

MUSLIM PERSPECTIVE

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 WHO ARE WE?

DURING THE PAST FOURTEEN CENTURIES, TRADITIONS, CUSTOMS, SUPERSTITIONS, AND INNOVATIONS HAVE CREPT INTO ISLAM. GRADUALLY, THESE INNOVATIONS CAME TO BE VESTED WITH RELIGIOUS SOLEMNITY TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT ANYONE WHO QUESTIONS THEM FIND HIMSELF REGARDED AS THE DANGEROUS INNOVATOR AND HERETIC.

ISLAM TODAY IS LIKE A PRECIOUS JEWEL THAT IS BURIED UNDER PILES UPON PILES OF MAN-MADE INNOVATIONS. OUR AIM IS TO PURGE OUT THE INNOVATIONS, AND PRESENT THE JEWEL OF ISLAM TO THE WORLD.

TO SAVE THE MUSLIM UMMAH

 WE MUST RETURN TO OBEYING THE PROPHET

"ANYONE WHO DISOBEYS GOD AND HIS MESSENGER HAS DESERVED THE RETRIBUTION OF HELL, WHEREIN THEY ABIDE FOREVER." (72: 23)

Despite severe differences that plague the Muslim Ummah - sectarian, tribal, political and economic differences - even military conflicts and vicious wars - there is one thing that the Muslims unanimously agree upon: THAT THE QUR'AN IS THE WORD OF GOD THAT WAS UTTERED BY THE FINAL PROPHET MUHAMMAD.

Every Muslim on earth, regardless of sect, race, color, and language, believes that Qur'an was uttered by the honorable messenger, upon inspiration from God, and that God has guaranteed its preservation and protection from the slightest distortion, addition, or loss.

"SURELY, WE HAVE SENT DOWN THIS MESSAGE, AND SURELY, WE WILL PRESERVE IT." (15: 9)

This fact - that the glorious Qur'an is God's message to the world which was uttered by the Prophet Muhammad - is affirmed in Qur'an by the strongest oath:

"I SWEAR BY EVERYTHING YOU SEE, AND EVERYTHING YOU DO NOT SEE, THIS IS THE UTTERANCE OF AN HONORABLE MESSENGER.

IT IS NOT THE UTTERANCE OF A POET, RARELY DO YOU BELIEVE.

NOR IS IT THE UTTERANCE OF A SOOTHSAYER, RARELY DO YOU TAKE HEED.

A REVELATION FROM THE LORD OF THE UNIVERSE.

AND, IF HE EVER UTTERED ANY OTHER WORDS (i.e. religious instructions other than the Qur'an), WE WOULD HAVE PUNISHED HIM SEVERELY ... WE WOULD HAVE STOPPED THE REVELATION TO HIM. NONE OF YOU COULD HAVE PROTECTED HIM FROM RETRIBUTION." (69: 38-47)

The Qur'an affirms that disobeying God and His messenger incurs humiliation, defeat, misery, and shame both in this life and in the Hereafter.

"ANYONE WHO DISREGARDS MY MESSAGE SHALL SUFFER A MISERABLE LIFE. THEN, ON THE DAY OF RESURRECTION, WE RESURRECT HIM BLIND. HE WILL SAY, 'MY LORD, WHY DID YOU RESURRECT ME BLIND, WHEN I USED TO BE A SEER?' HE WILL BE TOLD, 'WHEN OUR REVELATIONS CAME TO YOU, see page 4

HAPPINESS IS
 SUBMISSION TO GOD ALONE

For whom the Lord loves, He chastises, even as a father does to the son he loves.

GOD MADE THE SERVICE OF HIM OBLIGATORY ON YOU, WHICH IS TO SAY THAT HE MADE PERFECT HAPPINESS OBLIGATORY FOR YOU.

EDITORIAL

A revolutionary restoration of Islam is now taking place. In the dawning of the 15th Islamic Century, (1400 AH/1980AD), THE MIRACLE OF QURAN has been unveiled. There is a secret in Quran that provides

indisputable evidence that the Quran is the final message from God to the world. See 25:4. We discover that this Secret was to be hidden during the Prophet's lifetime and revealed at a specific time in the future. See 10:20. After 15 years of met-

iculous computer analysis and decoding of the Quran, the MIRACLE OF QURAN has emerged from Masjid Tucson. Along with this historical revelation, a wealth of divine information has been unveiled that is sure to restore Islam to it's pristine purity

just as it was taught by God's final prophet, Muhammad. On these pages you will see for yourself the unveiling of these Quranic treasures.

THE MUSLIM PRISONER

Blessing in Disguise?

"You may dislike something which is actually good for you, and you may like something which is actually bad for you." (Qur'an 2: 216).

What appears to be a real disaster may actually be a great blessing in disguise. Our incarcerated brothers may provide a perfect example.

Discovering God and joining his kingdom is the greatest achievement any human being can achieve. If incarceration is what it takes for anyone to attain this precious goal, it is a small price indeed for such a great treasure.

The Qur'an teaches us that if a disbeliever possesses all the treasures of the world, even twice as much, he would readily give it all up in exchange for a believer's achievement (10: 54, 13: 18, & 39: 47).

If you are a prisoner who discovered the true path to God, and have decided to follow God's true religion, you are far more fortunate than a billionaire who has failed to discover God.

If you discovered Islam in prison, then incarceration was the greatest blessing

that ever happened to you.

It is established that this life is insignificant, when compared to the real life of the eternal Hereafter. Mathematically, when you divide any number by infinity, the product is ZERO. So, even a thousand years in this world equal a ZERO when compared to the infinite Hereafter.

With this Qur'anic understanding, we realize that it doesn't really matter whether we are poor or rich in this world, fat or thin, tall or short, black or white, male or female, beautiful or ugly.

This life, no matter how long, passes like the blink of an eye (16:77).

When God loves someone, He may afflict him or her with a temporary problem just to get his or her attention. This is what Qur'an teaches in Sura 5, Verse 42 and in 7: 94.

Incarceration may be God's way of blessing you, and getting your attention. It means that God CARES about you. If you respond positively to God's care, and decide to join His kingdom, then he makes it up to you manyfold. He will appoint you a KING ON EARTH. This is God's inviolable promise as we see in Qur'an 24: 55.

There is one important catch: you must be absolutely positive that you have found the pure Islam, not the Islam that is distorted by traditions and superstitions.

More details in this in future issues IN SHAA ALLAH.

Dear Muslim Prisoner:

Assalamu Alaikum.

We want to hear from you. Please write to us, and keep us informed about the Muslim community in your institution.

We will publish the news of our Muslim brothers who are incarcerated. If you wish to stay anonymous, let us know.

We are interested in all kinds of news: who is where, who is transferred, to where, who is new, and who is leaving. Let us know how much time is left to freedom, and we will start a countdown for you.

Let us know what you need, and what we can do to help you.

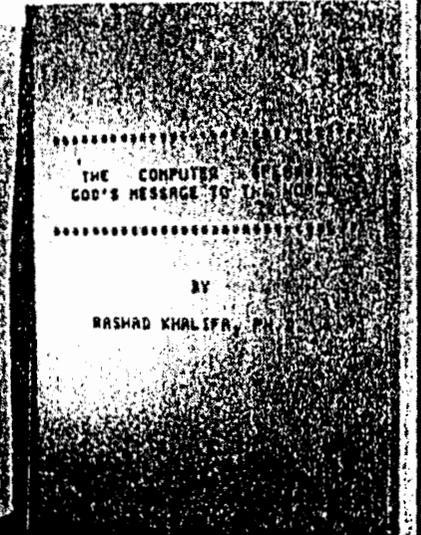
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OBEYING THE PROPHET ?
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TO DISREGARDED THEM. CONSEQUENTLY, YOU ARE NOW DISREGARDED.' WE THUS PUNISH WHOEVER TRANSGRESSES, AND REFUSES TO BELIEVE THE REVELATIONS OF HIS LORD. ADDITIONALLY, THE RETRIBUTION IN THE HEAPEAFTER IS HIS WORD AND EVERLASTING." (3: 124-127)

WHOEVER OBEYS THE MESSENGER IS OBEYING GOD. AS FOR THOSE WHO TURN AWAY, WE DID NOT SEND YOU TO BE THEIR GUARDIAN." (4: 29)

ANYONE WHO OPPOSES THE MESSENGER, AFTER GUIDANCE HAS BEEN POINTED OUT FOR HIM, AND FOLLOWS OTHER THAN THE PATH OF BELIEVERS, WE EXPECT HIM IN THE DIRECTION HE CHOSE. HE ENDS UP IN HELL; A MISERABLE DESTINY." (4: 115)

We can rid our minds of the traditions, innovations, superstitions, and inherited ideas that were injected into our religion, and return to God and His messenger, we would realize that the present decline of the Muslim Ummah is the direct result of disobeying the Prophet

What helped Satan in misleading the Muslims is that the blatant disobedience of the Prophet takes the shape of LOVING THE PROPHET VERY MUCH. As a rule, anything that exceeds its limits, becomes the exact opposite. When love exceeds the limits, it becomes hatred. Our love of the Prophet has exceeded the limits, until it turned into real hatred in the form of love. This is of course what Satan did to the Christians; they love Jesus so much that he disowns them on the Day of Judgment (5: 117 and the Gospel of Matthews 7: 21-23).

One of the most flagrant examples of our excessive love of the Prophet ... which turned into direct disobedience ... can be illustrated by studying Verse 285 of Sura 2.

Before I cite this verse, I wish to remind the reader that these words came out of the Prophet's mouth.

"THE MESSENGER BELIEVES IN WHAT WAS SENT DOWN TO HIM FROM HIS LORD AND SO DO

THE BELIEVERS. ALL OF THEM BELIEVE IN GOD, AND HIS ANGELS, AND HIS SCRIPTURES, AND HIS MESSENGERS; 'WE DO NOT MAKE ANY DISTINCTION AMONG HIS MESSENGERS,' AND THEY SAY, 'WE HEAR AND WE OBEY. FORGIVE US, OUR LORD. TO YOU IS OUR ULTIMATE RETURN.'"

Is this what the Muslims say or do today?

Do the Muslims obey this powerful injunction that "WE SHALL NOT MAKE ANY DISTINCTION AMONG GOD'S MESSENGERS" and that "WE HEAR AND WE OBEY"?

Do the Muslims obey God and His messenger?

<To be continued in the next issue IN SHAA ALLAH>

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