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Topic: “Analysis of Verses ordering Taqwa – 1”

Prerequisites of Taqwa are fear, abstinence but these are not Taqwa. The order of Taqwa which Allah has presented in the Quran verses in certain context and what is our state in regards to that, let us analyze those verses one by one. The way I have mentioned before that the most important chapter in Taqwa is order of Taqwa. Let us to a survey in Quran as to how many times Allah has ordered for Taqwa. Wherever Taqwa has come in the verses as order then we have to also see what are the other affairs in those verses related to Taqwa. When Taqwa is coming as order in the beginning or end or verse then all the other verses, subjects in context to this verse are related. And we have to understand this relationship as well.

As an example the community might not be attentive that few weeks back the first national security policy was made. This is astonishment on which Pakistanis should have been attentive that in these 75 years first time policy of national security was made. For 75 years this subject was not made into a policy. National security means for a nation to remain secure on what aspects they should be attentive. This is the first time made by a committee and no approval was taken from any democratic parliament and senate. No one was even told what is inside except for few points notified to media. The media is not aware about this in totality and neither are they giving information to people. A nation like Pakistan endangered from all around by enemies and threats from friends was not having a national security policy till date. To protect from all those dangers the national security policy for Pakistan was made now. The current government has accepted about one thing that the help which we have taken from IMF has endangered the national security. This means they are saying economic situation of country has created dangers for national security. There are attacks happening on forces and from every aspect a country is in danger. The first thing they need is a security policy which is essential for their survival. This policy even if present would get implemented when its practical form comes into existence.

Allah for human life's protection has specified everything in Quran under Taqwa. The laws should be clear whereby it should not be difficult to understand and the attribute of Quran is *Mubeen* where clearly elaborated things are presented without any doubts. The guidance which Quran is giving as regards to human life which has orders need to be preserved under Taqwa

First in Surah Baqra verse 206 order of Taqwa is coming. There is a danger announced from verse 204 from which you need to protected.

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يُعْجِبُكَ قَوْلُهُ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيُشْهَدُ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ مَا فِي قَلْبِهِ وَهُوَ أَلَدُّ

الْخِصَامِ {204}

And among men is he whose speech about the life of this world causes you to wonder, and he calls on Allah to witness as to what is in his heart, yet he is the most violent of adversaries.

وَإِذَا تَوَلَّىٰ سَعَىٰ فِي الْأَرْضِ لِيُفْسِدَ فِيهَا وَيُهْلِكَ الْحَرْثَ وَالنَّسْلَ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْفُسَادَ {205}

And when he turns back, he runs along in the land that he may cause mischief in it and destroy the tilth and the stock, and Allah does not love mischief-making.

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُ اتَّقِ اللَّهَ أَخَذَتْهُ الْعِزَّةُ بِالْإِثْمِ ۖ فَحَسْبُهُ جَهَنَّمُ ۚ وَلَبِئْسَ الْمِهَادُ {206}

And when it is said to him, guard against (the punishment of) Allah; pride carries him off to sin, therefore hell is sufficient for him; and certainly it is an evil resting place

There are some people whose speeches you like a lot regarding the worldly life. We have discussed about this topic before. Like today in educational institute and on social media specifically there is a category of flock of sheep who read the western literature of motivational speakers those who counsel the youths on what they should do in life. They first teach them whether you are human being or not , then show them the paths of success. They have Imams for success whom they present as role model. Amongst them one is Bill Gates about whom they tell the youths how he became such a wealthy person. Then one by one they talk about the Super Qaroons of the world as successful person and even some billionaires of Pakistan whom our courts have declared as thugs and corrupt. These speakers present these personalities a Imams and the teachers of schools, colleges also do this because they also listen and read such motivational speakers about keys of success. Like Mike Zuckerberg of Facebook, TATA, Mukesh Ambani of India and like this they have 12 Imams of success who are teaching Pakistanis. Their words sounds very good and Quran is referring to such persons only from whom you need to protected. Taqwa is the shield which should be picked up immediately and protect yourself about the worldly life.

The Quran is saying that certain people talk about worldly life which you like a lot. This address is to the Prophet (s) and those who are passionate believers interpret by passion. Allah is telling the Prophet that you like the words of certain people about worldly life a lot. But in place of Prophet they keep some worldly person to protect the state of Prophet (s). It is apparent that that status of Prophet is from Allah and Allah has granted this worth and position to protect. But at times the Muslims become more well wisher of Prophet than Allah. This address is to the Prophet that in worldly affairs at times you like the words of people and become happy. The verse says this person is a stubborn enemy of yours with malice in his heart, but when he comes in front of you and talks about the worldly life you like it.

وَإِذَا تَوَلَّى سَعَى فِي الْأَرْضِ لِيُفْسِدَ فِيهَا وَيُهْلِكَ الْحَرْثَ وَالنَّسْلَ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْفُسَادَ {205}

And when he turns back, he runs along in the land that he may cause mischief in it and destroy the tilth and the stock, and Allah does not love mischief-making.

When they leave your place they spread mischief, corruption and take steps to destroy the crops and generations. And Allah does not like mischief. The danger is quite serious and very huge. The Quran is making aware of a danger under your sleeve. They come to you with pleasing words which you like as well by they are corrupt, mischief makers.

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُ اتَّقِ اللَّهَ أَخَذَتْهُ الْعِزَّةُ بِالْإِثْمِ ۖ فَحَسْبُهُ جَهَنَّمُ ۚ وَلَبِئْسَ الْمِهَادُ {206}

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When the same group or person is told to acquire Taqwa which is an order. Then he immediately remembers his false dignity. He says you doubt my intentions, you think I am a sinner so you are telling me to acquire Taqwa, so I am not Muttaqee? This is also important topic which we have discussed before about the criminal dignity which some people have made. Quran has manifested this category who say we have pride, dignity but Quran says this is a dignity of sinners. When such criminal groups

acquire dignity that is false dignity they complain that we have not been given the right protocol and not given the right position and express their displeasure. When others see such criminally dignified person others also desire to get similar dignity. They see how people respect this person so one day I should also get this dignity. This way a person becomes a follower of false, criminal dignity. When someone is told about Taqwa he thinks about this false, criminal dignity and considers this invitation of Taqwa as insult to him. We should try to find this criminalized dignity inside our self. We should assess the dignity, honor which I possess in society is of believers or criminal. Some people get respected because others are afraid of losses from their hands. The traditions say that the most oppressed persons is one who gets honor from others due to fear and preservation from evils coming out of hands. For guests it is said for whom arrangements are to be made with the fear that he will insult me outside in other places, make mockery they make arrangement. He is the worse guest and a Satan.

In verse 203 is also there is mention of Taqwa

وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ فِي أَيَّامٍ مَعْدُودَاتٍ ۚ فَمَنْ تَعَجَّلَ فِي يَوْمَيْنِ فَلَا إِثْمَ عَلَيْهِ وَمَنْ تَأَخَّرَ فَلَا إِثْمَ عَلَيْهِ ۚ
لِمَنِ اتَّقَىٰ ۖ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّكُمْ إِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ {203}

And laud Allah during the numbered days; then whoever hastens off in two days, there is no blame on him, and whoever remains behind, there is no blame on him, (this is) for him who guards (against evil), and be careful (of your duty) to Allah, and know that you shall be gathered together to Him

We are first gathering all the verses then we will see why the scholars have turned Taqwa towards fear. There is one intellectual difficult in the verse of Taqwa and the solution devised was to take the actual meaning towards fear. Since Shias and Sunnis are both blind followers of each other hence they have all done similar translations. Since there is no sectarianism in these verses of Taqwa you will see all have done similar translation. In Taqwa you cannot see the sect, everyone says Fear Allah.

We will understand through the verses of Quran and Quran will itself understand. Ameerul Momineen (a) says if you ask Quran it explains you and we will ask Quran how to solve the translation of Taqwa.

In the subsequent verses Allah says where you need Taqwa. In this case when a stubborn enemy with a sweet voice, words comes and presents beautiful dreams of life you need Taqwa which means defense is required. How ill you identify him? When you tell him acquire Taqwa , he will remember the self-dignity that you have insulted me by inviting towards Taqwa. Anyone who possesses criminal dignity , you can find out. A believer's dignity does not gets spoilt so soon but a criminal dignity gets spoiled with indications and you can recognize such persons and you need acquire Taqwa against them.