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The real reason that fuels Global Warming is the extravagant corruption in the Capitalist System.

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The world is changing...

We can feel it in the water! We can feel it in the earth! We can smell it in the air!

In these times,

When hope seems lost
When Baatil triumphs over Haqq
When Secularism is the way of Life
When the enemies of Islam increase day by day

In these dark times, who will defend Islam?

The Muslim world is in a state of crisis. No one can deny that manipulations are constant in the current world system. The existing global order has much to blame. It does not deliver justice, peace and equality. But the answer lies not in simply stating this fact and sitting back but responding to these challenges in creative and constructive ways. No one will solve the problems of the Muslim Ummah; they will have to own their problems and take initiatives as per Quran & Sunnah to the best possible extent.

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BEAUTIFUL NAMES OF ALLAH SWT

AL MU'MIN

AL MU'MIN – GIVER OF EMAAN &SECURITY

Allah swt is *al-mu'min, The one who gives **Emaan** and **Security***

Even though most people would think that Emaan lies only on person's part, But the Truth is that it is only **Allah swt** who gives Emaan to whomever **He** wills and takes Emaan from whomever **He** wills.

And this had been informed in **Quran** as well when **Allah swt** said,

"So whoever Allah wants to guide - He expands his breast to Islam and whoever He wants to misguide - He makes his breast tight and constricted as though he were climbing into the sky. Thus does Allah place defilement upon those who do not believe" (Quran 6:125)

It doesn't mean that Emaan doesn't depend on person's action or thinking but the point is that it is **Allah swt** alone **Who** gives it to the person. **He** knows what is within the person (what he reveals and what he conceals) and that is why **Allah swt** says,

"Say: 'Verily, Allah sends astray whom He wills and guides unto Himself those who turn to Him in repentance" (Quran 13:27)

Here **Allah swt** informed us that if a person is humble and asks for repentance after doing wrong **He** would still guide him to himself (i.e. towards Emaan in himself)

And if you think then you would acknowledge that Security comes with Emaan, since rationally acknowledging **Allah swt** would give your heart tranquility and answer to the most terrifying question that what is after this life as most of the people want to live forever (this is the nature i.e. fitrah of human that he wants to live forever)

And that's why **Allah swt** gave you tranquility by telling you that **He** will raise you again and after that, you will live forever.

"But those who believe and do righteous deeds - We will admit them to gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they abide forever. For them therein are purified spouses and We will admit them to deepening shade." (Quran 4:57)

"But Allah is your protector, and He is the best of helpers. (Quran 3:150)

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نِسَآؤُكُمْ حَرْثٌ لَّكُمْ فَأْتُوا۟ حَرْثَكُمْ أَنَّىٰ شِئْتُمْ ۖ وَقَدِّمُوا۟ لِأَنفُسِكُمْ ۚ وَٱتَّقُوا۟ ٱللَّهَ
وَٱعْلَمُوٓا۟ أَنَّكُم مُّلَٰقُوهُ ۗ وَبَشِّرِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٢٢٣﴾

The one attribute of Quran I love and admire is its language. It's wide, varied, contextual, comprehensive and worth pondering upon. The language of Quran is mostlymetaphorical, figurative & sometimes literal too. Its essence is deeply imbibed in Arabic language. No language can ever do justice to the translation of Quran.

People who accuse Allah (swt) of being misogynistic by merely reading a verse or two, that too out of context, are the least intellectual people I've ever known.

Those who don't even understand the language of Quran (Arabic) are proudly beating their chests and claiming that they know what exactly this book says.

For understanding Quran one needs to have sound knowledge of the time the verse was revealed, the socio-economic conditions in which it was revealed, the political scenario which prevailed at that time and the status of Islam in the social spheres.

That's why Allah (swt) made the words "**ulul albaab—people of intellect**" a part of this book.

*This is a blessed Book which We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], that they might reflect upon its verses and that those of **understanding** would be reminded.* [Quran, 38:29]

He gives wisdom to whom He wills, and whoever has been given wisdom has certainly been given much good. And none will remember except those of understanding. [Quran, 2:269]

"YOUR WIVES ARE YOUR TILLAGE FOR YOU THEN GO UNTO YOUR TILLAGE AS YOU WILL AND "PROVIDE BEFOREHAND FOR YOUR SOULS."

WHY QURAN CALLS WOMAN A TILTH FOR MAN?

Context of this verse and reasons of revelation:

1. Jews used to say: "If one has sexual intercourse with his wife from the back, then she will deliver a squint-eyed child." (Translation of Sahih Bukhari, Volume 6, Book 60, Prophetic Commentary on the Quran)

2. Jabir (Allah (swt) be pleased with him) declared that the Jews used to say: When a man has intercourse with his wife through the vagina but being on her back. the child will have squint, so the verse came down. (Translation of Sahih Muslim, Book 8, The Book of Marriage (Kitab Al-Nikah), Number 3363)

3. Jabir (b. Abdullah) (Allah (swt) be pleased with him) reported that the Jews used to say that when one comes to one's wife through the vagina, but being on her back, and she becomes pregnant, the child has a squint. (Translation of Sahih Muslim, Book 8, The Book of Marriage (Kitab Al-Nikah), Number 3364)

4. This hadith has been reported on the authority of Jabir through another chain of transmitters, but in the hadith transmitted on the authority of Zuhri there is an addition (of these words): "If he likes he may (have intercourse) being on the back or in front of her, but it should be through one opening (vagina)." (Translation of Sahih Muslim, Book 8, The Book of Marriage (Kitab Al-Nikah), Number 3365)

5. "Cursed is the one who approaches his wife in her rectum" (Reported by Imaam Ahmad, 2/479)

The fact is that this clan of the Ansar, were idolaters and lived in the company of the Jews (the people of the Book) . They (Ansar) accepted Jewish superiority over themselves in respect of knowledge, and they followed most of their actions. The Jews used to have intercourse with their women lying on their backs. This was the most concealing position for (the vagina of) the women.
This clan of Ansar adopted this practice from them. But the tribe of the Quraysh used to uncover their women completely, and seek pleasure with them from in front and behind and laying them on their backs.
When the immigrants came to Medina, a man married a woman of the Ansar.
He began to do the same kind of action with her, but she disliked it, and said to him: We were approached on one side (i.e. lying on the back); do it so, otherwise keep away from me.
This matter of theirs spread widely, and it reached the prophet Muhammad SAW. So Allah (swt), the Exalted, sent down the verse : "Your wives are a tilth to you, so come to your tilth however you will" i.e. from in front, from behind or lying on the back.

WORD BY WORD INTERPRETATION

Your wives are your tillage for you then go unto your tillage as you will and provide beforehand for your souls. (TMQ Surah Baqarah:223)

·Tillage : the soil which receives seeds and grows the plant.

Wives womb is the place where a man sows his offspring. They're likened to places where they are ploughed for sowing., not sexually abusing them.

·Go in unto your tillage (not anywhere else) : this simile implies that the begetting of children rather than carnal indulgence is the primary goal of conjugal act. "Your" signifies one's wife (one's field), not every woman.

·"Anna" signifies whence/when/how & is used in all these senses in Holy Quran. In this place it is interpreted by either "as" or "when". Even it can be understood in the sense of "whence", it amounts to saying whatever posture you may adopt in entering your tilth.

It can't be construed by any stretch of imagination to allow any filthy, unnatural practice.

·And provide beforehand for your souls : Perform acts of devotion and charity all along meaning moral and spiritual ends are not to be lost sight of even in the height of carnal pleasures.

The Holy Qur'an here points out that sexual gratification in the married life is not meant only for the satisfaction of the physical lust, but it must be directed to some higher ends.
Here the wives are likened to the cultivable land which are ploughed for sowing and reaping the produce (in the form of offspring) and not merely for carnal indulgence (this clearly indicates women aren't to be used for sex ; prohibiting fornication)
The concluding part of the verse refers to higher end which tell that even in the height of carnal pleasures the moral and spiritual responsibilities should not in any way be lost sight of ; rather one should be more conscious to them when one is enjoying physical pleasures as these are the moments when the fear of the Lord and the accountability in the hereafter is likely to be blurred or effaced from one's mind.
A tiller (even before sowing the seeds) protects and maintains his field. Provides it with care and nourishment. Tries to shield it from every hail and storm. No matter what, a tiller has a deep bondage (emotional too) with the field he's going to plough.
That is, God's purpose in the creation of women is not merely to provide men with recreation. Their mutual relationship is like that between a farmer and his tilth. A farmer approaches his field not just for the sake of pleasure, but to acquire produce.
A good farmer respects, cherishes, protects and enjoys his farm-land, so should a husband respect, cherish, protect, and enjoy the company of his wife; and just as farmer is pleased that his land produces a good yield, so should a husband too be pleased.
This verse actually invalidated the "sex position myths" which science & genetics subsequently debunked.

Islam is the only GREEN for Global Warming

As per the Guardian, “This year’s heat waves hit France in June and July, with a new record temperature of 46 degrees Celsius recorded in the south on 28 June” that has killed 1500 French as per data released by the Health Minister in September 2019 [1]. The situation has been similar in neighbouring European countries such as the U.K., Greece, Hungary, Ireland, etc.

On June 11, Delhi recorded an all-time high temperature in the month of June, touching 48 degree Celsius; many cities in Rajasthan like Churu and Jaisalmer touched 50+ degree Celsius during the month of June this year. In 2016, the temperature in Mitribah, Kuwait, surged a blistering 54 Celsius and in Basra, Iraq, the mercury soared to 53.9 degree Celsius. These incredible measurements represent the two hottest temperatures ever recorded in the Eastern Hemisphere [2].

In January this year, when some parts of the USA faced a stint of extreme cold, Donald Trump sarcastically tweeted, "... Wind-chill temperature are reaching minus 60 degrees, the coldest ever recorded... what the hell is going on with global warming? Please come back fast, we need you!” This is in line with what he has previously said as well, "Global warming is a total, and very expensive, hoax… created by Chinese to make US manufacturing non-competitive" [3].

Global warming is long term rise in mean temperature of earth climate system. The record from 1880 to 2018 global mean surface temperature change testify this trend of rise in temperature by at least 0.9 degree Celsius mainly attributed to green-house gas emission and industrial economy. In 2013, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fifth Assessment report concluded, "It is extremely likely that human influence has been the dominant cause of the observed warming since the mid-20th century." [4]. Climate model projections summarized in the report indicated that during the 21st century, the global surface temperature is likely to rise a further 0.3 to 1.7 °C in a moderate scenario, or as much as 2.6 to 4.8 °C in an extreme scenario, depending on the rate of future greenhouse gas emissions and on climate feedback effects. [4]

Impacts of global warming are many. Melting of polar cap, rise in sea level, extreme weather of heat wave and freezing cold wave, more desertification, more damaging storms, regional change in rain systems such as monsoon making a drought and flood simultaneously in neighbouring geographical areas. All these events are making headlines intermittently across the world as well as in India. The drought and flood are making news almost every year in India itself, the freezing cold wave which made Donald trump miss global warming is also a sign of the global warming and climate change. The melting of polar ice cap and depletion of Aral Sea to its 40% can be seen by eyes and have been recorded over decades.

The main reason for this may be attributed to greenhouse gases (such as carbon dioxide, nitrogen emission etc), or deforestation; but real reason that fuels this extravagant corruption is the Capitalist Ideology. This is also the very reason why Capitalists are trying their best to portray global warming a ‘Hoax’, ‘fake news’ or ‘urban conspiracy theory’ so that their industrial production remains uninterrupted. This sentiment

was very clearly expressed by the American president when he said, "The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive", a clear case of diverting the issue to a non-issue. What is unfortunate that melting polar ice caps, depleting area of Aral Sea are photographed by space satellites and are chronologically stored for all to see; yet global leaders are denying its existence? The irony however is how you can treat a disease when you don't even recognize it as a 'disease'.

Capitalism is an ideology that has been running the global world order since early 18th century and while every good is attributed to it, all the bad of this world must also be attributed this ideology too. The capitalism has brought the world to an extent of existential crisis. A UN body Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), that has some 90 climate scientists from 40 countries, concluded that if humans don't take immediate, collective action to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius by 2040, **the consequences will effectively be baked into the natural systems of the planet.** With so much heat-trapping carbon in the atmosphere, there will be, in effect, no turning back. In other words, "we have just 20 years to limit devastating global warming" [5]

This idea of this ideology is based on SELF PROFIT BEING THE HIGHEST SACRED OBJECTIVE while concepts such as care, altruism, humanity etc. are moral issues which capitalism opines to be useless and redundant. The idea to make profit, in the absence of morality and care for others make it all the more lethal. No wonder millions of people are dying because of industrial pollution, many species are facing extinction due to contamination in flora and fauna, ecology of sea creatures and forests are disturbed, many forests are facing intermittent fire globally such as Amazon fire, extreme drought followed by extreme flood is killing and displacing millions every year; yet it is still not under consideration by leading nations because measures such as limiting carbon credit can slip them lower on the GDP scale.

Thus, industrial waste is not treated as it would cost money so it is drained largely untreated in rivers across the world. The plastic waste is well known to be non-degradable, yet it remains to be backbone of packaging industry, soft drinks and packaged water causing multiple species of sea to be extinct. Deforestation for the sake of paper industry, real state, and human activities that have alternative are used without check to end the forest cover by significant percentage.

This phenomenon is already mentioned by Quran when Allah (swt) says:

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

[TMQ Surah Rum : 41]

What is happening to our world is verbatim description in the noble ayah. The corruption due to profit maximization has been done by human in land and sea and thus we are TASTING the consequences in the form of flood, drought, storm, pollution and others to name a few. The message in this ayah also mentions SOLUTION to Global warming, climate change as well as environmental pollution, which is to RETURN to righteousness i.e. Islam.

Islam does not believe in profit maximization by maximizing production for a few capitalists to become richer than some countries, but Islam focuses on distribution of resources to make sure every individual gets the basic need: i.e. food shelter and clothes, thus keeping the gap between rich and poor at a reasonable level. Islam, therefore does not focus on GDP as GDP has never been indicator of comprehensive prosperity of any nation; but rather it represents the earning of top 1% of the population who keeps getting rich due to capitalistic policies while poor keeps getting poor. This can easily be understood by a data released by Oxfam recently. Oxfam said, 8 individuals in the world are having more wealth than half of the world i.e. 3.5 billion people.

Islam differentiates between 'need' and 'desire' and maintains that the world resources are enough to satisfy the needs of whole humanity but it is not sufficient to fulfil the 'desire' of a single human.

This situation is mentioned in noble hadith reported by Anas bin Malik in Bukhari that Prophet (saw) said, ***"If son of Adam gets a valley full of Gold, he would then seek to struggle for another valley of Gold, nothing can satisfy his appetite except the soil of his grave. Allah turns with mercy to him who turns to Him in repentance."***

– Bukhari & Muslim

Therefor Islam focus on distribution of resources among people reasonably and focuses production only to the extent of the need of people, thus the concept of profit maximization at 'any cost' is done away with. Islam maintains that the place for fulfilment of 'desire' is paradise and not earth which is a testing ground, test bed or examination hall for humans.

Islam also has a judicial system for checking the collective issues of community such as environment, water bodies, forests, pollution, flora and fauna and anyone causing harm to its physical, moral or social structure shall be liable for strict punishment.

There are three types of judges in Islam:

1. The judge who settles the disputes among people in transactions and punishments.

2. The muhtasib who settles the violations of the community's rights.

3. The judge of the Court for the Unjust Acts (maHkamat ul-maDHalim) who settles disputes between people and officials of the State. [6]

The task for second type of judges known as 'Muhtasib' is solely to take care of community issues such as environmental pollution, depleting water table, ozone exposure, mobile radiations check, electronic waste, procedural waste disposal in industries, soil fertility, water bodies' purity, ecology prevention, forest preservation, street morality etc.

Thus, anyone found to be violating or flouting industrial standards set by state for profit maximization, or polluting environment beyond acceptable range, or draining waste to rivers, or pursuing deforestation, or other issues that contribute to global warming or climate change shall be liable to punishment without fail. Although present system also does have tribunals and international agencies and body, but due to capitalism and its judiciary these are name sake and they serve capitalists more and people less,
The political system in Islam is service and welfare of people to earn pleasure of Allah (swt) and not being clandestine partners of capitalists to make rules in favour of their cronies' business men and getting electoral funds in return.

In conclusion, Islam is solution for all our problems including the environmental issues such as Global Warming and Climate change. A judicious approach to industrial production, strong regulation for industrial waste, focus on renewable sources of energy instead of polluting thermal power plants, along with moral compass to take care of seas, rivers, mountains, animals, birds, fellow being can usher us to a green era where Global Warming would become a thing of the past.

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The Serbian who became Muslim

Ali al Tamimi (may Allah release him soon) says:

There was one brother, who was a Serbian who took shahadah while he was in the USA high school. This was before the fall of the Iron curtain in the communist nation. He used to hide his Islam, his father was a Major diplomat in the Yugoslavian embassy. He once gave da'wah to his 12yr old cousin and told her to hide her Islam, but one day she slipped it to his family that he and her had accepted Islam. As soon as his father found out, his father ordered that he be sent back to Yugoslavia, and was forced to join their army (the communists wanted to spread their communism, including Afghanistan etc.) When he was in the army, his father told the army to watch his son, and make sure you torture him (they beat him there) and watched him that he wasn't Islamic in his activities. So the brother went for about 2years in the army and was watched constantly, he said he couldn't even do wudu and pray, so he prayed with his heart during the time.

After 2 years, when his military service was over, he came back home and hid his religion. After a weeks of staying home, he said to his family, "I used to be a crazy young kid back in those days, it was just a phase I was going through [etc]." His family still doubted him, so they would feed him pork, so he would eat it, and when he ate - he'd go upstairs and make himself sick to take it out of his body. He had a girl neighbour and told her to come to the house, to pretend that he had a girlfriend, and after told her to go away. He did all this to show his parents that he really wasn't Muslim.

After a few weeks of this, he asked his parents if he could go back to the USA to continue his education. They told him that he could go back, but he would have to stay in his uncles house who was a doctor in the USA. He said okay, and moved there to continue his education. He stayed there for about a month, and his uncle kept an eye on him to see if he did any Islamic activities. He wouldn't contact any Muslims, and the uncle kept an eye on him. His parents kept phoning to check up on him, and his uncle said that he's acting normal, like going to school, coming back home and studying etc.
So when the brother felt that they stopped watching him, he left his uncles house, and went to the Muslims and called his parents in Yugoslavia, and said; "Look, I was always Muslim, and I will always remain a Muslim, and I'll never leave this religion."

His father called the Yugoslavian embassy who called the United States government who called the Immigration services, naturalisation service, and they went to all the different Masaajid [mosques] to look for him and arrest him to send him back to Yugoslavia, but some of the Muslim brothers hid him in their houses and protected him for a while. Then they sent the brother to Medinah, and from there he went to Afghanistan, and he became a famous fighter in Afghanistan (most likely this occurred in the 1980s).

While he was in Afghanistan, his mother had a longing to see her son. She was a journalist and was allowed to leave Yugoslavia, and do an interview for the Communists against the Muslim fighters in Afghan, **"in the defense of the communists of the Afghanis."** She wanted a way to meet with her son. She went to Pakistan, then to Peshawar, and goes to the mountains where the Muslim fighters are, to find her son.

Her son talks to her, gives her a Qur'an, gives her da'wah [invitation to Islam], and tells her why Islam is the truth. And... she take's her shahadah and becomes Muslim. She then writes an article in the Yugoslavian- European newspaper on the Journey to Islam.

This brother went through alot, just to preserve his religion. We read events of the Salaf sacrificing for their
religion, but we shouldn't forget that there are people from every generation who give alot for the sake of
Allah, and we shouldn't be left behind...

By- The Call Team

Understanding Al Qada Wal Qadar (Fate & Destiny)

The subject of al Qada wal Qadar is a subject that engaged Muslims in a massive debate throughout the centuries, for this reason it is impossible to cover all aspects of this discussion in this small article.

The subject of al Qada wal Qadar is an important one, it is from the rational elements of the Aqeeda. It is a subject that a large part of the Ummah is confused upon to this day. It is a concept that is related to the relationship of this life with the hereafter, if we misunderstood this concept there would be a major vagueness in the relationship between this life and the afterlife in terms of accountability. We may even conclude as those in the past that there is no relationship and therefore can act as we please. Therefore it is important to understand the subject in depth including the different views that has been prevalent historically.

The question of Al Qada wal Qadar has occupied a great deal of discussion amongst the Islamic schools of thought. I am quoting here three famous opinions.

Ahlus Sunnah held the opinion which in summary is man has Kasb Ikhtiari (free will) in carrying out his actions, so he is accounted because of this Kasb Ikhtiari(free will).

Al-Mu'tazilah were of the opinion that man is the one who creates his actions and well as the resultant actions that result from them so he is accounted on them because it is he who initiated them.

Al-Jabriyah held the opinion that Allah , is the one who creates man and his actions, therefore man is compelled to carry out his actions and does not have free will, so he is like the feather which floats in the air according to where the wind carries it.

The Correct View

The basis of the discussion in al-Qada wa al-Qadar is not the action of man in terms of whether he created the action or Allah created it. Neither is it the will of Allah (SWT) in the sense that His(swt) will is conditional on the action of man so it must exist by this will. Neither it is the Knowledge of Allah(swt) in terms of Him(swt) knowing that man will do such and such action and that His(swt) Knowledge encompass that, nor that this action of man is written in the al-Lawh al-Mahfuz so he must act according to what has been written.

The basis of the discussion is definitely none of these things, because they have no relationship to the subject from the viewpoint of reward and punishment. The topic of discussion on whose basis the question of al-Qada wa al-Qadar is built is the issue of reward and punishment for an action i.e.: Is man obliged to perform an action, good or evil, or does he have a choice? And, does man have the choice to perform his action, or does he have no choice?

When we say the basis is reward and punishment, we mean this from the perspective of the origin of accountability i.e. free will. This is because without free will reward and punishment would be meaningless.

When we scrutinise the actions of people we

can clearly see that we live within two spheres: 1) one which we dominate, seen as the sphere that is present within the region of our conduct, and within which our actions happen absolutely by our choice; 2) the other sphere dominates us, we exist within its domain, and that which occurs upon us within it happen without our choice, whether they originate from us or fall upon us.

The actions that fall within the sphere that dominates us, we have no choice in them or in their existence. They can be divided into two kinds: The first are those required by the law of the universe. Like the shape of our body, the colour of our eyes and our inability to walk on water in our natural being.

The second are those actions which are not directly necessitated by the laws of the universe but are the result of the actions of the humans, animals or things. For example, a man accidentally hits a child while driving the car, or a hunter shoots a birds but accidentally he shoots a man who was passing by. We are not accounted for anything that occurs within this sphere and it is classified as fate (Qada) from Allah (swt).

Now it is important to understand that when we say what is in man's control and beyond man's control we mean man as mankind not as an individual. As something may not be in your control as an individual but is in someone else's control and therefore cannot be Qada from Allah (swt), an example is if someone swears at you, it is in his control and so is not Qada. Rather it is an action that he will be accounted for.

The laws of the Universe being from Allah is fairly simple to grasp. However understanding how those things that fall upon us which are not necessitated by the universal law are Qada from Allah requires more thought.

The easiest examples for this are the accidental happenings such as the contracting of an illness, train accidents or tripping and spraining your ankle. However this area of the sphere which dominates us is not limited to accidents it also includes things we intend such as arriving at a destination, passing an exam or establishing the Deen of Allah(swt). **The key issue to grasp is that we only control our actions i.e. our limbs and along with the free will we exercise the control and movement of our limbs and not anything beyond this. When it comes to the examples that I mentioned such as reaching a destination, passing an exam or establishing the Deen of Allah(swt) we only control our actions and therefore make an attempt to achieve a goal, the result is definitively not in our control and involves complex interrelationships between people and matter, it includes many factors that are not in the control of people.** When embarking upon a journey we may make an attempt to reach a destination but fail due to many factors such as the car breaking down or an accident on the motor way – so we do not definitively control whether we will arrive at our destination.

Muslim brothers and sisters attempt to re-establish the Deen but where and when we establish it is not in our control. Many young Muslim brothers and sisters are spending so much time to make their parents understand the essence of Deen but hidaya is not in their control.

Complex situations must be studied carefully to find out definitely which aspects are actually Qada and which aspects are in people control, it is dangerous to generalise and label things as Qada without making this distinction. Take the example of marriage, often people label this as Qada, upon further scrutiny we would ascertain that there are elements which are in man's control and elements outside his control. Whether the man and the woman initially meet or not is not in their control, once they have met the decision they make to agree to the marriage is their decision and is not forced upon them by Allah (swt). Even if they decide to marry whether they are able to make it to the actual wedding is not within their control.

If we do not control something then by definition it falls into the second sphere and therefore is from Allah (swt).

If something occurs upon us which we don't control such as missing our exam due to traffic congestion or tripping and breaking a leg we can conclude that this is from Allah (swt) but is beyond the role of our minds to understand how Allah (swt) ensured that this would happen to us. It is beyond our perception to discuss how Allah does things and ensures that certain things will occur without our control.

As for the sphere that man dominates, it is the sphere in which he proceeds willingly according to

the system he chooses, whether it is the divine law (shar'iyah) or any other. In this sphere, actions carried out by man occur by his will. For example, he walks, eats, drinks and travels anytime he likes, likewise he refrains from doing any of these things when he likes; he also burns with fire and cuts with a knife when he chooses; and he satisfies the instincts of procreation and ownership and the hunger of the belly as he likes. All this he performs or abstains from willingly. **Therefore, man is accounted for those deeds which occur within this sphere. Thus, he is rewarded for the action which is rewardable, and he is punished for it if it is punishable. These actions have nothing to do with al-Qada or vice versa. Because man is the one who undertook them with his own will and choice. Therefore, actions of choice do not come under the subject of al-Qada.**

The issue of Qadar is to do with the attributes of things that Allah (swt) placed within the universe, man and life. For example Allah has placed the attribute of burning in fire, attribute of cutting in knife, attribute of quenching thirst in water. In the same way He has put attributes in human beings in the form of organic needs and instincts like hunger, thirst, procreation instinct, survival instinct and sanctification instinct. These attributes are also from Allah which the human does not have any control over. What he controls is how he uses these attributes through his free will like he uses the sharpness of sword in jihad or he murders an innocent, he satisfies his sexual instinct through nikaah or commit zina etc.

In reality it is a subset of the discussion of Qada as it is related to the universal laws in the sphere which Allah dominates, however due to the controversy that existed over it during the centuries it was discussed as a topic on its own. It is clear from the observation of reality that all attributes of the universe, man and life are from Allah (swt) whether this is the weight of a stone, the sexual inclination in man or boiling and freezing points of water etc.

As for the knowledge of Allah SWT (ilmullah), this does not force man to carry out the action but He knows that man is going to freely undertake an action. To carry out this action is not based on the knowledge of Allah , rather, the eternal knowledge of Allah means that He knows that man is going to carry out the action. **With regards to "the writing in the Al-Lauh al Mahfuz, it is an expression that the knowledge of Allah(swt) encompasses everything.**

With regards to the will of Allah SWT (iraadatullah), this does not compel man to carry out any action. Its meaning, however, is that nothing can take place in His Kingdom without His will, i.e. nothing takes place against His will. Thus, if man carried out an action and Allah did not prevent or compel him from doing so, and instead left him to act freely, without any compulsion, then man has acted by the Will of Allah and not contrary to His Will. Man's action was undertaken by himself and by his choice, Allah did not compel him to carry out the action.

This is the issue of al QaDaa wal Qadar which will drive man to do good and avoid bad when he realises that Allah is watching him and will account him (for his actions); and that He has endowed him with the choice to act or abstain; and if he does not choose the right actions, he will be severely reprimanded and punished. Therefore, we find the true believer, who understands sincerely the concept of al QaDaa wal Qadar and who is fully acquainted with the mental faculties and choice that Allah has endowed him with, is very conscious in observing Allah's orders and being afraid of Him. He endeavours to comply with the commands of Allah and to abstain from the prohibitions, because of his fear of the punishment of Allah , his desire to be in His Jannah, and his yearning in attaining that which is greater than all of this, namely the pleasure of Allah (swt).

Although we are subject to al-Qada wal Qadar this does not mean that we become fatalistic and submit ourselves to whatever is going to happen to us as we have no knowledge of that. There is a difference between Aqeeda and Hukm Shari and in issues of actions we must refer to the Shariah rules as Allah (swt) has ordered us regardless of whether we control the outcomes or not.

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Seerah-04

The light from the darkness

In the Fertile crescent sandwiched between the two rivers **Tigris** and **Euphrates**, there was anancient region located in the eastern Mediterranean, bounded in the northeast by the Zagros Mountains and in the southeast by the Arabian Plateau, corresponding to today's Iraq, mostly,but also parts of modern-day Iran, Syria and Turkey.
Mesopotamia, as the land was famously known, had attracted the earliest settlements recorded, due to the fertility of the land between the two rivers. Humans for the first time in history,somewhere around 10,000 BCE started to settle down in this very region. Thousands of years from the early settlements, Mesopotamia grew up to be the 'Cradle of Civilization'. It became the trade and religious hub of the then civilized population.

Early Sumerian sources and some scholarly findings suggest that Prophet **Noah**(As) was sent to Sumerian people living in the lands of Mesopotamia. This fertile crescent had experienced the light of Tawheed through messengers of Allah, but by the time Mesopotamia had emerged into a trade centre and a civilization, the divine message of Tawheed had long been distorted and replaced by paganism. Idolatry had brooded its root deep into the religious beliefs and customs of the mesopotamian population. The ill religious prejudice, meaningless superstitions, priesthood and polytheism had clenched soul and spirit of the general populace. The necessary repercussion of this deep rooted cloud of polytheistic belief was the complete occultation of original message of Allah, widespread ignorance and invoking false deities other than Allah almighty.
The idolatry was not only the religiously widespread practice but also a booming business of the time. Priests and religious signatories had brooded their glory through the business of paganism. The polytheism so religiously practiced and idols so holistically revered in Mesopotamia were also pushing its horizon in the lands nearby. Mesopotamian idolatry had attracted the common populace of Syria, Persia, Egypt, Turkey and lands nearby through idea exchange and trades. The civilized world was doomed and lost in the darkness of shirk.
Mesopotamia was dwelling ground for paganism. Idol-making and crafting was means of livelihood and glory. Messengers of Allah came before that also for their respective communities and nations but for the first time a groundbreaking mission of Tawheed was needed to uproot the evils of paganism and to sustain the light of Tawheed for the times to come, on a much larger scale than ever before. When Mesopotamia was booming in all civilizational aspect but was a breeding ground for moral darkness, when it was plundering deep into the evils of polytheism, Allah decided to enlighten the world from the darkest place. The light of Tawheed sprouted from the hub of idolatry.

Abraham(As)/Ibrahim(As), one of the most noble and greatest messenger of Allah, was born into a family of a pagan priest, well known for his polytheistic zeal and whose financial foundations were on the business of Idol crafting.
Abraham(As) was sent in the time and a place where idolatry and polytheism had grounded its root deeper than ever before. He had the most difficult task to uproot the falsehood of false-deities and to establish the truth of Allah alone. He had the most difficult and challenging mission of emancipating the truth of Tawheed in the breeding ground of falsehood of polytheism.

His Dawah was for the people of Iraq and around to establish the superiority of Allah almighty over every **taghut** who was worshiped and obeyed other than Allah! Thus Allah mentions:

"***Indeed, Abraham was a [comprehensive] leader, devoutly obedient to Allah, inclining toward truth, and he was not of those who associate others with Allah***"
[TMQ : An-Nahl -120]

The fundamental and the most important section of message of prophet Abraham(As) is summarized in this Ayah:

"***And [We sent] Abraham, when he said to his people, "Worship Allah and fear Him. That is best for you, if you should know."*** **[Al-'Ankabut 29:16]**

Abraham(as) and his mission stands as one of the most important mission in the history of Prophethood. **Abraham**(as) is one of the central figure in the Dawah of Tawheed to the Mankind. His message and his ways are guiding light for all the callers of Tawheed till eternity.
Abraham(As) also has significant importance in understanding the seerah of Prophet **Muhammad**(saw). We will be understanding more about the Dawah and history of Abraham(As) to facilitate our understanding of seerah of **Prophet**(saw) and Arab ideologies of the time. Allah glorifies Abraham(As) and his mission:

And who is better in religion than one who submits himself to Allah while being a doer of good and follows the religion of Abraham, inclining toward truth? And Allah took Abraham as an intimate friend.
[An-Nisa' 4:125]

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Seerah Bites - 04

RELIGIONS OF ARABS (Idols entry in Makkah)

- People believed in Monotheism until 'Amr Bin Luhai', introduced idols I Makkah.
- The Tribesmen renowned him because of his charity, righteousness.
- In a visit to Syria, he saw people worship idols.
- He bought an idol (Hubal) & placed in Makkah.
- He did it considering that Syria was always a locus of messengers & scriptures.

Justifying Islam

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News Channels today are known for their aggressive attitude towards an issue they are discussing. Their work has been transferred from just passing on the information of happenings to giving their opinions and passing in the public certain concepts which do not cares for the harm it might create in the mentality of masses.

Recently it was seen on Indian News Channels that there was a debate held on the Islamic Concept of Nikah Halala. Most of the members in the debate were not seen in the mood to know its validity, but to just express their hatred towards this Islamic concept.

Few months back the topic of the same debate was Tripple Talaq and the rest was same.

Around a year back it was the issue of Cow which Muslims consider as an eatable & Hindus consider as a sacred God.

Earlier it was, Love Jihad, a name given to the Muslim man who marries to a Converted Muslim girl.

So, as can be observed, it has become a trend in the media to pick an Islamic concept or something specific to Muslims, & mock it publically & get benefitted from the TRP.

But what is interesting & worth focusing is the response of Muslims. All with good emotions, start justifying Islam with presenting many different arguments in support of Islamic Rulings which may prove its validity in the minds of viewers.

In this whole process, sometimes other opposition arguments rationally seems to be more acceptable to the human mind. Therefore, what results is the tussle between thoughts & sometimes enlarges into physical fight.

If we observe, the whole thinking process of these Muslims who analyse and discusses the Rulings of Islam with others, we can say it is rational and logical.

But if anyone can grasp the exact reason or in Arabic terms the Illah or sabab of all the Rulings of Islam which is ordained by His Creator, we can say that the same person is capable of making the just Rulings also. In other words, he is not in need of the Creator, as He himself becomes the legislator.

Also, If one examines the human mind and its limitations, one can say, that it is limited and week. It differs in its function from person to person, therefore there are contradictions in likings and disliking of people. There are contradictions in defining what is beautiful and ugly and what is right and wrong. So, such Human mind if tries to make legislation it would definitely be biased and full of errors. Therefore, for having best way of life, it needs laws which are not biased, which are not from someone who can error i.e. the Creator of Human Himself.

Looking at the way of viewing islamic issues by Classical Muslims/scholars, what can be observed is, Human Ration was used in order to understand the Aqeedah of Islam, which proves its sacredness. Post acceptance of the Sacredness of Islam & accepting the reality of humans as being created by the Creator and realising Quran as the book of the Creator & Prophet Muhammad (saw) as being the messenger of HIM to humans Then, accepting all the Ahkams as it is without questioning the creator.

Also, if a person observes, the way, Islam's Rulings are Deduced, Protected & Understood is itself a whole science which exhausts the human mind, and which ensures that the exact Rule of Allah reaches to any part of the world & to any time period.

There are many terminologies which plays an important role in the above-mentioned task which has to be commonly known to the Muslim Ummah

in order to understand Islamic issues apart from the Aqeedah and these are :

1) Fiqh
2) Ijtihad
3) Usul al Fiqh
   ✤ Quran ✤ Ahadeeth ✤ Ijma as Sahaba ✤ Qiyas
4) Arabic Language

Leaving these and applying the thought process in the rational manner which tries to judge the ahkaams of the Creator from the limited minds of the creation will result in the weak, limited & wrong judgements.

Therefore, the rationality can only be applied on those religious matters which proves the creator as being a Creator i.e. the Creed of Islam. After it, Minds submit to the Creator as being supreme and the sovereign whose legislation are not debated but deduced and followed.

This is the intellectual decline among people who came with the view that their minds can form just legislation for themselves, they judge religious laws and negate what they find as oppressive. If their case has some weight, and their laws are unbiased and best for humankind there would not be prevalence of injustice in every corner of the world. Laws would not be such that it supports the law makers, law protectors and the influential, the rich of the society.

Every society which was formed based on the ideologies which came from best of the human minds like Adam Smith or Karl Marx, came with a bang but after some time their faults in approaches, their errors and being a failure in providing justice to mankind, start becoming apparent as with the case with Communism and Capitalism.

On the other hand, Islam has a history of 1400 years, where no one even an individual or as a community ever demanded that the ideology is a failure and needed to be changed. What Islam with its laws gave the society, is being Just towards the weak and down trodden, good wealth distribution and money rotation among all members of the society, criteria for actions being for the sake of the Creator not just for individual benefit devoid of any spiritual connection which promotes immorality.

Therefore, Muslims must be proud of having an ideology which is the best, being from the supreme, the lord of the world. They don't need to prove the justness of its laws to others. What they need is, to implement these laws so that its beauty can be observed by the masses. A bottle of perfume is just another bottle, until and unless its smell reaches the person.

Allah says in the holy Quran,

"But perhaps you hate a thing and it is good for you; and perhaps you love a thing and it is bad for you. And Allah Knows, while you know not."
[TMQ 02 : 216]

Muharram

The Month of Reflection

There are various stories and incidents in the Islamic history, both mentioned in the Quran and transmitted to us through the sayings of the Prophet (SAW) Allah (SWT) gives us a reason for narrating these stories to us. He(SWT) says,

"There was certainly in their stories a lesson for those of understanding" (12:111)

The Qur'anic ayah induces within us the unveiling of a hidden dimension that seeks to unearth the secret that is required in order to understand the several moments in our past. The past, the Qur'an speaks as if these events exist within our own memories or in a collective human memory as an integral part of our own selves and of our human heritage. It has a unique methodology in that it asks us to recall some past historical occurrences in the same manner with which we remember events from our own lives, as if they exist in our own individual, personal storehouse of experiences, like,

"And remember We gave Moses the Scripture and the Criterion (between right and wrong)" (2:53)

"And remember Abraham and Isma'il raised the foundations of the House" (2:127)

"And remember We divided the sea for you…" (2:51)

Within such a paradigm lie therein certain key features of thought as a way of viewing our past. The Qur'an cannot be considered a history book because stories are condensed to their basic components in order to illustrate the principles that can be easily grasped in order for mankind to gain a fuller understanding of the processes at work between Iman and Kufr.

It is with such an appreciation that one can gain a profound insight into the month that we are currently witnessing, the month of Muharram.

This month contains the day, popularly known as the Ashoora

It is a day, according to many of our Historians, that shrouds within it a number of watershed moments. It is considered to be the day when Adam was forgiven, the day when Suleiman was made to be the rightful custodian over his Mulk, the day that saw the end of the storm of Nuh and the day in which Isa ibn Maryam ascended to Jannah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon all of them). It is true that some of these claims are unverifiable, but nonetheless, they are mentioned in the books of history.

So, although these events do not hold any jurisprudential weight for us, they appear to represent the divine intervention when it certainly was needed, an intervention that sought a new beginning for the respective believers.

The Prophet (saw) recommended for us to fast on the day of Ashoora. Al-Bukhari narrated from Ibn Abbas (ra) who said:

"The Prophet (saw) came to Madinah and saw the Jews fasting on the day of 'Ashoora'. He said, 'What is this?' They said, 'This is a righteous day, it is the day when Allah saved the Children of Israel from their enemies, so Musa fasted on this day.' He said, 'We have more right to Musa than you,' so he fasted on that day and commanded [the Muslims] to fast on that day." [Bukhari, Hadith No: 1865].
Abu Qatada (ra) relates that the Holy Prophet (saw) said that, "the fast on the 10th of Muharram atones for the sins of the preceding year." [Sahih Muslim]. In addition to the keeping of the fast on the 10th of Muharram we should also aim to fast on the 9th as well as stipulated in the following ahadith: Ibn Abbas (ra) relates that when the Holy Prophet (saw) said, "If I survive till next year, I will definitely observe fast on the 9th of Muharram (as well)." [Sahih Muslim]

These days also remind us of the story of Musa (as) and his struggle against the Pharaoh. Indeed the story of Musa (as) is a great story that Allah (swt) related to us in the Quran.
Allah (swt) told us of how the Firawn oppressed the people, how he killed the new born sons of the people and how he ruled the people with his tyranny and oppression. And we all know how Allah(swt) raised Musa (as) to liberate the people from this tyranny and oppression.

Allah mentioned in Surah al-Qasas how he protected Musa (as) from his campaign of killing the children. Allah(swt) tells us of how when Musa (as) was born Allah (swt) inspired his mother to cast him into the river.
It is a point of reflection for us to see how she obeyed this command of Allah with no resistance. We
can never imagine casting our child into the river. This is the meaning of having Tawakkal in Allah (swt).

When Musa (as) grew up he stood against Firawn and challenged his corruption and tyranny, he led Bani Israel against the Firawn and made them disbelieve in him and his tyranny.
Today we have many modern day Firawns, many Musrifeen (transgressors) and tyrants. America is one of these modern day Pharaoh's.

We can see how America portrays itself to be the master of this world, how it bombed the Muslims in Iraq, how it bombed the Muslims in Afghanistan and Sudan in the past and how it continues to impose its policies all over the Islamic lands. America is not the only Firawn in this world today, America has many assistants in the world as Firawn had his assistants like Haman. Today the rulers in the Muslim world are these assistants who carve up the people as Firawn did and oppress them as Firawn did and kill them as Firawn did.Musa (as) liberated the Children of Israel from the Firawn, we too need to liberate the Muslim Ummah from the Firawn and Haman of today.

This month also reminds us of the incident of Karbala

Imam Hussain (ra) marched to Kufa, to uphold the establishment of Islam, the deen and to strengthen it, despite being asked by his family members not to do so in fear of the consequences. On the way when he received the news of Muslim bin Aqeel, his representative being arrested and killed, and hearing this some people left his caravan, yet he did not turn back and continued on his journey. Imam Hussein (ra) was alone, one man against thousands. He took them on, fighting them bravely, and kept fighting, receiving many wounds in the process.

The massacre of Karbala highlights the importance to Muslims to always stand steadfast in dealing with oppressive rulers. The rulers of the Muslim world today have not been appointed by the will of the Muslims, but imposed upon the Ummah by the Western colonialists. They are usurpers and have taken the authority away from the Ummah. In order for the Ummah to realise her full potential, and restore the honour that Islam has given her, these false Yazids need to be replaced with a just Khalifah.

The beginning of the Islamic Calender

Ibn Hajar al-Asqalani, in his Fath Al-Bari, records that Umar (ra) is reported to have remarked: "The Hijrah has separated truth from falsehood, therefore, let it become the Epoch of the Era."

This statement clearly illustrates the importance of the Hijrah. Contrary to certain interpretations it was not a flight driven out of fear of persecution, if this were the reason, Rasool (saw) could have left Makkah much sooner.

Many of the companions had been given permission to emigrate to the land of Al-Najashi to escape the persecution but this Hijrah was different.

The significance of the Hijrah is understood from the sheer preparation and planning involved in meeting the tribal leaders of al-Aus and Khazraj, culturing them with Islam, creating a public opinion for Islam and the Prophet's(saw) leadership and the clear programme that followed once Yahthrib became Medina indicated that the Hijra was a radical transformation of society. In Makkah the Muslims were weak and could only enjoin the good and forbid the evil through their speech, now they were able to do so through a practical implementation of Islam in Medina. The Hijrah was truly an epoch making moment because it culminated in the manifestation of the truth in Medina.

Today brothers although there are many tyrannical agents of Firawn and the side of Baatil (falsehood) is clear, we must realise that the side of Haq (truth) is also clear and gaining momentum.

Firawn's end came even though he believed he had all power in his hands. Indeed the time will come when the West and its agents in the Muslim world will drown in the ocean of history as Firawn and his men were swallowed by the ocean and drowned.

Musa (as) and all the other Prophet's (as) relied upon none other than Allah (swt) to fulfil their mission. Musa (as) sought help and support from his Lord, Allah (swt) says in Surah Ta-Ha,
"Musa said: 'O my Lord! Open for me my chest (grant me self-confidence, contentment, and boldness). And ease my task for me; And loosen the knot (the problem) from my tongue, (i.e. remove the impairment in my speech), that they understand my speech, And appoint for me a helper from my family, Haroon, my brother; Increase my strength with him, And let him share my task (of conveying Allah's message), That we may glorify You much, And remember You much, Verily! You are of us Ever a Well-Seer" [TMQ Ta-Ha: 25-35]

Today in our pursuit of re-establishing the System of Islam to dethrone the Firawn's of this world we must rely on Allah (swt) alone, He is As-Samee'a, Al-Mujeeb. Soon we will again witness the epoch which separates the truth from falsehood, **In sha Allah.**

Brothers! Musa (as) liberated the Children of Israel from the Firawn, we to need to liberate the Muslim Ummah from the oppression of Capitalism. The method to achieve this is taken from the well-known Hadith, **"Banu Israel used to be looked after by the Prophets; when one Prophet died, another one would succeed him, and there will be no more Prophets after me. There will be Khulafah and they will number many."**

Allah has promised, to those among you who believe and work righteous deeds, that He will, of a surety, grant them in the land, inheritance (of power), as He granted it to those before them; that He will establish in authority their religion, the one which He has chosen for them; and that He will change (their state), after the fear in which they (lived), to one of security and peace: ' They will worship Me (alone) and not associate aught with Me.' If any do reject Faith after this, they are rebellious andwicked. [TMQ 24: 55]

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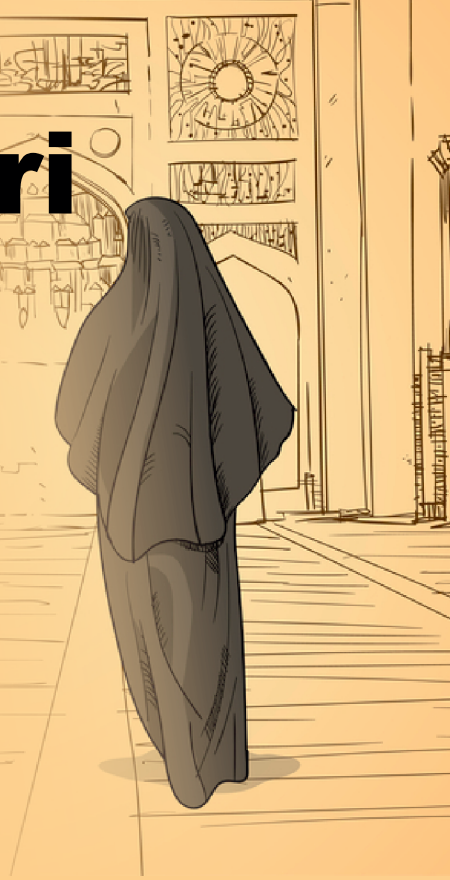
Our Scholar
Fatima Al-Fihri

An Arab Muslim Woman Who Brought Higher Education To The Entire World

Today mostly people succumb to the massive influence exerted by Media and believe that Islam has come to confine women, confiscate their rights and limit their freedom. Mostly people still believe that muslim women live in cramped harems in complete docility and unconditional submission.



Introduction

Fatima Al-Fihri was born in 800 AD and was a daughter of Abdellah Mohammed of Arab Qurayshi origins from Mecca, hence her complete name was “Fatima Al-Fihri Al Qurashiyya. She was among the Arabs who migrated from Al-Kiraouan in modern Tunisia to the extreme Maghreb (Morocco) and resided in the historic city of Fez. Her family built a big fortune after years of hard commercial work but almost all of them departed before reaping the fruits of their wealth. Her father, her husband and her brother died and left her a great fortune.

A Woman with a Vision

Twelve hundred years ago, under the Islamic State Fatima Al-Fihri lived to make life for her community better and was a woman with a vision. She was from a prestigious family and had inherited a fortune from her father. As a young, wealthy and well-educated woman her interest was neither in shoes or handbags, nor in any celebrity lifestyle, neither to woe a man for marriage, nor in any of the stereotypes that are usually associated with us women folk. There was depth in this woman, she had a vision that was cultivated and allowed to grow because of the Islamic society she lived in and encouraged her. Fatima Al Fihri lived under the period of Umayyad Caliphate. Her vision did not remain a dream but was accomplished and the results can still be seen today.

Achievement

Fatima Al-Fihri was much known for her piety and wisdom and also for her broad religious knowledge, After her bereavement, Fatima decided to invest her wealth in something that would benefit her in both the worlds (Duniya & Akhirah) while it would also benefit the muslim ummah for ages to come. The project she thought of was to build the first university in the world. In 859 she founded the University of Al-Qarawiyyin in Fez, Morocco and since then it has been one of the greatest educational and spiritual center in Morocco and the Islamic World.

Fatima Al-Fihri fasted during the construction of the university and promised not to eat before the completion of construction work. Eighteen years later Fatima broke her series of fasts when the university was completed. The University of Al-Qarawiyyin became the first cultural, educational and religious hub in the Islamic civilization. Many students from all over the world set off for the quest of knowledge in Al-Qarawiyyin in which various sciences were taught like Arabic grammar, geography, history, mathematics, logic, medicine, alchemy and chemistry, and astronomy.

Al – Qarawiyyin – The World's First University

Iin 859, Fatima Al-Fihri founded the oldest academic degree-granting university existing today, the University of Qarawiyyin in Fez, Morocco. The Al-Qarawiyyin Mosque is one of the largest Masjids (mosque) in Africa and one of the world's oldest universities. Al-Qarawiyyin is the perfect example of how Islam combines the spiritual with education and that Islam is not separate from life's affairs. This is not only an example of how education and religion merge in this small corner of the globe, but it sheds light on the

esteemed role that women played in the Islamic community – an aspect of Islam that is often misunderstood. Furthermore, during medieval times it was regarded as being a major intellectual centre in the Mediterranean. Its excellent reputation even led to Gerber of Auvergne studying at the mosque. Auvergne later went on to become Pope Sylvester II and has been given the credit of introducing Arabic numerals and the zero to the rest of Europe.

Luminates Of Al-Qarawiyyin

Many Western scholars graduated from Al-Qarawiyyin such as Pope Silvester II[1](946 – 1003), Nicolas Cleynaerts[2] (1495 – 1542) and Jacobus Golius[3](1596 – 1667). Other well-known scholars who once studied or lectured in the University of Al-Qarawiyyin are the cartographer Mohammed al-Idrisi, the famous traveler Leo Africanus, the historian Ibn Khaldoun etc.

Message

It is so sad that in today's world inspirational women like Fatima Al Fihri cease to exist, as in this Capitalist society woman is nothing more than a bribe envelope which is being used to get their work doneorbeing used in achieving financial goals. In the name of Women's Empowerment this Capitalist society has turned many intellectual women like Fatima Al Fihri in to a mere Receptionist just to achieve their own financial goals. In this Capitalist Society it is a great achievement to become a Bollywood actress but if the same actress like Zaira Wassim after knowing the reality of these Industries decides to quit Bollywood is openly criticized by the majority of its citizens as well as by the Media houses. This gives us an idea about the intellect level of the people living under this Capitalist System.

It is sad that today's women don't think beyond Bollywood, Cheerleaders, Receptionist in a Multi-National Company or to be a half-naked woman selling various products by exposing their body.So, if we want our women to be like Fatima Al Fihri then firstly we must understand the purpose of our life and secondly, we must understand that what makes us modern and advance - is it our clothes or is it our intellect and our thought?

The message which we can take from the life of Fatima Al Fihri is that the education centers which we made should be aligned in accordance with Quran & Sunnah along with formal education. We should not divide our institutions based on what education we provide in that for e.g.high-tech Schools, Colleges and Universities for formal education and just an old method Madrasa for Islamic education. Intellectual youth of this Ummah strive hard for higher formal education to become a Doctor and an Engineerjust to get the few materialistic benefits of this world but the very same person did not strive to become a Mufti, Faqi or a Mujtahid.We should not limit our success to this world only which is just a delusion according to Quran but rather try to be successful in both the worlds like it was achieved by our real heroes Hazrat Abu-Bakr, Umar, Usman Ali and the rest of Sahaba.
(May Allah be pleased with them All)

At last we request our readers to watch this video of **Dr. Israr Ahmed** to understand – **"What is True Success ".**

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USUL AL FIQH

PART - 04

SOURCES OF HUKM- SHARII

As defined earlier, Hukm Sharii are the rulings of Allah (SWT) addressing our actions. These rulings are derived from certain sources. The sources which are used to extract rulings have to be based on Adilla Qataiya (Decisive evidences).

As an example, to have Ijma as Sahabah (Consensus of the Companions) as a source to extract laws, the concept of Ijma as Sahabah must be based upon Qatai Daleel. Thus, even though not all the laws extracted from Ijma as Sahabah have to be Qatai, the concept itself must be.

The four sources of Hukm Sharii, **Qur'an, Sunnah, Ijma as Sahabah and Qiyas** will be discussed respectively. These sources are agreed upon by the majority of the scholars. This will be followed by a brief summary of the disputed sources which are not consensually agreed upon.

QUR'AN

Qur'an is derived from the word Qara'a, which means to read or recite. Therefore, Qur'an linguistically means the book that has been read or recited.

As a term, Qur'an is Allah's (SWT) miraculous speech revealed unto Muhammed (SAW) in Arabic and transmitted to us by Tawatur sources. The recitation of Qur'an is considered as an Ib'adah (act of worship). By Allah's (SWT) speech it is meant that the Qur'an is the exact words of Allah (SWT). It was revealed to Muhammed (SAW) as it exists today. By miraculousness, it is meant that no-one can produce something similar to it.

The term “in Arabic” refers to the language of the Qur'an, not to its scope or ideas because Qur'an addresses all Arabs and non-Arabs. The rules of Qur'an are universal and not restricted to one ethnic group, race or community a specific area or time.

By Tawatur method it is meant that it was conveyed to us by a group or people for whom it is impossible to lie or conspire to fabricate a lie. The Qur'an was transferred to us through an entire generation, not just by a group, to its successors, until it reached the present generation, without any interval in this transference.

Reciting Qur'an in Arabic by itself, without even comprehending its meaning is considered an Iba'adah. In this regard, Qur'an is different from Hadith which cannot be recited as an act of Iba'adah. However, thinking about the meanings of both the Qur'an and Hadith is considered an Iba'adah.

During the time of the Prophet (SAW), the text of the Qur'an was preserved in memory and also inscripted on flat stones, wood, and bones. Initially, Khaleefah Abu Bakr (RA) collected the Qur'an soon after the battle of Yamamah due to the martyrdom of many

memorisers of the Qur'an. Zayd bin Thabit (RA), the scribe of the Prophet (SAW), was employed in the task of compiling the text.

During the time of the Prophet (SAW), Muslims used to recite the Qur'an in different ways, which were taught by the Prophet (SAW) himself. When the Sahabah (RA) emigrated to the conquered lands, the Muslims in those areas recited the way that Sahabi (RA) recited. Consequently, there were some arguments as to which method of recitation was correct.

Khaleefah Uthman (RA) realised this problem and feared that the fate of the Qur'an would go the same way and be lost or corrupted as were earlier books of the revelation. In order to remove this danger, Khaleefah Uthman (RA) adopted one way of recitation and made seven copies. These seven copies were sent to different areas; the master copy was kept in Medina. All other copies existing at the time were destroyed.

The Qur'an was revealed with the words and its meanings intact; whereas, the Sunnah was revealed in meaning and the Prophet (SAW) expressed this meaning using his own words. The Qur'an was revealed in two distinct periods of the Prophet's (SAW) Dawah, in Mecca and Medinah.

A Surah is considered to be Makki if its revelation had begun in Mecca even if it contains Ayahs that were revealed in Medinah. The distinction between the Makki and Madini parts of the Qur'an is based on the information provided mainly by the Sahabah (RA).

Muslims follow Prophet Muhammed (SAW) based on his Prophethood. The belief in the Prophethood means following the Message which the Prophet (SAW) brought. Using Qur'an to extract rulings indicates adherence to the Message. There are many Ayah in the Qur'an which state that the Qur'an is a source of ruling, guidance and knowledge.

"We have sent down to you the book of truth, that you may rule between men, as guided by Allah, so be not (used) as an advocate by those who betray their trust." [TMQ An-Nisa: 105]

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FIQH OF MARRIAGE (PART -03)

MARRYING

✤ The 5 Components of a Marriage Contract ✤

1 Bride & Groom

- Consent of bride and groom required
- Women that are forbidden from marriage:
- Permanent forbidden:
  - *By biological relations (Quran 4:23)*
  - *By marriage relations (Quran 4:23)*
  - *Due to sucklings*
  - *Due to li'an*
- Temporarily forbidden:
  - *Marrying two women that are haram as co-wives (e.g. sisters)*
  - *Marrying more than four*
  - *Wife of another, and one in iddah from another husband*
  - *Your permanently divorced wife (after 3 divorces)*
  - *Lack of compatibility in religion*
  - *Marriage to a zaniyah (until she does proper repentance)*

2 Offer & Acceptance

- Other languages allowed
- Usually statements of "I offer" & "I accept"
- Offer and Acceptance can be from same person
- Conditions in the contract
  - *Conditions set by Shariah*
  - *Conditions set by the parties*

3 Wali *def: guardian upon woman assess the proposal for her best interest*

- Conditions of waliship
- Wali's Rights
- Wali's Duties

4 Mahr (Dowry)

- A tangible wealth or in kind
- Obligation upon husband by consensus

5 2 Witnesses

- Having 2 witnesses and announcing to public is best

SUDAN

Another Crisis from the West

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Sudan has been in turmoil since the military ousted President Omar al-Bashir in April 2019. Vast crowds had taken to the streets in Sudan to demonstrate against the military rule, with reports of deaths and injuries. The state news agency said seven people had died and 181 were hurt, citing the health ministry. All this followed a popular uprising against the rule of Omar Al-Bashir who had seized power in a coup on 30 June 1989. Tens of thousands defied the heavy presence of troops to demand that the ruling military council hand power to a civilian-led administration.

The turmoil of Sudan is not just another case of a failed President against whom the people have revolted. It is also a live example of the failed capitalist system and it exposes how the west controls and exploits other nations towards its interests.

Historically, Sudan and the South Sudan were a part of Egypt during the Muhammad Ali Dynasty. Later they were governed by Anglo-Egyptian condominium till 1956. On January 1, 1956, Sudan gained independence from the Anglo-Egyptian Condominium, the joint British and Egyptian government that administrated Sudan. The independence they gained was not very much different from that which other nations had gained during the post second world war era. It was indeed a nation left in turmoil to be exploited towards the interests of the West and few individuals. At that time, the new country was 1/3rd of the size of the contiguous U.S. and hosted about 600 ethnic groups speaking over 400 languages. The north was (and continues to be) predominately Muslim, while the southern regions are mostly Christian and animist. From 1930 to 1953 the Anglo-Egyptian Condominium governed northern and southern Sudan separately. The independence gave Sudan the constitution of 1956 which did not clarify whether Sudan had to be a secularist or an Islamic State though the intention would never be for the latter. This situation caused two civil wars in Sudan. The First Civil war occurred in 1955 and ended with Addis Ababa Agreement in 1972 granting significant regional autonomy to South Sudan. The Second Civil war erupted in 1983 when President Jaafar Nimeiri introduced Sharia Law and reneged on the Addis Ababa Agreement's provisions for a referendum in Abyei.

"*The Second Civil War left two and a half million people dead and four million people displaced between 1983 and 2005.*

The SPLA's political arm is also known as the Sudan People Liberation Movement, or SPLM. The group is often referred to as the SPLM/A."

However, on June 30, 1989 a military coup led by Omar Al-Bashir overthrew the Sudanese government and repudiated the peace agreement. However, the civil war situation did not end with this coup until the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in 2005. The points under this agreement were :

1. A six-year Interim Period, at the end of which, the people of southern Sudan were given the right to vote in a self-determination referendum to decide whether to remain united with Sudan or to secede.

2. A cessation of hostilities between the SPLA and the SAF, and the maintenance of SPLA forces in the south and SAF forces in the north.

3. The establishment of a secular, semi-autonomous Southern Sudan with its own executive, legislative and judicial institutions.

4. Power sharing arrangements between Sudan's two major political parties, the SPLM and NCP, as well as smaller parties, at the national and Southern Sudan levels of government.

5. Wealth sharing arrangements whereby, among other things, profits from oil extracted in southern Sudan were split 50-50 between the national and southern Sudan levels of government.

6. Democratic elections to occur during the Interim Period. The establishment of a special administrative status for the disputed Abyei area, as well as a referendum for the "residents" of Abyei, to be carried out at the same time as the Southern Sudan referendum.

In accordance with the provisions of the CPA, the people of Southern Sudan voted in the Southern Sudan referendum on January 9, 2011. Six months later, on July 9, 2011, the Interim Period came to an end and South Sudan became the world's newest nation.

The rule of Omar Al-Bashir in Sudan is often misjudged by many as an anti-West rule. The West would never support such a nation. Contrary to this, on the successful coup by Omar Al-Bashir, the official State Department of the US said :

"WASHINGTON, June 30 (Reuters) - The United States regrets that the military has ousted a democratically elected Government in the Sudan and hopes that the new government will move swiftly to end the country's civil war, the State Department said today."

The State Department spokeswoman, Margaret D. Tutwiler, said those in control of the country should step up their efforts to cooperate with international relief agencies working to ease the threat of starvation.

The US was showing and propagating hopes and beliefs in the rule of Al-Bashir.

In the next few decades, it is portrayed that the United States simply led the effort to isolate Sudan, making it an international pariah comparable to North Korea and Iran. Washington considered Bashir's regime a perpetrator of terrorism and genocide in Darfur and said he should be tried for war crimes. At one point, U.S. officials discussed a coup plot with Sudanese officials who wanted to oust Bashir. Successive administrations imposed devastating sanctions on the Sudanese regime. These indicate that the US has been against Omar Al-Bashir entirely but there are always essential talks behind the curtains and the prompting talks in the public to drive the public towards their own interests.

Washington's relationship with Khartoum, since as far back as the 1990s, has been defined by both secrecy and contradiction. In 1993, the United States accused Khartoum of being a state sponsor of terrorism and imposed sanctions. Yet even when Washington sought to isolate Khartoum, the CIA quietly maintained its own ties with the regime, benefiting from intelligence cooperation in the growing fight against terrorist groups in East Africa.

During the 2011 NATO intervention in Libya, Sudan provided intelligence to the alliance and became a conduit for weapons transfers to the opposition, according to a report corroborated by two former U.S. officials. Sudan also claimed that it had valuable information about senior leaders of the Somalia-based al-Shabab group, some of whom were educated at the University of Khartoum.

Another time, some U.S. defense officials viewed Khartoum's information with suspicion.

" I did not see any value in Sudanese intelligence at all," said retired Brig. Gen. Donald Bolduc,
a former deputy director and head of special operations at U.S. Africa Command.

" As a matter of fact, I would be very suspicious and cautious to use Sudanese intelligence in the event they were setting us up for something."

But when Sudan cut off intelligence ties with the United States in 2015 (for reasons that remain unclear), Obama administration officials, led by CIA chief John Brennan, pushed for a rapprochement. After some deliberation, a plan emerged to drop U.S. sanctions against Sudan and remove the terrorism designation in exchange for Sudan improving cooperation on counter terrorism, access to humanitarian aid, and other priorities. Obama embraced the plan, and Trump followed suit after he took office. It stood out as one of the few major Obama foreign-policy initiatives that Trump did not dismantle.

The relations of the US with Sudan have not been sour and while the current policies of the American administration are towards having ties with Omar Al-Bashir for its vested interests in and around Sudan, the crisis in Sudan has a different perspective to be looked at. The relations have been beneficial to America always and so it would never just stage a mass public protest against its own ally in these situations. While the West enjoys through the exploitation and its agents too are having their lavish lifestyle, the loss is to the Ummah!!

O you who have believed, do not take the Jews and the Christians as allies. They are [in fact] allies of one another. And whoever is an ally to them among you - then indeed, he is [one] of them. Indeed, Allah guides not the wrongdoing people. **[TMQ 05 : 51]**

Quiz Time for You

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Instructions

1. Readers, please go through the relevant articles to get all the answers.
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3. Questions are **subjective**.
4. Write your answers & send us through WhatsApp or Email.

Q1 What do we learn from the month Muharram and mention the characteristics of the past and present

Q2 How does Islam provide the solution for Global Warming?

Q3 What happened with the mother of Serbian boy when she met him and in

Q4 What should be the best way to justify Islam?

Q5 What was the situation which mainly caused civil wars in Sudan?

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