan and his affairs.'

The letter of Sufyan stayed by the side of Haroon and he read it at every prayer until he died, may Allah have mercy on Him.¹⁵ []

14. An Arab clothing

15. This extract is taken from *Ihya' 'Uloom Ad-Deen* by Imam Abu Hamid Al Ghazzali RA]

"So fear Allah, O Haroon, with your flock and preserve the Ummah of Muhammad ﷺ and improve the leadership over them and know that this charge, if it is left to other than you, it would not reach you while heading to other than you. And the same as this life, it moves with its people, one after another, from among them are some who rise to a position that benefits them, and from among them are the ones who lost their Dunya (worldly life) and their Akhirah. And I class you, O Haroon, of those who lost their Dunya and Akhirah."

[Sufyan Ath-Thawri echoing the truth in front of the ruler of his time]

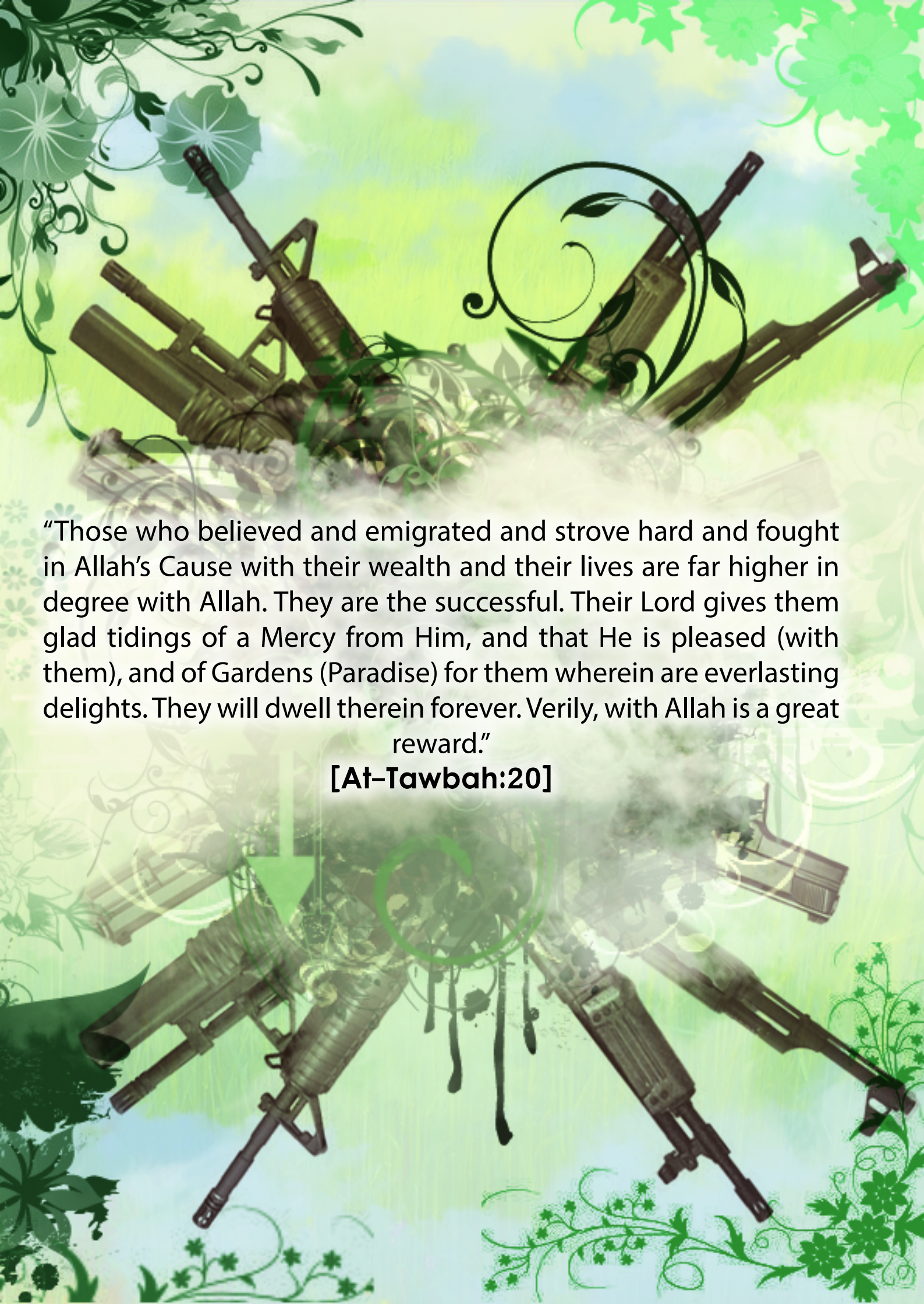
Growing the **Beard** is *Wajib!*

"Abu Hurayrah رضي الله عنه reported that the ruler of Yemen, appointed by the Persian emperor Kisra, sent two envoys to the Messenger ﷺ. When they came into his presence, he noticed that they had shaved their beards and let their moustaches grow big. Hating their ugly appearance, he turned his face away and said,

"Woe be to you! Who told you to do so?" They replied: "Our lord (Kisra) did!"

The Messenger ﷺ responded: "But my Lord, exalted and glorified be He, has commanded me to spare my beard and trim my moustaches."

[Recorded by Ibn Jarir At-Tabari, Ibn Sa'd, and Ibn Bishran]



“Those who believed and emigrated and strove hard and fought in Allah’s Cause with their wealth and their lives are far higher in degree with Allah. They are the successful. Their Lord gives them glad tidings of a Mercy from Him, and that He is pleased (with them), and of Gardens (Paradise) for them wherein are everlasting delights. They will dwell therein forever. Verily, with Allah is a great reward.”

[At-Tawbah:20]