

STRIKING BAATIL

"In reality, We (Allah) strike baatil (falsehood) with the Haq. It then smashes out the brains of baatil. And, lo, it (baatil) suddenly disappears."
(Qur'aan)

Al-Haq

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THE BAND OF HAQ

"There will ever remain a band from my Ummah fighting on the Haq until the Day of Qiyaamah. Those who oppose them and those who do not aid them, will not be able to harm them."
(Hadith)

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ISLAMIC AUTOCRACY

HADHRAT Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanvi (Rahmatullah alayh), explaining the Islamic system of Autocracy, said:

Modernists are at pains to assert Islamic validity to the western concept of *democracy*. Their fallacious argument is that democracy is *Shura*. Then they proceed to substantiate this 'shura-democracy' on the basis of the Qur'aanic aayat: "And, consult with them in matters."

However, the democracy form of government has its own principles of consultation (*which are at variance with the Shariah*). One of these principles is that in the scenario of difference of opinion, the majority opinion will prevail. The king (*or the president*) is unable to veto the majority decision. If the king (*or president*) has the power of vetoing the decision of the parliament, then it will not be democracy (*in the true meaning of the concept*). It will then be a dictatorship. This establishes that a government will not be a democ-

racy purely on the basis of *shura*.

They should now prove if this system of democracy had existed during the era of the Sahaabah. They should present even one instance of the Khalifah being compelled to submit to majority decision after having consulted with others. The Shar'i concept is *Autocracy* which is fully vindicated by the rule of the Khulafa-e-Raashideen.

Now, on the basis of the very aayat proffered by the modernists in support of democracy, is Islamic Autocracy substantiated. You, (*O modernists!*) in the citation of the Aayat, you have reached only as far as 'Wa shaawir hum fil amr' (*And, consult with them regarding matters*). On reaching this far, you conceal the other portion which states: "And when you have resolved - decided - then (*proceed*) and repose trust on Allah." Either you have concealed this portion or the flight of your intellect could not traverse beyond this. This portion of

the Aayat indicates with great clarity that in the Shariah it is Autocracy. After *Mashwarah*, the Aayat commands autocracy. It does not order the observance of majority opinion. The final decision was pivoted on only the opinion of Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam), and thereafter on the Khalifah. After the autocratic ruler has made his decision, he should repose trust on Allah Ta'ala and proceed regardless of his decision being against the majority or against all. One does not become an Aalim by merely referring to a translation of the Qur'aan Majeed.

(End of Hadhrat Thanvi's exposition)

The Khilaafat of the Khulafa-e-Raashideen is conspicuous evidence for Islamic autocracy. On the issue of dispatching the army against the apostates immediately after the demise of Rasulallah - (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) - the attitude and action of the Khalifah, Hadhrat Abu Bakr - Radhiyallahu anhu - are roaring

evidence for Islamic autocracy. Every Sahaabi, including Hadhrat Umar - Radhiyallahu anhu - had advised against the dispatch of the army. Hadhrat Abu Bakr (Radhiyallahu anhu) firmly rejected their *mashwarah* and commanded that the army should move on the expedition. There are many such examples. In fact, the entire rule of the Khulafa was pure autocracy.

The first Khalifah himself was appointed and instated by just one man, viz. Hadhrat Umar (Radhiyallahu anhu), and the successive Khulafa thereafter were also one-man Installations. They were not the effects of majority vote or some convoluted system called 'democracy'. Islamic Autocracy is the effect of a direct Decree of Allah Ta'ala stated in the Qur'aanic Aayat: "Verily, I shall appoint on earth a Khalifah." (*Al-Baqarah, Aayat 30*).

Allah Azza Wa Jal did not say that He will appoint a group or a democracy consisting of baboons to be His Khalifah. His Khalifah is ONE MAN.

TURKEY: THE IMPRESSIONS OF A SISTER

A Sister from the U.S.A. with her husband, visiting Turkey, outlining her impressions, says:

I am in Turkey on a visit with my husband. I have witnessed some things and I have gathered a big anger inside me. I hope it's for the sake of Allah I feel this way. I am disgusted - big time disgusted with this place. The people here are worse than New York. Muslims who are saying they are Muslims are serving pork and serving alcohol openly just like in New York where I live.

The gays are holding hands, yet they are saying Turkey is supposed to be conservative. That is horse manure. (*In fact, it is worse - Al-Haq*). The people of Turkey where I am presently, seem to be giving their Islam away for their lira.

If they continue in this way, what will be the case of Islam in

their country? They state, oh so falsely and proudly, that their country is 98 percent Muslims. I would like to know where in Turkey this proves to be true. They are liars.

I go to breakfast, there is ham. I walk the streets, they call you to their store. One man said: "Come in. I want your money". The kuffar may have lured these people with their money but these people choose to give in to the kuffar way of living. They are totally emulating the kuffar life style. How dare they say they are a Muslim country? People like me, cover our faces and the "tourists" there look at me as if I am the one out of place, even the locals.

The Turks did fight before to conquer the kuffaar lands and they implemented and practiced Islam. But today the Turks have been conquered because of their greed.

Turkey has a lot of natural resources and I say their land is very rich if the people work hard they don't need the tourists and they can be proud to be Muslims again as they were like before. The enemy looks different today, they don't sling swords today they come with a smile and dollars. It is disgusting. I wish to go home. My husband like it here. I wonder why? They are liberal minded as he is. Actually liberal is not even close to the word I want to use. I am sick. (*End of the Sister's letter*)

COMMENT

The current deplorable moral and *Imaani* condition of the Turkish people is the consequence of Allah's *Athaab* (*Punishment*), which commenced in several ways. Firstly, during the tenure of the Islamic

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THE ATHAAB OF THE FIRES

"What! Do the people of the town feel confident that Our Punishment Will (not) overtake them during the daytime whilst they indulge in play and amusement?" (*Qur'aan*)

"Mallacooota is a tourist town in Victoria, Australia. Around 1,000 people live there, but the population swells at Christmas as Australians head to the coast to enjoy their holidays.

But on Tuesday morning as bush fires swept the region, thousands of people fled to the beach for a different reason: SAFETY."

People in the town woke up to thick smoke and pale, orange

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TURKEY: THE IMPRESSIONS OF A SISTER

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Khilaafat, the rulers and the masses had plunged into total disobedience and immorality. Allah Ta'ala, as a warning to the Muslims of Turkey, began snatching away countries and handing them over to the kuffaar. The western kuffaar of that era, had labelled Turkey: *The Sick Man of Europe*. The destruction of the Muslim empire and abolition of the Khilaafate were the writings on the wall, but which the moron fussaah-fujjaar Muslim rulers and masses refused to acknowledge or even understand, just as Muslims are displaying today.

But the Turks did not understand the Divine Message, hence they continued recklessly along their disastrous trajectory of flagrant *fisq* and *fujjoor*. When they had traversed all the confines of Allah's limits, and lapsed into total moral and spiritual chaos and corruption, Allah Ta'ala imposed a devil-incarnate man, Attaturk, to

make manifest the true state of the hearts of the Turkish Muslims. Since their hearts were saturated with *kufir*, Allah Ta'ala imposed the Attaturk Kaafir on them. This one devil abolished, not only the Khilaafat, but even Islam. Islam was excised from the lives of the Turkish Muslims because they themselves had practically and even intellectually deracinated themselves of Imaan and Islam. They were not fit any longer for the Treasure of Islam, hence *Kufir* domination was placed over them.

In the wake of the Devil's rule which endured for many decades right until Allah Ta'ala provided partially His Ni'mat and Mercy in the form of Erdogan. The entire population with negligible exceptions, was reared and nurtured in the civilization of *kufir*, atheism and immorality. Thus, the vast majority of the professed 'Muslims' today in Turkey are atheist kuffaar who excel and revel in *fisq* and *fujjoor*. There is no

need for surprise. The *fisq* and *fujjoor* which the Sister has observed are simply the natural effects of the atheism of the Turkish so-called 'muslims'. They are devoid of Islamic substance.

Those who believe that they are Muslims, are of the Gullenist brand. This brand is also kuffaar masquerading as Muslims. A small segment of the people who had managed to keep their Imaan intact in the Attaturk-Devil conflagration which had consumed Turkey, are bereft of Imaani lustre suffering from the same diseases of Imaani deficiency which is in this era plaguing the entire Ummah all over the world. Thus, those who are still valid Muslims are ignoring the opportunity Allah Ta'ala has provided in the form of Erdogan. They are not deriving the correct benefit from the window which Allah Ta'ala has opened in the form of Erdogan.

The total ban on Islam which the Devil-Incarnate had imposed,

has been abolished by Erdogan. Everyone is now free to practise the Deen, but those who are taking advantage of this Ni'mat are rare. The velleity which the 'Deeni' segment of the population is displaying towards Islam is what we call *kufraan-e-ni'mat* or ingratitude for the Ni'mat provided by Allah Ta'ala. Soon, this Erdogan *ni'mat* may be snatched away to give way for another bout of Dajjalism similar to or even worse than the Attaturk brand of Satanism.

Muslims from all over the world are flocking to Turkey for merrymaking and holidaying. Most are intoxicated with the liquor of self-deception. They pretend to visit a 'Muslim' country to 'admire' some past 'glory' of a land which had held sway for centuries over the Muslim World. Fooling themselves with this stupid chimera, they go to Turkey for indulgence in *fisq* and *fujjoor*, especially for prostitution which flourishes in a variety of forms in Turkey. It is *haraam* to visit Turkey for merrymaking.

ALLAH'S WRATH

Australia fires: Navy rescues people from fire-hit Mallacoota

BBC reports: The Australian navy has begun evacuating peo-

ple trapped in the fire-ravaged town of Mallacoota on the Victoria coast. Two ships, HMAS Choules and MV Sycamore, will pick up about 1,000 people, MP Darren Chester said. He called

it an "unprecedented mass relocation".

Some 4,000 residents and tourists fled to the beach on Monday night, when racing bushfires encircled the town. The military evacuated around 60 people by air last night. The evacuees will

sail to Port Welshpool, local media reported - a 16-hour voyage down the Victoria coast.

The larger ship, HMAS Choules, has a "few hundred beds". Further trips are possible,

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U.S.A.: ITS OWN AGENDA

Beijing on Wednesday decried a US decision to restrict visas for Chinese officials linked to the repression of Xinjiang Muslims and called on Washington to withdraw the measure.

The US has stepped up its criticism of China's treatment of Uighurs and other mostly Muslim minorities in the western region, where rights groups say more than one million are held in re-education camps.

Earlier this week, Washington announced the blacklisting of 28 Chinese entities involved in rights violations in Xinjiang, which China has said was based on groundless claims. US secretary of state Mike Pompeo announced the visa curbs on Tuesday, urging China to cease its "campaign of repression" in the region and release those interned in the camps.

China had until recently denied the camps existed, but later described them as "vocational education centres" where people learn Mandarin and job skills as necessary counter-

terrorism measures. *The Herald 10-Oct-2019 (End of report)*

The overtly pro-Muslim action of the U.S. should not be construed to be friendship with Muslims. The US has the blood of hundreds of thousands of Muslims on its hands. Never is it possible for the US to have any genuine feelings of sympathy for Muslims. All kuffaar are a single breed. They harbour intense hatred for Muslims and Islam.

The US is manipulating the cruelty and repression of China against Muslims to gain some leverage against the Chinese Devils with whom it is conducting an economic war. As for the Chinese Muslims, no one can ever be of assistance to them. Allah Ta'ala says in the Qur'aan Majeed:

"If you aid (the Deen of) Allah, no one will be able to conquer you. If Allah abandons you, then who is there besides Him who can help you?"

Muslims have abandoned Islam, hence Allah Ta'ala withholds His *Nusrat (Help)* from the Ummah.

THE MONARCHICAL SYSTEM

Q. What does Islam say about the monarchy system? Is this system permissible?

A. Allah Ta'ala, Himself, had established the monarchy system as is mentioned in the Qur'aan Majeed. As long as the king rules strictly according to the Shariah, his monarchical rule will be valid and he will be a valid Khalifah of Allah Ta'ala on earth. It is merely a system of appointment. A Khalifah will be a valid Shar'i Khalifah as long as he rules by the Qur'aan and Sunnah regardless of the system of his appointment.

"(Remember) when Musaa said to his people: 'O my people! Remember the bounty of Allah upon you when He made from you Ambiya, and He made you kings." (Al-Maaidah. 20)

"From you" Allah Ta'ala

made Ambiya (Alayhimus Salaam). That is some among you. Not everyone has been endowed with the quality of *Nubuwwat*. But everyone, even morons, have the potentiality and quality of *kingship*, hence the Qur'aan states: *"He made you (i.e. all of your) kings."* Almost all kings living today are morons, and most kings of the past were morons. And those who decry the monarchical system are in fact morons.

The illustrious, most pious Khalifah after the era of the Khulafa-e-Raashideen, was appointed in terms of the monarchical system. He was the famous Umar The Second, Hadhrat Umar Bin Abdul Azeez (Rahmatullah alayh), the illustrious Khalifah of the Bani Umayya dynasty which was a monarchical system.

ALLAH'S OBLIGATION

“Upon Us is the obligation to save the People of Imaan.”
(Yoonus, Aayat 103)

Protecting Muslims and to save them from the kuffaar enemies and from His Athaab (Punishment) are the ‘Obligation’ of Allah Azza Wa Jal. In the Qur’aan Majeed Allah Ta’ala has given this undertaking that He will save the Mu’mineen from His Athaab.

But, what is happening to the Ummah all over the world? The most horrendous forms of torture and brutality are committed on Muslims by the kuffaar. Heart-rending misery, hardship and kuffaar brutality are the reality in Kashmir, Syria, Burma, Palestine, and elsewhere. There is no Divine Protection for Muslims. All over the world Muslims are being pummeled and trampled on.

How do we reconcile the current misery of the Ummah with the aforementioned Qur’aanic verse and also with similar other Aayaat? The above Aayat should be understood in conjunction with other Aayaat and Ahaadith which inform us that The Divine Obligation applies to only such Muslims who are

genuine Mu’mineen. Allah’s Promise of Protection is not for the scum who flagrantly rebel and indulge in fisq and fujoor, and furthermore justify such shaitaani perpetrations, believing their conduct to be permissible, and acquiring stupid fatwas from corrupt facebook moron ‘muftis’, molvis and bogus sheikhs, all mismanipulating the Deen for nafsaani gratification and for other worldly objectives.

The Qur’aan Majeed and the Ahaadith make it abundantly clear that Allah’s Protection is only for the Mu’mineen who are firm and staunch in upholding the Shariah and the Sunnah. Thus, there is no conflict between the Qur’aanic Aayat and the current pitiable, miserable, heart-breaking condition of the Ummah. The Ummah today is being punished by Allah Ta’ala.

The brutality of the kuffaar is by the permission and decree of Allah Ta’ala. No one can move a step without Allah’s command. It is only with divine intervention that acts come into existence. The Qur’aan Majeed states: **“Not a leaf drops (from a tree), but He is aware.”** That is, it is with his command and direct inter-

vention that even a leaf’s *maut* occurs. Only then does it fall from the tree.

With the total and encompassing control of Allah Ta’ala over His entire creation, there are no accidents taking place. Everything is the effect of Allah’s command. Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said that if all mankind and jinns unite to cause someone any harm, they will succeed only to the degree decreed by Allah Ta’ala. Similarly, is it with benefit. Only the degree decreed by Allah Ta’ala will the entire creation be able to deliver. The Qur’aan Majeed emphatically and explicitly states: **“Not the slightest particle in the earth and the heaven is hidden from your Rabb, nor anything smaller or bigger, but it is recorded in a Clear Book.”**

The massive political upheavals in Syria, Kashmir, etc. which have brought unimaginable hardship and brutality to Muslims, are not fortuitous events, haphazardly plotted by the kuffaar. These hardships are *all* the Athaab of Allah Azza Wa Jal for people who have destroyed their Imaan and abolished their Islamic moral character with fla-

grant indulgence in every kind of fisq, fujoor, bid’ah and kufr. The imposition of kuffaar domination is a form of Divine Chastisement which has been predicted by Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam).

Reviling the kuffaar and shaitaan for the plight of the Ummah is due to ignorance and even dementia. The misery of the Ummah is the consequence of the rotten condition of fisq, fujoor and kufr in which Muslims are wallowing, not only wallowing, but justifying. That is because, ‘Muslims’ are no longer true Muslims. They are kuffaar of a different hue, but they are kuffaar.

The only solution for the misery is to turn unto Allah Ta’ala with sincere Taubah, and to implement the Shariah in the manner of the Salafus Saaliheen. There is no other solution. Allah Ta’ala says in the Qur’aan Majeed that He will not change the condition of people as long as they do not change the villainy within themselves. The evil within ourselves must first be purged. Only then will Allah’s *Nusrat* (Aid) and Protection be granted to us.

“If you aid (the Deen of) Allah, He will aid you and plant your feet firmly (against your enemies).”
(Qur’aan)

WARNING FOR THIS UMMAH

Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

“Soon will the nations (of the kuffaar) form coalitions against you to devour you.” Someone asked: ‘O

Rasulullah! Will that be because of the paucity of our numbers on that day?’ Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: “On the contrary you will be numerous. But you will be ghutha (rubbish) such as the flotsam of floodwaters. Allah will eliminate from the hearts of your enemy fear for you, and He will cast wahan in

your hearts.”

Someone asked: ‘O Rasulullah! What is wahan?’ Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: ‘Love for this world and aversion for Maut (Death).’

ALLAH'S AID

“....Have tawakkul (trust) on Allah. If they (the kuffaar) conspire to deceive you, (then know that) Allah is sufficient for you. It is He (Allah) Who has aided you (O Muhammad! With His help and with the Mu’mineen.”
(Al-Anfaal, 61, 62)

Divine aid (Allah’s *Nusrat*) is restricted to the Mu’mineen who have *Tawakkul* on Allah. *Tawakkul* is the effect of *Taqwa* (Fear for Allah/Piety). This is the consequence of total obedience to the Shariah and adoption of the Sunnah in every sphere of life. Every aspect of our physical, moral and spiritual life must incumbently be in conformity with the Shariah.

In the extremely hostile, anti-Islam physical and moral environment which engulfs Muslims in this age, we are required to manoeuvre ourselves as best as

we are able to in this veritable spiritual minefield to save our Imaan from destruction. This hostile environment is not a creation of only non-Muslims. The worst offenders and anti-Islam proponents and shayaateen are professed ‘Muslims’.

The vast majority of professed ‘Muslims’ are the worst enemies of Islam and of genuine Muslims – the Muslims who struggle to hang on to the Deen in this raging storm of fisq, fujoor, bid’ah, zanaadaqah and even blatant kufr. For those Faithful Ones struggling fearfully and arduously in this spiritual minefield in the desperate struggle to hang on to the Sunnah, Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) assured:

“He who clings to my Sunnah at the time of the corruption of my Ummah, will receive the reward of a hundred Shuhada (Martyrs).”

KALIMAH-RECITERS

Q. Some people say that according to the Hadith it is not permissible to label a Kalimah-reciter ‘kaafir’. The kufr will rebound on the person who proclaims a Muslim as kaafir. Is this the correct interpretation of the Hadith?

A. While the Ahaadith are authentic, the understanding and interpretation of the *zindeeqs* are shaitaani inspirations. Shaitaan urinates baatil in their brains.

A cross-worshipper who recites the Kalimah is a kaafir. A person who denies the finality of Nubuwwat is a kaafir even if he performs Salaat, pays Zakaat, Fasts and performs Hajj. A man

who recites the Kalimah and executes **all** the commands of Islam is a kaafir if he makes *Istikhfaaf* of any *Hukm* of Allah Ta’ala.

The Fuqaha have explained these Ahaadith in detail. The meaning accorded to these narrations by the *zindeeqs* is baatil. Read Allaamah Kashmiri’s *Ikfaarul Mulhideen* to gain a good understanding of the mas’alah of *Takfeer*.

The munaafiqeen recited the Kalimah; Qadianis recite the Kalimah; Shiahs recite the Kalimah while their doctrines are explicit kufr. Their recitation of the Kalimah does not admit them into the fold of Islam.

ALLAH'S ATHAAB- THERE IS NO CONUNDRUM

A Brother from the U.K. queries:

“You may be aware that recently elections took place in UK. Muslims are unhappy with the result, because the leader has flagrantly referred to Muslim women in niqab as ‘letter boxes’ and insinuated that Islam is the problem. This has incited the rise of Islamophobia in the UK with Muslim women being abused for wearing hijab or Muslims being told to leave the country. (In reality, Allah Ta’ala has created Islamophobia to punish Muslims – Al-Haq)

I’m aware of the plethora of Ahadith & Verses of Qur’an which state that whatever calamity befalls us is of our own making. (When you are aware, then what is the quandary? Ignore the kufr denial of others – Al-Haq). However, when ever this view is put forth, the riposte is how do you know that this is not merely a test from Allah Ta’ala to elevate the status of the person being abused or ridiculed? (They are in denial of Allah’s categoric declaration of Punishment, and this is kufr – Al-Haq)

How do the Ulama respond to this & why is it that there is a verbal outrage, moralising & petitioning the kuffar, with no tangible results? (When Allah Ta’ala withholds His aid, no one can help. Petitioning the kuffaar for succour exposes the kufr in the hearts- Al-Haq) Surely, there should be introspection by Muslims? (Their hearts are incorrigibly damaged and indurate, hence incapable of introspection- Al-Haq). In essence what is the correct prescription to come out of this quagmire? What about hijrah and to where? (While hijrah from the evil country such as the U.K. is necessary, the problem is that there is really no where to go – Al-haq)

(End of query)

COMMENT

There is no conundrum in the issue raised by you. It is as clear as daylight that the calamities befalling Muslims today are Allah’s Punishment for our *fisq*, *fujoor*, and *kufr*. Look at the misdeeds of Muslims worldwide, and any unbiased Muslim who understands the Deen will conclude that Allah Ta’ala is displeased with Muslims.

Even if it is assumed that the hardships on Muslims today are trials to elevate status, then too, the *Athaab* dimension cannot be denied. Allah Ta’ala, in the Qur’aan Majeed, and Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam), in numerous Ahaadith, have emphasized that the imposition of kuffaar domination is a punishment.

While there are innumerable Ahaadith and Aayaat categorically describing the *calamities* to be the effects of Allah’s *Athaab*, there are no narrations attributing it to *elevation of status*. The latter is the interpretation of the *Auliya*, which is accepted.

Furthermore, the type of calamities with which Allah Ta’ala is punishing us, are in fact *blessings in disguise*. When Allah Ta’ala does not desire the punishment of *Jahannam* for people, then he inflicts bearable punishment in this *dunya* thereby purifying us from our villainy, evil and sins. We then suffer on earth.

If a Muslim bears the suffering with *Sabr*, *Istighfaar* and *Dua* then it is a clear sign of Allah’s mercy on him. On the other hand, if suffering is accompanied by complaint, more sin and bootlicking the kuffaar, then this is the sign of total disaster, and that the calamity is now not a trial to purify and elevate status. It is the effect of Allah’s *Ghadab* (*Wrath*) and *La’nat* (*Curse*), and it indicates that the suffering/punishment will extend into the *Aakhirah* as well.

Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

“When Allah Ta’ala intends goodness for a person, He then makes haste with the punishment of this person in this dunya.”

Examine the deeds and misdeeds of both the Ulama and the masses, and you will be able to rationally conclude that we are not Muslims in the meaning of the Qur’aan and the Sunnah. We are in reality kuffaar at heart. Portraying this Imaani bankruptcy which is endemic today, Hadhrat Abdullah Bin Amr (Radhiyallahu anhu) said:

“A time will dawn when the people (the so-called Muslims) will assemble in their Musaaqid, and they will perform Salaat while not a single one of them will be a Mu’min.”

This is the current bizarre scenario which is incrementally worsening by the day.

The *riposte* to which you have referred is further evidence of the *nifaaq* of those who refuse to accept that the night follows day and it becomes light when the sun rises. A sincere Muslim, even a *Wali* of the highest status, *always* believes that whatever hardship befalls him is the consequences of his sins. He does not understand the concept of *elevation of status* being applicable to himself. He reserves it for others. Thus, Ameerul Mu’mineen Hadhrat Umar Farooq (Radhiyallahu anhu) once begged Hadhrat Huzaifah (Radhiyallahu anhu) to inform him if perhaps his (i.e. Umar’s) name was not included in the list of the *munaafiqeen*. This list was entrusted by Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) to Hadhrat Huzaifah Bin Yamaan (Radhiyallahu anhu).

Hadhrat Umar (Radhiyallahu anhu) was not interested to know who the *munaafiqeen* were. Fear had constrained him to seek clarity regarding the validity of his own Imaan. Hence he prevailed on Hadhrat Huzaifah

(Radhiyallahu anhu) to reveal if his (Umar’s) name was also included in the list of *munaafiqeen*. He breathed sighs of relief when he was informed that he was not listed among the *munaafiqeen*. But today, every morning is affronted when it is mentioned that the suffering and the calamities are Allah’s *Athaab* for our misdeeds, transgression, immorality and downright *kufr* – *kufr* which the UK molvis are spearheading with their satanic interfaith conspiracies against Allah Ta’ala in conjunction with the Nasaara enemies of Allah Azza Wa Jal.

Undoubtedly, there should be introspection by Muslims. In every issue of *The Majlis* and *Al-Haq* emphasis and urgency are laid on introspection – soul-searching and *Muraaqabah* to gain *taufeeq* for *Inaabat illallaah*. Muslims are required to repent, seek Allah’s aid and morally reform themselves. Minus these imperative requisites, this Ummah will only sink deeper into the disastrous quagmire of humiliation and destruction – destruction in this world and in the Hereafter.

The one and only prescription for extrication from the quagmire of Divine Wrath and Curse, is the Qur’aanic prescription:

“Musaa said to his people (suffering brutality and humiliation under the oppressive yoke of Fir’oun): ‘Seek aid from Allah and have Sabr. Verily, the earth belongs to Allah. He grants it to whomever He wills of His servants.’”

Only complete adoption of the Sunnah and total submission to the Shariah which precludes *bootlicking* in which the UK molvis and masses excel, is the solution. May Allah Ta’ala have mercy on this fallen, humiliated, rebellious Ummah insanely following the Yahood and Nasaara right into the *“lizard’s hole”*.

Islamophobia is Allah’s Athaab

THE ATHAAB OF THE FIRES

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skies. But as the fires drew closer, the sky turned red. At 8 a.m. a warning siren sounded, telling

people to head for the water. By 9.30 a.m. the sky was pitch black. “We were bracing for the worst because it was black, David Jeffrey told the BBC. “Like it should have been daylight and it was black like midnight, and

we could hear the fire roaring.”

Fleeing into the ocean was the last resort option, Victoria’s emergency management agency said. With smoke blocking out the sun, a summer’s day looked like night time at the beachfront.

Mr. Jeffrey spoke to the BBC: “We were all terrified for our lives. We were praying like crazy.”

It is too late for prayers. The Divine Punishment runs its course – Al-Haq

SAUDIS ARE THE "BROTHERS OF THE SHAYAATEEN"

"Do not waste. Verily, the wast-ers are the Brothers of the shayaateen, and unto his Rabb, shaitaan was an ingrate."
(Qur'aan)

Regarding the shaitaanity of the Saudis, News24, North-coastcourier, Malaymail, Republicworld, amongst others, has the following report:

"The plate is designed to make a meal look bigger a gastro-nomic illusion and an innovative way to tame Saudi Arabia's per-vasive throw-away culture which results in colossal food waste.

Across much of the Gulf lav-ish displays of food are seen as a cultural totem of generosity and hospitality. But much of it ends up in the trash.

The desert kingdom -- which because of its limited arable land and scarce water resources is heavily reliant on imports to meet its **growing food demand -- has the highest rate of waste globally.**

The average Saudi wastes up to 250 kilograms (550 pounds) of food annually, compared to a global average of 115 kg, ac-cording to the ministry of envi-ronment, water and agriculture. The ministry estimates the waste costs Saudi Arabia, which is scrambling to boost state coffers amid low oil prices, around \$13 billion annually. According to the Economist Intelligence Unit, the consumption is far

higher than the official estimate: it says the average Saudi wastes as much as 427 kg every year, underscoring what observers call a throwaway consumer culture that undervalues food.

"Food waste in restaurants, cele-brations, social events is enor-mous ... (as) the custom is to pro- vide more food than required." 'Freedom to eat' The Saudi Food Bank, or Etaam, a charity which collects surplus food from hotels and wedding halls and distributes it to the needy, has called on the govern-ment to penalise waste.

Water, too, is wasted even as the arid kingdom faces declining re- sources.

(End of report)

The enormity of this Saudi vil-lainy can be understood from the appellation predicated by Allah Ta'ala to the mubath-thirteen, i.e.

those who satani-cally waste the bounties of Allah Ta'ala, espe- cially food. While millions of Mus- lims are languish- ing in ab- ject poverty, the Sau- di brothers of the devils, callously waste bil- lions of dollars of food down the sewer- age drains annu- ally.

A MIRACLE OF A SHAHEED

On the occasion of *Beer Maoonah*, the Sahaabi, Hadhrat Aamir Bin Faheer (Radhiyallahu anhu) was martyred. Another Sahaabi, Hadhrat Aamir Bin Tufail (Radhiyallahu anhu) narrated: "I saw the Janaazah of this Sha- heed, Aamir Bin Faheer, rising towards the heaven. It continued ascending until it disappeared from sight. After a short while, the Janaazah returned."

CONSPIRACIES AND OUR STANCE

Question: What should be our stance regarding the current cri- sis precipitated by the killing of the Iranian army general by the U.S.A.?

Answer: There is no crisis. It is one huge, sinister, farce and con- spiracy in which the U.S. and Iran are co-operatives. Regarding momentous conspiracies of this scale, the Qur'aan Majeed says:

"Verily, they conspired their plot, and their plot is by Allah. Certainly their conspiracy (is such) that even mountains move." (Ibraaheem, Aayat 46)

The U.S.A. and Iran are bed- fellows. They are in a conspirator- ial embrace. The 'crisis' is hallu- cinatory. Muslims should not be disturbed by such nonsense. Our stance is prescribed by the Qur'aan Majeed. Allah Ta'ala says:

"If you have Sabr and adopt Taqwa, then their plot will not

harm you in any way what- soever." (Aal Imraan, Aayat 120)

"O People of Imaan! Be concerned about yourselves, (then) he who has gone astray will not be able to harm you." (Al-

Maaidah, Aayat 195)

Muslims should be concerned with their own moral and spiritu- al progress and welfare. They should submit fully to the Shariah and adopt the Culture of the Sun- nah. Then, the conspiracies of the kuffaar will be rendered ineffec- tive by Allah Ta'ala.

In the aforementioned Qur'aanic Verse Allah Ta'ala says that *'their plot is by Allah'*. The conspiracies of the kuffaar are also by the decree of Allah Ta'ala. There is a fixed course for these plots. Our stance regarding these plots should be *indiffer- ence*. We are required to prepare for the Aakhirah. We should not be deflected from the Objective of this earthly life by these world- ly upheavals which are all in the control of Allah Ta'ala and under His command.

The *Objective* for us as stated by Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) is:

"Verily, the world has been created for you while you have been created for the Aakhirah."

This dunya is merely a vehicle transporting us on our onward journey into the Aakhirah. The everlasting life of pleasure and happiness is in Jannat, and is ob- tainable only by Obedience to Allah's Shariah. Therefore, do not be deflected from the Straight Path by the nonsensical political upheavals and the conspiracies of the kuffaar.

SAUDI ARABIA A TAFSEER OF THE AAYAT.....

"When We intend to destroy a town (village, city, country), then We increase its affluent people (with prosperity, luxury, play and amusement). Then they in- dulge (recklessly) in fisq. Thus the decree (of Punishment) is es- tablished for them.

Then We utterly destroy them."
(Al-Israa', Aayat 16)

Hadhrat Ali (Radhiyallahu an- hu) and Hadhrat Ibn Abbaas (Radhiyallahu anhu) explained that, the first sign of the impend- ing destruction of a people is the increase in the number of afflu- ent fussaag and fujjaar. This is precisely what is transpiring in Saudi Arabia. Then these people

plunge recklessly into the caul- dron of vice and immorality. When they have traversed the frontier of no return, the Athaab of Allah Azza Wa Jal suddenly apprehends them. They will be utterly destroyed and eliminated.

This Tafseer fits Saudi Arabia like a glove. The first phase of the destruction of the kaafir re- gime and the kuffaar Saudi pop- ulace has already been con- firmed.

The reckless plunge into im- morality, fisq, fujoor, kufr and even idolatry of the Saudis is the surest sign for the impending universal *Athaab* which will ut- terly deracinate the Devil Civili-

zation which has been adopted by the Saudis. They have even worshipped the Hindu elephant god. Massive upheavals in all spheres of life will overtake that unfortunate land soon by the command of Allah Azza Wa Jal.

The holiest and purest Land on earth – the Heart of Islam – has become transformed into a mas- sive brothel by the Saudi people. Never in history was this sacred Land so polluted and filthied with immorality and vice as is being enacted today. But for the Way of Allah, the Qur'aan states: *"Never will you find for the Sunnah of Allah a change."* He will apprehend, rout and de- stroy all the devils and their agents.

IZZAT – HONOUR

"Convey to the munaafiqeen that verily for them there is a painful chastisement. They (the munaafiqeen) are those who take the kaafireen as friends besides the Mu'mineen. What!

Do they search for Izzat (Honour)

from them? Verily, all Izzat be- longs to Allah."

(An-Nisaa', 138, 139)

Crawling insanely behind the Yahood and Nasaara right into the *"lizard's hole"*, emulating them in all their evil, is today the salient feature of this fallen down-trodden Ummah who had once upon a time dominated and controlled the world.

THE RAGING FIRES – ALLAH’S PUNISHMENT

AUSTRALIA

The devastating Fires are raging unabated in Australia. The Punishment of Allah Azza Wa Jal runs its course. Just as Allah Ta’ala is punishing Muslim nations for their rebellion and flagrant acts of *fisq* and *fujoor*, so too is Allah Ta’ala punishing the kuffaar.

For the kuffaar, punishment on a universal scale is generally for *ZULM* – for injustices, oppression and cruelty. Australia has

committed heinous acts of *Zulm*, hence the Divine Punishment in the form of Fires and Droughts.

The scale of the Punishment is not properly understood by those who are not directly affected. That the navy is now being employed to evacuate thousands of people being hemmed in by the raging, moving Fires which are encircling entire towns and driving people to the sea should provide an adequate commentary of the disaster which has befallen

Australia. The map appearing below also testifies to the Wrath of Allah Azza Wa Jal.

All of these *Zaalimeen* kuffaar states – U.S.A., U.K., France, India, Israel, China, Russia, etc. – will be apprehended one by one: every *swine* gets its day. No one can escape Allah’s Grasp. Muslims should understand that whatever is happening, right down to the minutest insect or inanimate particle moving, is by the decree and command of Al-

lah Azza Wa Jal. The Qur’aan Majeed declaring the all-embracing power and control of Allah Azza Wa Jal, says:

“By Him are the keys of the *Ghaib* (that which is unseen and unknown to us). No one besides Allah is aware thereof. He knows what is on land and in the oceans. Not a leaf drops (from a tree) but He is aware. There is not a seed (underground) in the darkness of the earth, nor anything moist or dry, but it is recorded in a Clear Book.”

DIVINE PUNISHMENT



MATERIAL SUPERIORITY

On the occasion of the memorable victory against the Romans, Ameerul Mu’mineen Hadhrat Umar Bin Khattaab (Radhiyallahu anhu) wrote to Hadhrat Abu Ubaidah Bin Al-Jarraah (Radhiyallahu anhu), the supreme Commander of the Muslim army: “I praise Allah besides Whom

there is no deity. Your letter has reached me, and I have understood what you have explained regarding the destruction inflicted by Allah on the *mushrikeen*, and about the aid of Allah for His Friends and the People of Obedience.....Know (O People of Imaan!) that verily, you did not gain victory over your enemy by

INAABAT – THE ONLY SOLUTION

Muslims should not allow shaitaan to deflect them from their own sins and evil, thus causing us to forget about *Inaabat Ilallaah* (Turning to Allah in repentance, renewing our pledge of obedience and reforming our rotten moral life). It is essential for Muslims to understand that the kuffaar are not the cause of our misery and humiliation. The cause is our own rebellion and abandonment of the Deen. The oppression of the kuffaar is merely a form of Allah’s Punishment which He inflicts on us to jolt us into the reality of our rotten moral and spiritual conditions.

However, shaitaan has hitherto succeeded in deceiving and blinding Muslims. He has embedded in Muslims the stupidity and the hallucination that the

hardships and calamities devastating the Ummah are due to the oppression of the kuffaar. But the reality is that kuffaar oppression is the consequence of the *kufur* perpetrated by Muslims. Since Muslims have fallen into this satanic trap, they have become lulled into complacency with their own *kufur* lifestyle of *fisq* and *fujoor*. In fact, they appear to be totally lacking in understanding their own corruption which is the cause for the hardships which in turn are Allah’s *Athaab*.

A monstrous stupidity of Muslims is to revile shaitaan for their own misdeeds. They revile the kuffaar and their own ugly faces in the mirror reflection without understanding that the reflection in the mirror is not the cause of the ugliness.

means of numerical superiority nor by military hardware. There is no power and no strength but with

Allah. But (you achieved victory) with the help, aid, grace and kindness of Allah.”

ALLAH’S WRATH

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depending on demand.

Victoria’s Premier Daniel Andrews declared a state of disaster for six areas and resorts, including Mallacoota. The ships were only just visible from shore through the thick yellow air.

Thousands of people are also fleeing parts of neighbouring New South Wales, where a state of emergency is in force. Since September fires have killed 19 people in the two states.

More than 1,300 homes have been destroyed. At least 28 people remain missing after fires this week alone.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Scott Morrison has come under attack for his response to the fires. He was heckled by angry locals in Cobargo, New South Wales, and had to cut short his visit to the fire-hit town. Media caption “You’re an idiot, mate”: Australian PM Scott Morrison heckled by bushfire victims.

What is happening on the ground?

New South Wales Premier Gladys Berejiklian has declared a week-long state of emergency, which started at 08:00 local time on Friday (21:00 GMT on Thursday).

Thousands of people are already fleeing a vast “tourist leave zone” in NSW, with supplies running low in some cut-off towns. It’s been called “the largest relocation out of the region ever”. Kosciusko National Park in the south of NSW, home to the country’s highest mainland peaks is also being evacuated and closed.

High temperatures and strong winds are forecast for the weekend, leading to “widespread extreme fire danger”. The state government has warned that conditions are likely to be “at least as bad” as New Year’s Eve, when hundreds of homes were destroyed.

What about other parts of

Australia?

In the capital Canberra - an administrative region surrounded by NSW - bushfire smoke meant air quality there was rated the third worst of all major global cities on Friday, according to Swiss-based group AirVisual.

An elderly woman died after being exposed to the smoke as she exited a plane at Canberra airport, local reports say. Australia Post has suspended deliveries in the city “until further notice”.

Two regions of Western Australia (WA) were also facing catastrophic fire danger on Thursday, and parts of South Australia were expected to see extreme conditions on Friday.

TALIBAN ON THE ATTACK

Dozens of Afghan Forces Killed in New Taliban Attacks

ISLAMABAD - Officials in Afghanistan said Wednesday Taliban insurgents have killed at least 28 pro-government forces in overnight attacks in the country's north. Despite harsh weather conditions, the Taliban has staged almost daily battlefield attacks in Afghanistan's northern and northeastern provinces over the past week, killing some 100 Afghan forces and injuring many

more.

An Afghan official requesting anonymity told VOA that a security outpost in Dasht-e-Archi district of northern Kunduz province came under a major insurgent attack that left 13 pro-government forces dead.

A provincial member council, Fawzai Eftali, while speaking to VOA, confirmed the casualties

inflicted on Afghan forces, saying the attack also left several personnel injured.

Another 15 security personnel were killed in the neighboring Balkh and Takhar provinces, said police commanders and government spokesmen there.

Chief Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, in statements sent to reporters, claimed a total

of 50 government forces were killed in the overnight attacks across the three provinces.

The United States, which is backing the Afghan government in its battle with the Taliban, has been trying to find a negotiated settlement to the 18-year-old war with the insurgent group, but the dialogue process has suffered setbacks lately due to continued violence.

TALIBAN ATTACK AMERICAN BASE AND REJECT CEASEFIRE

The latest disruption came two weeks ago when the Taliban launched a suicide bombing-and-shooting raid in the largest U.S. military base of Bagram, north of the Afghan capital, Kabul. Washington halted the talks, demanding the Taliban commit to a temporary cease-fire before the peace process could be resumed and a deal signed between the two adversaries. But the Taliban on Monday announced it has "no intention" to cease hostilities, though it admitted the insurgent

leadership is looking into a U.S. request for reducing the scale of Taliban battlefield operations.

The Taliban reiterated that it would discuss a nation-wide cease-fire and future governing system in the country in Taliban-Afghan negotiations when they begin. But those talks cannot take place unless an agreement is concluded on the withdrawal of all U.S. and allied troops from Afghanistan, the Taliban stressed in its statement.

WAVE OF ATTACKS

In a new wave of attacks, the Taliban targeted Afghan security forces in the country's north, killing at least 23, local officials said. The assaults hit checkpoints in at least three northern provinces.

In Kunduz, at least 10 Afghan forces were killed and four others were wounded in an attack on a police checkpoint in the district of Dashti Archi on Tuesday night, according to Mohammad Yusuf Ayubi, head of the provincial council.

In Balkh province, the Taliban killed nine police officers in an attack on their checkpoint. The condition of four other policemen who were at the checkpoint was unknown, said Mohammad Afzel Hadid, head of the provincial council.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, claimed the fighters in the Balkh attack had infiltrated police ranks a while back and were waiting for a chance to strike.

In a third attack on Tuesday night, seven members of the se-

curity forces in Takhar province and 10 Taliban fighters died in a gunfight, according to Jawad Hajri, the provincial governor's spokesman.

The Taliban struck a pro-government militia compound in Jawzjan province before dawn on Monday, killing 14 members of the security forces. A similar militia compound was targeted in Takhar on Sunday, when at least 17 militiamen were killed.

On Friday, at least 10 Afghan soldiers died in a Taliban attack on a checkpoint in southern Helmand province.

The latest attacks underscore the Taliban's strengthened position in an 18-year war, the US's longest conflict, even as their leadership, based in the Arab Gulf state of Qatar, has been negotiating with a US envoy.

The fighting has shown no signs of abating. US air strikes and operations by Afghan security forces over the past two days killed 35 Taliban fighters in offensives across the country, including an air strike in Kandahar province that killed 11 Taliban fighters, the US military said.

Ending America's Endless War in Afghanistan

By Joseph Votel (*General Votel was the commander of United States Central Command from March 2016 to March 2019*).

We need to press for an agreement between the U.S. and the Taliban and cement the parallel support of the Afghan government. I took command of the United States Army's 75th Ranger Regiment two months before the Sept. 11 attacks. Not long after, the regiment deployed to Afghanistan as part of the American effort to destroy Al Qaeda and remove the Taliban from power.

In the 18 years since, soldiers from the 75th Ranger Regiment, a Special Operations light-infantry unit, have always been deployed to Afghanistan. And as others did, I returned many times thereafter. During his Thanksgiving visit to American troops in Afghanistan, President Trump declared that he had reopened peace talks with the Taliban. The

president's announcement is a rare chance to end our longest war.

We are now in a position to seal a United States-Taliban agreement that would lead to intra-Afghan negotiations and move the conflict into the political realm. We should not miss this opportunity.

The war has exacted an overwhelming cost: 1,892 American military personnel killed in action and 20,589 wounded, about a trillion dollars spent, the psychological and emotional impact on veterans and their families, and similar material and human costs to our allies. And there is the devastating cost paid by the people of Afghanistan: Of the 147,000 killed in the war since 2001, more than 38,000 have been civilians. This long war must end.

..... Instead, the intervening years brought one failed strategy after another, each for identifica-

ble reasons: diverted attention, lack of military resources, loss of political will, arbitrary timelines, a resurgent and externally supported Taliban, fatigue in both the United States and Afghanistan and severe internal problems within the Afghan government.

The most recent opportunity to achieve our objectives emerged in August 2017 with the announcement of the Trump administration's South Asia strategy, which earmarked political reconciliation between the Afghan government and the Taliban as our principal objective.

At the time, I was commander of United States Central Command, responsible for our military operations in an area that spread from Egypt to Pakistan and Kazakhstan to Yemen — including Afghanistan. We recognized early that the South Asia strategy was a prudent and realistic way to put focus back into the political and diplomatic realm and that pursuing a political settlement was our best chance to end the war.

We also knew a quick resolution wasn't possible given the

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KNYSNA - ZINA HOLIDAYS

“And do not approach near to zina.”
(Qur’aan)

The Warning of the Qur’aan Majeed is: *Do not be complacent regarding the Athaab of Allah Azza Wa Jal.* This Athaab will suddenly hem you in and then it will be too late for dua and regret.

Like Mallacoota, the Australian holiday resort, Knysna is a zina-holiday resort with the aggravating element of being the Gay capital of South Africa. Not so long ago, the community in Knysna had a mild taste of Allah’s Athaab in the form of Fire although not on the Australian scale. It was from the ‘lesser punishments’ of Allah Ta’ala. Such ‘lesser’ punishment is generally a prelude for the ‘greater punishment’ mentioned in the

Qur’aan Majeed.

Despite the town of Knysna being a well-known zina-holiday resort, during the peak time of the December holiday season, we find Muslims who are ostensibly of the Deeni *tabqah (class)* flocking like kuffaar to the zina town. People are engulfed by zina. The cars ride bumper to bumper. On the right and on the left only nudity prevails. Semi-nude women, women in bikinis and other forms of immodest and immoral attire are awash in this town.

The human shayaateen masquerading as Muslims feast their eyes, minds and hearts on the zina filth around them. It is zina everywhere. Muslims with long beards, topis, kurtahs, molvis and muftis frequent this satanic haunt during the peak season of

shaitaaniyat. It is indeed mind boggling that people who are supposed to be Deeni conscious, even professed ulama, flocking to this evil place where Satanism and immorality dominate.

Also is surprising that some of these bogus ‘deeni’ people travel with their wives. The stupid women fail to understand the zina to which their husbands are exposed in that accursed town. No wonder that Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) described women as *Naaqisaatul Aql (of deficient intelligence)*. Instead of deterring their husbands from visiting such evil satanic haunts, the stupid wives tag along and practically aid and abet their menfolk to become embroiled in zina scenarios.

It is total lack of *Khauf (Fear)* for Allah Ta’ala which permits a Muslim to entangle himself in such zina situations. The molvis

who visit this zina resort are bereft of any Imaani shame. Despite their outward Deeni appearance, they have the vile audacity to find enjoyment in the moral filth of the zina town. They appear to be atheists. Only atheists are totally oblivious of Allah’s Presence and the presence of the two Recording Angels.

They live in bungalows along the zina-front, all day long and deep into the night savouring their eyes and hearts with the zina filth for which they had undertaken this evil pilgrimage.

Muslims, even those who are not of the pious class, should understand that Knysna is a *mal-oon* haunt of vice and immorality. It is haraam to visit this zina resort.

The *La’nat* overhanging evil places will settle on all those who are present in the evil place.

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obstacles: A fractured Afghan government, Pakistan continuing to enable the Taliban, the influence of Iran and Russia, mixed Afghan military performance, increasing high-profile insurgent attacks in urban areas of Afghanistan, lack of trust between the principal Afghan adversaries and emergence of a branch of the Islamic State in Nangarhar province in eastern Afghanistan.

The United States continued working toward our objective, and there has been some progress since August 2017. There have been short cease-fires, a marked decrease in Pakistan interference, direct talks with the Taliban, preliminary agreements and a prisoner exchange. But there has also been continuing violence, a breakdown in talks and a continuing lack of trust between the Afghan government and the Taliban.

The Taliban refused to open direct talks with the Afghan government, so the United States took a first step toward peace by opening peace negotiations with them, which we hoped would lead to internal Afghan-Taliban negotiations.

Despite the uneven progress on the ground, the special envoy

Zalmay Khalilzad, the chief American negotiator, supported by American and coalition forces, continued to press for peace. Even after the peace negotiations stopped in September following a spike in Taliban violence, Mr. Khalilzad continued his shuttle diplomacy to preserve this tenuous opportunity.

On Saturday Mr. Khalilzad rejoined negotiations with the Taliban in Doha, Qatar. We need to press for an agreement between the United States and the Taliban and cement the parallel support of the Afghan government. This would lead within days to the initiation of direct meetings between the Afghan government and the Taliban.

President Trump often highlights the need to “end the endless wars.” We should end this one by pursuing the difficult and sometimes messy political and diplomatic process that includes talking, finding compromise and setting conditions to forge new relationships.

I have retired from the United States Army, but soldiers from the 75th Ranger Regiment — some born after the Sept. 11 attacks — are still deployed in Afghanistan. Now is the time to seize a fleeting opportunity and fully support internal Afghan ne-

THE ERA OF IMAAM MAHDI

Hadhrat Haaji Imdaadullah (Rahmatullah alayh) said: *“The era of the appearance of Imaam Mahdi will be a time of severe trial and fear. Most people will become his opponents. He will be an independent Imaam. At that time there will be no need for Hanafi and Shaafi’ taqleed, hence most Ulama will oppose him for this reason. May Allah Ta’ala keep the Imaan of people at that time safe.”*

The reference is to the *ulama-e-soo’*. These ulama will oppose the Haqq in that era just as the *ulama-e-soo* of both Math-habs in our current era are opposing the *Ulama-e-Haqq*. In our current age, most of the *ulama-e-soo’* are Hanafis and Shaafis of the Barelwi and Deobandi schools. Imaam Mahdi (Alayhis salaam) will be a Mujtahid. On any difference, his verdict will be final. The meaning of ‘no need for taqleed’ does not necessarily mean the discardence and disappearance of the Math-habs which have existed in the Ummah since the era of the *Sala-fus Saaliheen*.

Imaam Mahdi (Alayhis salaam) will be primarily concerned with Jihad and the political landscape of the Islamic Empire. He will be engrossed in the affairs of the Khilaafat. The objective of his presence will be the establishment of the Khilaafat and the subjugation of the lands of the Kuffaar. He will not act in the capacity of the early *Aimmah-e-Mujtahideen* whose primary objective was to systematize and codify the *Shariah*, and to formulate the *Usool* from the Qur’aan and Hadith. His occupation will not be *dars* of the Qur’aan and Hadith. He will be the Imaam of Jihad, constantly on the battlefield.

The thousands of *furu-ee (detailed)* masaa-il as taught by the Math-habs will not be interfered with. The acts of *ibaadat*, etc. will continue just as taught by the Math-habs. However, on political issues, Imaam Mahdi will decide which view of which Math-hab to adopt or to issue a verdict directly on the basis of the Qur’aan and Hadith.

gotiations. We should put ourselves in the position to shift our focus to enforcing peace and greater stability in Afghanistan. Now is indeed the time to bring an end to our endless war. (The New York Times)

ISLAM
“We are a nation whom Allah granted honour with Islam.”
(Umar Ibn Khattaab)

Everyone Knows America Lost Afghanistan Long Ago

Inflated threats, concealed costs, and lack of accountability for failure, and the complicity of the foreign-policy establishment, have kept the infinity war going for 18 years.

By *Stephen M. Walt*

Last week, the *Washington Post* published a massive set of documents on the protracted and still unsuccessful U.S. war in Afghanistan, a conflict that Samuel Moyn and Stephen Wertheim have aptly dubbed the “infinity war.”

While not quite as revelatory as the Vietnam-era Pentagon Papers, the release of these documents is still an important contribution to public understanding of U.S. national-security policy. In more normal times—without a looming impeachment, an endless parade of Trumpian distractions, and a congenitally irresponsible Republican Party—discovering that U.S. officials had obscured their doubts about the war and their recognition that U.S. strategy was failing might even prompt change of course. To be clear, U.S. officials didn’t lie to the public so much as they misled them, largely by keeping their doubts hidden under a veil of government secrecy.

The documents show that they understood the Afghan government was corrupt and unreliable, that Pakistan wasn’t going to end its support for the Taliban, and that U.S. strategy was ill-informed and riddled with contradictions. Yet instead of explaining these facts clearly to Congress and the American peo-

ple, U.S. officials and military commanders repeatedly offered upbeat assessments of how the war was going in order to sustain public support and congressional approval.

For example, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, then the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, told a congressional committee in December 2009 that “the next 18 months will likely be decisive and ultimately enable success,” adding that “we can and will accomplish this mission.” His successor, Gen. David Petraeus, offered a similarly optimistic assessment a year later, even though it was at odds with U.S. intelligence assessments.

In 2010, Marine Gen. (and subsequently Secretary of Defense) James Mattis reported to Congress that “we’re on the right track now.” Such testimony was part of a well-established pattern. Former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld’s staff produced a rosy-eyed report in 2006 that highlighted “a multitude of good news.” Gen. Dan K. McNeill spoke of “great progress” in 2007, and U.S. President Barack Obama and Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta all claimed the United States had “turned the corner” in 2011 and 2012; Petraeus echoed them, saying the U.S. military was “back from the abyss.” They were wrong, but Gen. John Nicholson recycled the same corner-turning phrase five years later, even though the situation in the country was objectively worse. Sadly, this familiar rhetorical trope has a long and depressing history.

Despite all that upbeat testimony from people at the top, evidence that the U.S. effort in Afghanistan was not going well was in plain sight all along. It was apparent in the many critical reports issued by John Sopko, the special inspector general for Afghanistan reconstruction (SIGAR), whose interviews are the basis for the documents obtained by the *Washington Post*. It was apparent if you looked carefully at some of the recommendations that advocates of a prolonged commitment offered and saw that the effort would last at least another decade, cost hundreds of billions of dollars, and might still fail.

It was obvious to anyone who understood that a distant great power cannot win a counterinsurgency campaign when its adversary can disengage at will or retreat to safe havens in Pakistan, and when its local partner (the Afghan government) is hopelessly corrupt and dysfunctional. These harsh realities have been apparent for more than 10 years, yet U.S. leaders from both parties never drew the obvious conclusion.

It is increasingly clear that Afghanistan’s fate will be determined by the Afghan people themselves, and not by a foreign power from the other side of the world. The long war in Afghanistan may not have been as catastrophic an error as the decision to invade Iraq, but it is still an epic failure.

So the real question is: Why did the United States’ large, well-educated, and well-funded na-

tional-security establishment keep at this fruitless effort? Why did so few members of that establishment recognize what was staring them in the face and begin to speak out about it? Given what insiders really knew, why did the war keep going?

One obvious reason is the United States’ favorable strategic position, which combines enormous wealth with geographic isolation. Even a costly quagmire such as the war in Afghanistan can be sustained with a \$19 trillion economy and when the enemy has no way to hurt Americans significantly at home. The Taliban’s objectives are entirely local.....

Second, senior military leaders may be less inclined to use force than civilian officials are—before a war begins, that is—but they don’t like to lose and don’t like to admit that they cannot achieve whatever missions they’ve been given. Moreover, the Pentagon likes the supplemental legislative acts that are funding “overseas contingency operations,” because these bills aren’t subject to the same line-by-line congressional interference as the regular Pentagon budget. In effect, the supplemental budgets used to fund these operations are big, fungible checks that the Pentagon can use however it wants, provided it can plausibly relate the money to its overseas activities (which is pretty easy to do). No sprawling bureaucracy would want to give something like that up.

Even now, 18 years in, there is no clear way out for the United States

By *Colum Lynch*

President Donald Trump’s campaign in Afghanistan over the past year to end the United States’ longest-running war is enough to give the Afghans whiplash.

In September 2018, Trump appointed Zalmay Khalilzad—an Afghan American diplomat who has served as U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, Iraq, and the United Nations—as special representative for Afghanistan reconciliation. The president charged the

envoy with helping him fulfill a signature election promise: extricating thousands of U.S. troops from an 18-year-long war that few in Washington believed could be won. The effort resulted in nine rounds of direct talks between the United States and the Taliban.

The talks neared their endgame this September, when Khalilzad announced he had an agreement in principle with the Taliban: the phased withdrawal of 14,000 U.S. troops over 16

months in exchange for a commitment from the Taliban to prevent terrorists from using Afghan territory for attacks against the United States. All it needed was the support of the U.S. president and some arm-twisting to pressure Afghan President Ashraf Ghani to offer his grudging endorsement of a power-sharing deal that would likely weaken his presidency.

The pact proved hugely unpopular with the Afghan government, which had been largely

sidelined in the talks; key U.S. Republicans, including Sen. Lindsey Graham, a critical Trump ally; and Trump’s then-National Security Advisor John Bolton, who felt the Taliban could not be trusted to hold up their side of the bargain.

But Trump, eager to notch a foreign-policy victory on the eve of an election year, was on board... until he wasn’t. Trump initially backed Khalilzad’s plan

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THE BRUTALITY, FILTH AND HARAAM WHICH THE CARRION CARTEL CERTIFIES

Confessions of a slaughterhouse worker

About 100 million animals are killed for meat in the UK every month - but very little is heard about the people doing the killing. Here, one former abattoir worker describes her job, and the effect it had on her mental health.

When I was a child I dreamed of becoming a vet. I imagined myself playing with mischievous puppies, calming down frightened kittens, and - as I was a countryside kid - performing check-ups on the local farm animals if they felt under the weather.

It was a pretty idyllic life that I dreamt up for myself - but it's not quite how things worked out. Instead, I ended up working in a

slaughterhouse.

I was there for six years and, far from spending my days making poorly cows feel better, I was in charge of ensuring about 250 of them were killed every day.

Whether they eat meat or not, most people in the UK have never been inside an abattoir - and for good reason. They are filthy, dirty places. There's animal faeces on the floor, you see and smell the guts, and the walls are covered in blood. And the smell... It hits you like a wall when you first enter, and then hangs thick in the air around you. The odour of dying animals surrounds you like a vapour.

Why would anybody choose to visit, let alone work in a place like this?

For me, it was because I'd already spent a couple of decades working in the food industry - in ready-meal factories and the like. So when I got an offer from an abattoir to be a quality control manager, working directly with the slaughtermen, it felt like a fairly innocuous job move. I was in my 40s at the time.

On my first day, they gave me a tour of the premises, explained how everything worked and, most importantly, asked me pointedly and repeatedly if I was OK. It was quite common for people to faint during the tour, they explained, and the physical safety of visitors and new starters was very important to them. I was OK, I think. I felt sick, but I thought I'd get used to it.

Soon, though, I realised there was no point pretending that it was just another job. I'm sure not all abattoirs are the same but mine was a brutal, dangerous place to work. There were countless occasions when, despite following all of the procedures for stunning, slaughterers would get kicked by a massive, spasming cow as they hoisted it up to the machine for slaughter. Similarly, cows being brought in would get scared and panic, which was pretty terrifying for all of us too. You'll know if you've ever stood next to one that they are huge animals. Personally, I didn't suffer physical injuries, but the place affected my mind.

As I spent day after day in that large, windowless box, my chest felt increasingly heavy and a grey fog descended over me. At night, my mind would taunt me with nightmares, replaying some of the horrors I'd witnessed throughout the day.

One skill that you master while working at an abattoir is disassociation. You learn to become numb to death and to suffering. Instead of thinking about cows as entire beings, you separate them into their saleable, edible body parts. It doesn't just make the job easier - it's necessary for survival. There are things, though, that have the power to shatter the numbness. For me, it was the heads.

At the end of the slaughter line there was a huge skip, and it was filled with hundreds of cows' heads. Each one of them had been flayed, with all of the saleable flesh removed. But one thing was still attached - their eyeballs.

Whenever I walked past that skip, I couldn't help but feel like I had hundreds of pairs of eyes watching me. Some of them were accusing, knowing that I'd participated in their deaths. Others seemed to be pleading, as if there were some way I could go back in time and save them. It was disgusting, terrifying and heart-breaking, all at the same time. It made me feel guilty. The first time I saw those heads, it took all of my strength not to vomit.

I know things like this bothered the other workers, too. I'll never forget the day, after I'd been at the abattoir for a few months, when one of the lads cut into a freshly killed cow to gut her - and out fell the foetus of a calf. She was pregnant. He immediately started shouting and throwing his arms about.

I took him into a meeting room to calm him down - and all he could say was, "It's just not right, it's not right," over and over again. These were hard men, and they rarely showed any emotion. But I could see tears prickling his eyes. Even worse than pregnant cows, though, were the young calves we sometimes had to kill.

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Even now, 18 years in, there is no clear way out for the United States

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and made preparations to invite the Taliban to a signing ceremony at Camp David on the anniversary of al Qaeda's 9/11 attack on New York and Washington, D.C. But in an abrupt reversal, Trump announced he was calling off meetings, citing a Taliban attack that resulted in the death of one U.S. service member and eleven other people.

Less than three months later, Trump paid an unannounced

Thanksgiving visit to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan to greet American soldiers and to open the door to continue talks with the Taliban. In the meantime, Trump appears to be planning to announce the withdrawal of 4,000 U.S. troops, a decision that could signal to the Taliban that they may be able to wait out a president who has staked his re-election on bringing U.S. troops home from the United States' so-called endless wars.

Taliban Rules Out Afghan Cease-fire

By Ayaz Gul

The Taliban announced Monday it does not intend to stop fighting in Afghanistan, rejecting as "false and baseless" reports the insurgent group is ready to declare a temporary cease-fire in a bid to seal a peace deal with the United States. The announcement comes on a day when Taliban killed at least 14 Afghan security forces in the latest of a series of deadly assaults over the past week.

Chief Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid noted in a statement that internal consultations at the leadership level are currently underway to consider a U.S. request for the Taliban to

reduce violence. "The reality of the situation is that the Islamic Emirate (the Taliban) has no intention of declaring a cease-fire," Mujahid said, refuting as "malicious enemy" propaganda media reports suggesting otherwise.

The denial came after Afghan and some foreign media outlets reported Sunday that at the end of an internal consultation process the Taliban's ruling council agreed to cease hostilities for a week to further peace talks with the United States.

"The United States has asked for a reduction in the scale and intensity of violence and discussions being held by the Islamic

Emirate are revolving solely around this specific issue," Mujahid explained.

The Taliban have carried out major attacks over the past week across Afghanistan, killing more than 60 government security forces and injuring many more.

The Taliban, however, wants to seal a peace agreement with the United States on the complete withdrawal of U.S. and NATO-led coalition forces from the country before entering into negotiations with Afghan stakeholders to discuss a permanent settlement to the 18-year-old war, America's longest.

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A physically demanding role

On its website, the British Meat Processors Association (BMPA) says the UK meat industry has some of the highest standards of hygiene and welfare in the world.

Many of its members, it says, "are at the forefront of abattoir design with facilities designed to house the animals and help them move around the site with ease and without any pain, distress or suffering".

Meat processing in the UK employs about 75,000 people of whom approximately 69% are from other European Union member states, the BMPA notes.

"The barrier to British people taking up roles in meat processing is an unwillingness to work in what is perceived to be a challenging environment," it says. "Most people, while they eat meat, find it difficult to work in its production partly because of the obvious aversion to the slaughter process but also because it is a physically demanding role."

At the height of the BSE and bovine tuberculosis crises in the 1990s, whole herds of animals had to be slaughtered. I worked at the slaughterhouse after 2010, so well after the BSE crisis, but if an animal tested positive for TB or BSE they would still bring the entire herd in to be culled - bulls, heifers and calves. I remember one day in particular, when I'd been there for about a year or so, when we had to slaughter five calves at the same time.

We tried to keep them within the rails of the pens, but they were so small and bony that they could easily skip out and trot around, slightly wobbly on their newly born legs. They sniffed us, like puppies, because they were young and curious. Some of the boys and I stroked them, and they suckled our fingers.

When the time came to kill them, it was tough, both emotionally and physically. Slaughterhouses are designed for slaughtering really large animals, so the stun boxes are normally just about the right size to hold a cow that weighs about a tonne. When we put the first calf in, it only came about a quarter of a way up the box, if that. We put all five calves in at once. Then we killed them.

Afterwards, looking at the dead animals on the ground, the slaughterers were visibly upset. I rarely saw them so vulnerable. Emotions in the abattoir tended to be bottled up. Nobody talked about their feelings; there was an overwhelming sense that you weren't allowed to show weakness. Plus, there were a lot of workers who wouldn't have been able to talk about their feelings to the rest of us even if they'd wanted to. Many were migrant workers, predominantly from Eastern Europe, whose English wasn't good enough for them to seek help if they were struggling.

A lot of the men I was working with were also moonlighting elsewhere - they'd finish their 10 or 11 hours at the abattoir before going on to another job - and exhaustion often took its toll. Some developed alcohol problems, often coming into work smelling strongly of drink. Others became addicted to energy drinks, and more than one had a heart attack. These drinks were then removed from the abattoir vending machines, but people would still bring them in from home and drink them secretly in their cars.

'I'm an animal lover'

A slaughterman at Tideford abattoir, described his approach to his work, for The Food Chain on the BBC World Service: "Basically, I'm an animal lover. I don't take any pleasure in what we're doing, but if I can do it as quietly and professionally as possible, then I think we've

achieved something. Just be professional, do it, then switch off - and then, when we've finished work, go home and be a normal person. It's not for everybody. I know a couple of butchers that would not walk inside this abattoir; the thought of taking something's life, they find that difficult to accept, or witness."

Abattoir work has been linked to multiple mental health problems - one researcher uses the term "Perpetrator-Induced Traumatic Syndrome" to refer to symptoms of PTSD suffered by slaughterhouse workers. I personally suffered from depression, a condition exacerbated by the long hours, the relentless work, and being surrounded by death. After a while, I started feeling suicidal.it's an incredibly isolating job, and it's hard to seek help. When I'd tell people what I did for work, I'd either be met with absolute revulsion, or a curious, jokey fascination. Either way, I could never open up to people about the effect it was having on me.

A few years into my time at the abattoir, a colleague started making flippant comments about "not being here in six months". Everyone would laugh it off. He was a bit of a joker, so people assumed he was taking the mick, saying he'd have a new job or something. But it made me feel really uneasy. I took him into a side room and asked him what he meant, and he broke down. He admitted that he was plagued by suicidal thoughts, that he didn't feel like he could cope any more, and that he needed help - but he begged me not to tell our bosses. I was able to help him get treatment from his GP - and in helping him, I realised I needed to help myself too. I felt like the horrific things I was seeing had clouded my thinking, and I was in a full-blown state of depression. It felt like a big step, but I needed to get out of there.

After I left my job at the abattoir, things started looking brighter. I changed tack completely and began working with mental health charities, encour-

aging people to open up about their feelings and seek professional help - even if they don't think they need it, or feel like they don't deserve it.

A few months after leaving, I heard from one of my former colleagues. He told me that a man who'd worked with us, whose job was to flay the carcasses, had killed himself. Sometimes I recall my days at the slaughterhouse. I think about my former colleagues working relentlessly, as though they were treading water in a vast ocean, with dry land completely out of sight. I remember my colleagues who didn't survive.

And at night, when I close my eyes and try to sleep, I still sometimes see hundreds of pairs of eyeballs staring back at me."

BBC

(End of The Story of Brutality)

COMMENT

The horrible conditions described by the abattoir worker exist on a worse scale in other countries. These are the kinds of kuffaar killing houses which the scoundrels operating the 'halaal' certificate industry halaalize.

All Imaani scruples and all demands of the Shariah are cast overboard and trampled on for the sake of monetary gain. The haraam boodle is the primary objective of all these haraam 'halaal' certificate outfits. They are the illegitimate progeny of Iblees.

Absolutely no consideration is shown for the cruelty and brutality inflicted on the *Makhlooq* of Allah Ta'ala nor are these shaitani scoundrels concerned with the ruin of the Imaan of the masses caused by devouring meat and chicken products, not fit for even dogs according to the Shariah. While the type of meat certified as 'halaal' by Shaitaan's progeny can be designated as food for the devils, it is debatable if even vultures will devour such filth which today Muslims are devouring.

The addiction of Muslims to the haraam carrion filth acquired by means of brutality is absolutely nauseous.

EFFECTS OF BRUTALITY

Understand well that everything has an *athr* (effect) - physical as well as spiritual. Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "Do not allow

your babies to be breast-fed by humaqaa. Verily the milk is contagious." *Humaqaa*' are moron women. They are women who are naturally dense intellectually.

The children who drink the milk of *humaqaa* will also become *ahmaq* (moron).

Those who work in these abattoirs of brutality; those who devour the meat acquired from an-

imals brutally killed, and those who certify the filthy carrion deceiving Muslims into believing that these animals which are the effects of brutality are 'halaal' and 'tayyib', are also

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suffering from various degrees of satanism – cruelty, brutality, callousness, fisq, fujoor and kufr, mental disequilibrium, dementia, etc. Their Imaan dangles on a

thread.

The consumption of meat which is carrion acquired from the satanic system of killing which is in vogue in every commercial abattoir without any ex-

ception, utterly ruins Islamic morality, severely tarnishes and erodes Imaan, and brings in its wake multiple diseases for which doctors have no cure. In fact, many of the diseases developing from satanically halaalized carrion have no known causes to which these could be attributed.

It is of vital importance for Muslims to abstain from all meat and chicken products processed from these murderous, shaitaani kuffaar killing houses certified by the progeny of Iblees, namely the scoundrel cartel of ‘halaal’ certificate fraudsters.

ALLAH'S APPREHENSION

“Do not allow their wealth and their children to cast you into awe (and surprise). Allah intends to punish them with this in this worldly life, and their souls will depart whilst they are kaafiroon.”

(At-Taubah, Aayat 55)

Whoever desires this worldly life and its glitter, We grant them in full measure for their deeds in this world, and it will not be decreased for them. They are the people for whom there is nothing in the Akhirah, but the Fire.

Whatever they did here in the world is destroyed, and ruined is whatever they had done.”

(Hood, 15 and 16)

Muslims should neither be awed by the worldly wealth and power which Allah Ta'ala has bestowed to the Yahood and Nasaara in particular, nor begrudge their technological advance and prosperity. There is nothing – absolutely nothing – for them in the Akhirah except the everlasting damnation of Hell-Fire.

They will hang and perish harshly and miserably in the state of kufr when the line runs out.

“And We have not been unjust to them (to the kuffaar whom the punishment has obliterated), But they had wronged themselves.

Then when the Decree of your Rabb arrived, their gods (and their nuclear arsenals) whom they called (and relied on) besides Allah, were of no avail whatsoever. And, they (their idols and arsenals) increased them only in destruction.

Such is the devastating effect of

the apprehension of your Rabb.

When He apprehends the (people of) the cities whilst they perpetrate injustice. Indeed, His Apprehension is painful and severe.”

(Hood, 101, 103)

In these Qur'aanic Aayaat there is a clear Message for the U.S.A., its Western Coalition, India, China, Russia and Israel. When Allah's course of Punishment for Muslims has run its course, the Painful Chastisement mentioned in these and other Qur'aanic Verses will overwhelm and obliterate the super powers.

Questions & Answers

Q. How can this Ummah be saved from Allah's punishment?

A. There is no way of preventing Allah's Athaab other than by repentance and observance of the Shariah. Obedience to Allah Ta'ala is the only way to be saved from the Athaab. The innumerable sins in which Muslims are recklessly and flagrantly indulging will most certainly bring about the decree of Allah's Athaab.

Q. In a past issue of Al-haq or The Majlis it was mentioned that the era of the Makkah period applies to us. Please explain this for better understanding.

A. During the initial part of Nubuwwat in Makkah, the primary activity of Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) was ta'leem (teaching) and tarbiyat (moral reformation and spiritual upliftment). Along with this, the Sahaabah had to bear all the hardships with Sabr without even mentioning Jihad. They did not react to the persecution of the mushrikeen. They only exercised Sabr, Dua and Ibaadat.

When Allah Ta'ala desired that Islam be asserted over the kuffaar, He created the circumstance of Hijrat (Migration to

Madina). Now the Sahaabah were morally and spiritually developed to gain the Nusrat of Allah Ta'ala. In the Madani era, all the Jihad campaigns were fought and the ascendancy of Islam over the kuffaar happened during this period, not in the Makki era.

Q. What is the way forward for the reformation of the Ummah?

A. On a mass-scale we can forget about the reformation of the Ummah. Now, only Imaam Mahdi (Alayhis salaam) will attend to the Tarbiyat of the Ummah as a whole. Those who are concerned with the Deen and Allah's Pleasure should only submit to the Sunnah and follow the Shariah. There is no other way – no other prescription.

Q. Non-Muslims are now being allowed free entry into Makkah and Madinah. Is this permissible?

A. Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said on his deathbed: “Expel the Yahood and Nasaara from the Arabian Peninsula.” Thus, Islam does not tolerate their presence in the entire Arabian Peninsula. The prohibition is not restricted to the Holy Cities. The permission now granted to the kuffaar for desanctifying the holy Cities is expected. It is a

kuffaar regime which is currently in control of Arabia. When the Arabs return to Islam in the meaning of the Qur'aan and Sunnah, then Allah Ta'ala will remove the kuffaar rulers whom He has imposed to currently rule the Land which Muslims have desanctified.

Q. Must the Khalifah be from the Quraish clan?

A. If a Quraishi who is competent and truly qualified for the Khilafat is available, then it is incumbent to appoint him. If a qualified Quraishi is not available, then any other competent Muslim male can be appointed.

Q. Some imams here in the U.S.A. say that street protests are not permissible. What should the people do when the leaders are bad and oppressive? What should Muslims do in these days to protest against oppression?

A. In numerous issues of Al-Haq we have explained in detail what should be our reaction when ruled by oppressive and cruel leaders. It appears that you have not read our articles with reflection.

We explain in every issue of the Al-Haq what is the cause of oppressive rulers and what is the

remedy. We have explained that evil leaders are the reflection of the evil deeds of the people. For example, the present kaafir Saudi ruler called MBS, has opened up all the doors of sin, vice and immorality for the people. Immorality is promoted and the Shariah has been abolished in Saudi Arabia. This Devil-Incarnate has merely opened the door to evil for the evil people. He is the tap on a drum containing stinking, rotten, faeces filled water. Now what is to be expected when the tap is opened? Milk and honey will not flow from this tap.

The ruler is the reflection of the Saudi people who participate in all the immoral activities in their thousands. The people are overwhelmed with joy and pleased with the kaafir MBS ruler for having abolished the Shariah. Allah Ta'ala will utilize the same ruler to oppress and brutalize the people. Then protesting is of no avail.

Protesting in the streets and resorting to acts of hooliganism are the methods of the kuffaar. Bad rulers are Allah's punishment for the bad people. The Muslim's reaction is to repent, exercise Sabr (patience) and make dua. We have to reform ourselves, then Allah Ta'ala will remove the evil rulers.