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# ICC World Cup, Organised Distractions & Our & Responsibility

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# The Call

Come To Success

**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 increasing by the day

### **In these dark times, who will defend the 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 produce 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 Muslim countries for them; they will have to own their problems and take initiatives in their own terms to the possible extent.

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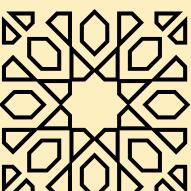
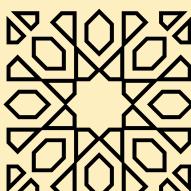
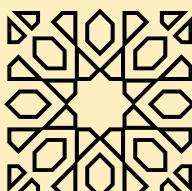
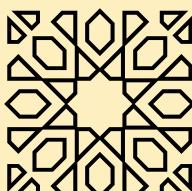


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# Beautiful Names of ALLAH

## Al Adl-The Just

**Allah is the most just, his justice is not only for humans but for every creature that exist be it humans, animals or any other thing we can see or not.**

**Justice is associated to Allah.**

**“O My slaves, I have forbidden injustice for Myself and forbade it also for you. So avoid being unjust to one another.” (Saheeh Muslim)**

**“O you who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even if it be against yourselves, your parents, and your relatives, or whether it is against the rich or the poor, Allah is more worthy of both. So follow not your (personal) inclination, lest you not be just...” (Quran 4:135)**

It is his justice that he sent the messengers to guide us since if he hadn't sent the messengers then there would be no point of giving punishment and may be considered injustice by people since they will be accounted for things which they don't know about.

Allah(SWT) is the one who created everything and he is the one who knows everything about his creation that is why Justice can only be defined by him.

And that is why he conveyed his message by sending messengers and didn't leave the aspect of Justice in the hands of people (decision of what is right & what is wrong). Since the people aren't conscious of the reality of everything and will have no excuse to plead that their actions were done in ignorance

**“We have revealed to you the scripture with the truth that you may judge between people by what God has taught you...” [TMQ - 4:105]**

It is his justice that he bound the believers with justice to everyone and be kind to everyone be it believers or otherwise.

**“Let not the hatred of a people swerves you away from justice. Be just, for this is closest to righteousness...” [TMQ - 5:8]**



And it is his Justice that he obliged the believers to establish justice by establishing his Deen.

**“So judge between them by what Allah has revealed and do not follow their inclinations away from what has come to you of the truth...” [TMQ - 5:48]**

It is we who does injustice by implementing laws which were made by humans. And that is why we see so many oppression & tyranny around us.

His Justice is such that he gives respite even to the flagrant of disbelievers and sinners.

Allah(SWT) is the just and whatever he does is justice in itself and it may happen that sometimes we acknowledge it and other time we don't. Since our mind is also limited and can't comprehend the complete wisdom behind it.

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# Explanation of Ayah

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وَإِذَا قُتِلَ عَلَيْهِمْ مَا يَأْتُنَا بِيَنْتَهِيَ قَالَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَرْجُونَ لِقَاءَنَا أَتَتْ  
يُقْرَأُ إِنْ غَيْرِ هَذَا أَوْ بَدَلَهُ قُلْ مَا يَكُوْنُ لِي أَنْ أُبَدِّلَهُ مِنْ تِلْقَائِي نَفْسِي  
إِنْ أَتَيْتُ إِلَّا مَا يُوْحَى إِلَيْكَ إِنِّي أَخَافُ إِنْ عَصَيْتُ رَبِّي عَذَابٌ يَوْمَ عَظِيمٍ

When Our clear revelations are recited to them, those who do not expect to meet us say, "Bring another Qur'an in its stead or make some amendment in it". O Muhammad ﷺ, say to them, "It is not for me to make any alteration in it of my own accord. I follow only what is revealed to me. Indeed, if I disobey my Lord, I fear the chastisement of a dreadful Day. Say also, "Had Allah willed so, I would never have recited this Qur'an to you, nor would I have told you anything (about its existence). I have already lived among you before its revelation. Do you not use your common-sense?"

[TMQ-Surah Yunus 10:15]

This ayah was revealed against the accusation of the Makkans that Muhammad ﷺ was himself the author of the Qur'an but was ascribing it to Allah, and in support of the Prophet's claim that it was being sent down to him by Allah, who was its Author. This verse is telling his critics to reflect on the fact that Muhammad ﷺ lived amongst them from forty years before reciting the Qur'an to them while never showing any signs of inclination to poetry and themselves knowing that he was illiterate. If he could not read or write, then where did these magnificent verses come from? He lived among them and had all kinds of relations-social, marital, economic etc. with them, so much so that no aspect of his life was hidden. Did they notice

anything in his whole life that might show that he could be the author of this Book?

Makkans wanted to impress upon the Prophet ﷺ that the contents of his message were of little practical, worldly use. The emphasis on the unity of God, on the Life to Come and on the moral principles which people were asked to follow all these were of no practical consequences to them. They virtually told the Prophet ﷺ that if he wanted to lead them he should come forth with something that would be benefiting them and ameliorate their worldly life. And if this was not possible, then he should at least show some flexible attitude which would enable them to strike a compromise with him. In other words, the Makkans felt that the Prophet's doctrine of God's unity should not totally exclude their polytheism and the call to believe in the Hereafter should be such that it might still be possible for them to behave in the world as they pleased and yet entertain the hope of somehow attaining salvation in the Akhirah. They wanted moral principles to be proposed in a manner that would provide concessions to their affinity and biases, to their personal and national interests, and to the lusts and desires that they wished to satisfy.

In effect, they suggested a compromise according to which one sphere of life should be earmarked as 'religious', and in this sphere men should deliver to God what rightfully belongs

to Him. Beyond this sphere, it should be left to people's judgment to run their worldly affairs as they pleased. It seemed altogether outrageous to them that the doctrine of the unity of God and accountability in the Hereafter should embrace the whole spectrum of human life, and that man should be asked to subject himself entirely to the Law of God.

The Qur'an also challenges mankind "Then do they not reflect upon the Qur'an? Had it been from other than Allah, they would surely have found therein much contradiction." [TMQ 4:82]

For the Qur'an in itself is a strong, persuasive

testimony to its divine origin. It is inconceivable that any human being could compose discourses on different subjects under different circumstances and on different occasions, and that the collection of those discourses should then grow into a coherent, homogenous and integrated work. It is also incredible that such a work would be permeated through and through with a uniform outlook and attitude, a work too mature ever to need revision.

One must consider the fact that even before his Prophethood Muhammad ﷺ was known amongst his people as "Al-Amin", the trustworthy & the truthful. How come he suddenly become the liar, insane among them to such a level that they boycotted him and planned to assassinate him? Also reflect on the fact that Muhammad ﷺ is commanded in the verses above to "Say" twice. This is a command to make a certain statement to the people. One can find command such as "Say", "Glorify Your Lord", "Prostrate Yourself" etc. several times throughout the Qur'an. So it can be asked is this how a man talks to himself or writes a book?

Without a shadow of a doubt that the Qur'an is in fact from God Himself and by extension that Muhammad is in fact a Messenger of God. For we cannot accept the Message and reject the Messenger, or vice versa. There are numerous clear indication to the sincere and objective reader to accept that.

# ICC World Cup, Organised Distractions & Our Responsibility

**DISTRACTION**

As soon the euphoria of IPL season 12 ended after 49 days of star packed gala last month, the fever of ICC world cup 2019 has already gripped the masses after almost half a month of its inauguration. People now are watching cricket, talking cricket, sleeping cricket and eating cricket. Even the term 'craziness' has taken a positive connotation of having craze about it. 'What is score?' is more overheard than 'How are you?' Advertisements have gone overboard to look for more and more eye-balls while people are spellbound in a trance like situation under the influence of the cast of this magic. The black market of gambling and match fixing has sprung up; speculations, jubilations, emotions of passionate nationalism, depression and instances of extremes like murders, suicides would soon be seen when the tournament reaches to knockout phase.

In 20th century, cricket was just a game for some people like any other game where only players and some supporters were involved, in the early 20th century teams started to take shape in parallel with formation of nation states after World War II. During those days only test cricket were used to be played. In 1971 the limited over matches started and it appears that with advent of radio and later television the format of cricket started to take shape gradually engaging more and more people, money, and politics into their ever encompassing fold. World cup started in 1975 followed by many regional and brand based cups showcasing cricket as game of masses [1]. In 2003 another version of cricket termed 20-20 was launched

in England that caught the imagination of masses with their forelock. In the same fashion many other sports, entertainment industries, TV programs that began as humble start at the end of 20th century took an exponential and mammoth shape in the beginning of 21st century with the advent of cable TV, followed by DTH, HD format, Internet, Smartphone and 4G Mobile networks.

One may think it as just a pass time, but these pastimes don't just pass by, but rather remain in one or other form. There is a kind of 'eternal schedule' all along the year after year getting ever more packed with time. The formats like common wealth games, Olympics, world cups of different formats as well as different sports (football, hockey, baseball, boxing, kabaddi etc.); organized at local, national and international levels; The beauty peasant seasons of multiples format, the award functions in TV programs and music; regional, national and international movie industries like Bollywood and Hollywood; the Netflix series like GoT and similar others; the cultural festivals and fashion shows in institutes, universities, and cities; and the list keeps expanding. All these perpetual events have too heavily pre-occupied the minds of masses to think anything else independently. This is actually slavery of mind in the world filled with slogans like independence, freedom and liberty.

**Instead of thinking of 'Who I am, or what is purpose of my creation?' we are busy in asking 'who is Russel, or Messi or Salah?'. Instead of lost in the finding of signs of Allah in universe we are lost in**

**the imagination of GoT, Ertugrul or some actor or actress. Instead of contemplating 'is there any God?' we are busy assessing 'box office performance of Bharat'. Instead of questioning 'why we all have to die?' we ask why we didn't get ticket for the match?'. Instead of reading and contemplating Quran we are busy in contemplating possible relation between stars and co-stars, instead of taking Prophet (saw) and Sahaba (r.a.) as our role model we are busy idolizing these protagonists of distractions such as sports stars and cine stars.**

But this is not happening for the first time, history is repeating itself again. During the call of Rasulullah (saw) in Makkah around 610 C.E. the leaders of Quraish organised many such competitions like boxing, singing, storytelling to keep the masses involved in order that they may not get time to listen Quran. Allah (swt) exposed their plans by saying, "**And those who disbelieve say, "Do not listen to this Quran and distract by noise around it, perhaps you may succeed"** [TMQ - 41:26].

Similarly the situation of World is today. This Global village (world) is undergone similar situation as that of Makkah society. Dawah to uproot the evil establishment of batil and establishment of Islam is going on here much like Makkah. A similar Islamophobia is prevalent, a similar migration is seen by Muslims, and very similar plans are made by upholders of batil today to keep society so much busy in sports, entertainment, relations, and other issues that the people never get time to contemplate about their own existence and remain isolated from beauty and justice of Islam, even if they are hungry for it and doing suicide in absence of it.

Distraction as mentioned in the Quran is in the context of idle talk, when Allah (swt), the Most High, said, "**But there are, among men, those who purchase idle talk (Lahw)** [TMQ - 31:6].

Quran talks about purchasing of idle talk which is such a befitting description of purchasing tickets, tools, and gadgets for organized distractions. The distractions are so diverse that none is spared from its barrage of attack. While kids have their pogos and cartoons, women have their soaps of sas bahu (such a pleasure of looking into other families that it takes to maniac level). While youth have all obvious distractions ranging from entertainment to pornography, old people are inebriated with dramatized version of news and analysis, market shares and political cock fight debates. The genre ranges from laughter challenge to poetic events, from WWE ring fighters to movies in international, national and local languages. From music & sports to reality shows and researches are underway for invention of new genre to sustain this engagement.

There is a reason behind this never ending pleasure seeking schedule. It is the nature of the Aqeedah of the disbelievers, that they seek the distractions in life, because they cannot stand the true questions of life as mentioned previously like 'Why I must die one day' and shouldn't I be prudent enough to know what happens after life? Escaping from such serious real life question and engaging with distractions makes them some respite for a time being, but they remain hungry for satisfaction of their souls. There is no wonder such discussion makes them depressed thus they deny discussing issues concerning death.

But this escapist attitude distracts man from achieving the goal in life, which is the pleasure of Allah (swt). Instead man is given the goal of achieving the sensual satisfaction; similar to what is found amongst the animals. So man strives hard to entertain oneself and to seek his pleasure in life, not worrying about what comes after life. This comfort zone of distractions pushes them to organize activities by fixing times for host of entertainment, organizing distractions or theatrical shows and the likes.

**Organized distractions have affected the entire life of a Muslim. These distractions turn the Ummah away from taking Islam as the basis of her life, in belief, worship, in her manners and actions, thus weakening her reverence and respect for her deen, causing her to live life without a purpose and walking without a path.**

The greatest danger in organized distractions is that they divert the youth from taking vital issues of Ummah and humanity, plan and act accordingly to solve her issues. We must therefore purposely stay away from all such designs of distractions in the name of entertainment. We will be accounted about our response and the camp we chose when struggle between haq and batil was going on. Once we keep ourselves away from distractions, Insha Allah there will be barakah (blessing) in our time and we would be able to achieve great things in our lives for our families, society, Ummah and Islam. Just imagine how much task you might have done while you waited for a match to happen, watched it for 6-8 hours, and discussed few hours after watching it?

The Messenger of Allah (saw) was most truthful when he (saw) said, "The two feet of the son of Adam will not move from near his Lord on the Day of Judgment until he is asked about five matters: about his life, how he spent it; about his youth, how he took care of it; about his wealth, how he earned it and how he spent it; and about that which he acted upon from the knowledge that he acquired" [Tirmidhi].

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# Wa Mu'tasima!

## Call of a woman

In Ibn Katheer's famous history book Al Kaamil, he mentions the story in our history of a King called Al Mu'tasim, who was from the Banu Abbas.

The event goes like this;

A Muslim woman was captured by the Romans and imprisoned, so the Romans laughed at her. The leader of the Roman king sarcastically said, "You won't ever leave this place until the muslim king himself removes you from these shackles." The woman shouted "Wa Mu'tasima!" (Oh my grief, Mu'tasima!).

The Roman King laughed at her and said : "He will never come to save you unless he was riding "ablaq" (a kind of horse that is colored with black and white). (he said this in a way of mocking her and showing the impossibility of the situation.)

A Muslim man who was in the land of the Romans heard the woman call out the Muslim kings name, he found out she was Muslim. So he ran to the Muslims and told them about what he had heard.

When Al Mu'tasim heard of the news, he gathered a whole army, and said the famous quote "When the first person of my army reaches the land of the Romans, the last of my army will have left us (i.e. the Muslim barracks)." He made the entire army ride the "ablaq" (a kind of horse that is colored with black and white) horses. So they set off, and he went with them on his black and white horse too.

When they reached there, he took control of the area, captured it and himself entered the prison where the Muslim woman had been imprisoned. "Who are you?" she said.

"I am al-Mu'tasim." He freed her from her shackles, a sign of humiliation for the Romans.

Al Mu'tasim took over the land where this occurred, because they had waged war against the believers by humiliating a Muslim woman. Just like Allah's Messenger expelled the Banu Qaynuqa, for humiliating a Muslim woman.

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# Lessons from ZairaWasim leaving Bollywood for the sake of her Iman

5 years ago I made a decision that changed my life forever. As I stepped my foot in Bollywood, it opened doors of massive popularity for me. I started to become the prime candidate of public attention, I was projected as the gospel of the idea of success and was often identified as a role model for the youth. However, that's never something that I set out to do or become, especially with regards to my ideas of success and failure, which I had just started to explore and understand - Zaira Waseem

**A**s expressed in her Facebook post Zaira Wasim, an actress in Bollywood from Kashmir has quit her cine career for the sake of her Iman and Islam. She had an accomplished career something which most of people dream of, but she is young and fresh in her thinking and that has proved vital for her decision to sacrifice attractive deception and embrace Islam. She has juggled between her showbiz career and inherent Iman like everyone but she has courage to take the stand.

Her sacrifice for Allah sake and departure from Bollywood has left many in Bollywood, TV industry, media, journalists, and so called civil society shocked and have put them in soul searching introspective mode. While most of them had remained silent, few of whom Satan has touched expressed their decision as regressive, unnecessary and backward. Some of them have even gone to complain that why she had made this as an issue, she could have left silently; we

understand the wisdom that by doing so she has decimated options for Satan whispering and has given Dawah to billions practically showing what actually value of Iman and Islam is.

In her message, she has expressed some amazing life lessons and advises that Ummah must listen.

1. She expressed, "In the great and divine wisdom of the Quran, I found sufficiency and peace. Indeed the hearts find peace when it acquires the knowledge of Its Creator, His Attributes, His Mercy and His Commandments".

*Indeed all the name, fame and money cannot give a human satisfaction, as the satisfaction belongs in the worship and remembrance of Allah. A lot of cine stars and TV personalities in absence of this inner satisfaction resort to depression and suicide. Allah (swt) said in Quran, "**Indeed in the remembrance of Allah hearts find rest**".*

2. She said, "Success isn't correlated with our biased, delusional and conventional shallow measures of life. Success is the accomplishment of the purpose of our creation."

*She has brilliantly defied the conventional definition of success which is delusional and biased and she has clearly understood that success is about understanding the purpose of life and fulfilling it.*

3. She said, "For a very long time now, it has felt like I have struggled to become someone else. As I had just started to explore and make sense of the things to which I dedicated my time, efforts and emotions and tried to grab hold of a new lifestyle, it was only for me to realize that though I may fit here perfectly, I do not belong here."

*Most of the youth today is living lives of their heroes, role models to be someone else; so they speak in a certain way, they look in a certain way, and they think and make ambitions in line with their role models. But this approach take them away from themselves thus sever identity crisis prevails and they try to satisfy by life threatening selfies etc.. Youth generally pursue those role models that society gives such as to become sports star, cine star, or celebrity, but Allah has guided her and she has realized that every human has a purpose of life which is generally to please Allah and specifically to do something for the sake of Islam as per abilities given.*

4. She also said, "it (Bollywood) also did was to lead me to a path of ignorance, as I silently and unconsciously transitioned out of 'imaan' (faith). While I continued to work in an environment that consistently interfered with my 'imaan', my relationship with my religion was threatened, I lost all the 'Barakah' (blessing) from my life. I was constantly battling with my soul to reconcile my thoughts and instincts to fix a static picture of my 'imaan' and I failed miserably, not just once but a hundred times..."

*Indeed in the path of darkness there are no Barakah, but what is important to notice that in such path, Satan blinds people so much so that they are unable to sense the presence or absence of*

*Barakah; but she must have be having some Khair to see herself from other's dimension and could realise the truth before time.*

5. She concluded, "This is just my first step as I have arrived at the clarity of realization of the path I wish to be on and strive for and during this time I may have consciously or unconsciously planted a seed of temptation in the hearts of many, but my sincere advice to everyone is that no amount of success, fame, authority or wealth is worth trading or losing your peace or the light of your 'imaan'.

*She finally advised people that there is not loss bigger than loss of Iman and thus for her Iman she left the career as it contradicts the very principles of Islam. She is also expressing her apologies for temptations which this industry is standing on, may Allah forgive her.*

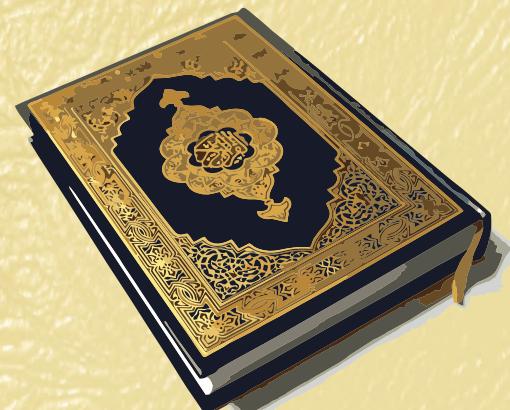
**I have seen many people leaving job, career, places for the sake of their Iman and Islam including myself, and I am fully sure that whenever some one sacrifices something for Allah, Allah give one what is better, purer and more fulfilling.**

**Lets pray to Allah (swt) to forgive our sin's, and keep her safe from Satan and his agents who must now be trying their head and heal to whisper her against this decision.**

**Ameen**

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# 5 GEOPOLITICAL MYTHS

## 1. WE ARE LIVING IN THE AGE OF PROGRESS & PROSPERITY UNPRECEDENTED IN HISTORY USHERED BY ADOPTION OF CAPITALISM & IS EVIDENCE OF CAPITALISM SUPERIORITY.

Today, Capitalism is synonymous to progress itself. The path the West took to achieve such grand claims is called history and everything else is considered primitive and in need of a reformation. The measure of progress is the amount of wealth generated by the world economy – GDP, GNP.

Although the capitalist West has the position of being the most technologically advanced in history, the search for resources, colonialism & war has characterised Western technological & scientific prowess. **The development of technology & most scientific breakthroughs have to a large extent been driven by wars & especially both the world wars.**

It is 10 years since the financial crisis. In that time, the fortunes of the richest have risen dramatically. The number of billionaires has almost doubled, with a new billionaire created every two days between 2017 and 2018. They have now more wealth than ever before while almost half of humanity have barely escaped extreme poverty, living on less than \$5.50 a day.<sup>[1]</sup> **World poverty has accelerated under Capitalism.**

**Capitalism's next success has been creating history's greatest ever wealth fault line.**

Top 1% population's wealth got Up by \$21 Trillion while Bottom 50% Down by \$900 Billion in just two decades from 1989 to 2018.

*Capitalism has also created the most indebted world in history, where individuals and nations have more debt than income.*

It was initially the effects of World War 1 that forced the West to address the massive wealth disparities since it was impossible for Western economies to pull themselves out of a downturn when the majority of their population had very little wealth to spend. It was this problem which led to the creation of consumerism where spending (with borrowed money), enjoying new inventions and new fads would become life's aim and at the same time conveniently helped stimulate the economy.

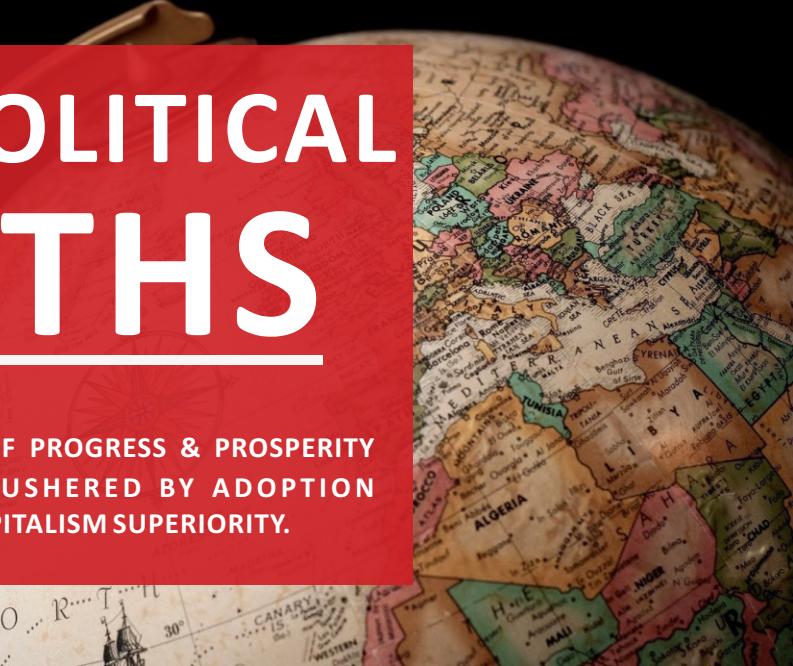
The fact that the world generated \$317 trillion is irrelevant when most of this has been funded by debt \$247 trillion to be precise[3]. The Western world has become obsessed by consuming more than it really needs and most of this is funded by debt as most of the wealth generated is in the hands of a few.

*Capitalism far from being superior has actually been a disaster.*

## 2. UNITED STATES IS INVINCIBLE

On the eve of 21st century the US was world's foremost power. With the collapse of Soviet Union the US faced very little challenge from any other nation & was considered to have achieved full spectrum dominance.

However a decade on, this could not be further from the truth. An astute observation of the global balance of power and US foreign policy suggests a faltering United States.



Richard Hass the head of the most powerful US think tank comment: '*the age of US dominance in the Middle East has ended and a new era in the modern history of the region has begun. It will be shaped by new actors and new forces competing for influence, and to master it, Washington will have to rely more on diplomacy than on military might.*'<sup>[4]</sup>

The debacle of the Iraq & Afghanistan wars has severely dented US prowess around the world. The US rather than being invincible has been exposed as being ever more reliant upon others and is drowning in a sea of misery domestically. FBI statistics highlighted in 2017 show that in the US a murder committed every 30.5 minutes, a rape every 3.9 minutes and a robbery every 1.7 minute.<sup>[5]</sup>

**The US is far from invincible; it is finding its days of empire are fast eroding.**

### 3. OVERPOPULATION

The current population of the world stands at 7.7 billion. The rate of population growth over the last century has been labeled as the underlying cause of the world standing on brink of disaster; it is argued we are running out of food to sustain such a growing population. It is argued by the proponents of overpopulation that the huge growth in world population is responsible for poverty, environmental destruction, social unrest & that economic development in the third world is impossible as long as populations continue to grow. As a result international agencies and governments have developed & implemented numerous programmes in the third world to curtail the rate of population growth.

The resources being consumed leading to global imbalances are attributed to population sizes. However, when all assumptions on the effects of population growth are scrutinized population increase in no way has ever contributed to the many ills of the world today and what becomes clear is that there is a clear political agenda in attributing the increasing global population as the cause of the worlds potential disaster. This agenda is to shift the real cause away from the lifestyles, living patterns, un-sustainability of consumerism, poverty and blatant abuse of the third world in order that the Western world can live off the third world.

The issue of overpopulation is a very useful tool to vilify nations with rising populations and at the same time protecting its potential loss of future influence.

China and India have proven that a large population is a good thing both represent the fastest growing economies in the world, which contradicts the overpopulation view that more means more resources being depleted.

***The world is not overpopulated. There is more than enough food and resources for the people of the world. However, the lion's share of this is consumed by the West.***



#### 4. UN-A PLACE TO SOLVE POLITICAL PROBLEM

It was the horror of the atrocities and genocide during World War 2 that led to a ready consensus that a new organisation must work to prevent any similar tragedies in the future. The United Nations was founded in 1945 primarily to achieve the lofty aim of having to 'save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.' **Since then there have been more than 250 conflicts worldwide. It is blatantly clear that the UN has been unsuccessful for the purpose it was created for.**

The West as well as many policymakers from the third world consider the UN a non-biased, internationally represented institution boasting nearly 200 member states, who uphold the beacon for the values of internationalism, multilateral action, democracy, pluralism, secularism, compromise, human rights and freedom. This could not be further from the truth. **The UN in reality is a tool of exploitation where it is manifestly apparent from the inherent structure of the organisation that it legitimises wholesale abuse by the colonialist and permanent members of the Security Council.**

The United Nations created the problem of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and has continued in its failure to implement provisions of UNSC Resolutions by selectively applying international law. The UN failed to prevent genocide & atrocities in Rwanda, Srebrenica, Syria, Kashmir, Burma.

**The United Nations was exposed as being ineffective and run by imperialists when it was essentially thrown aside in the run up to the second Iraq war.** The US didn't hide this fact. John Bolton, US Ambassador to UN, made several statements critical of UN in 2004, 'There is no such thing as the United Nations. There is only the international community, which can only be led by the only remaining superpower, which is the United States.'<sup>[6]</sup>

*In reality the UN is an international organisation that the five permanent Security Council members(US, Russia, Britain, France and China) have used as an extension of their own foreign policies.*

The problem actually lies in the concept of international law, which in reality does not exist. There can only really be international norms and customs not international law. For international law to exist enforcement must be possible at a global, supranational level. As this does not exist we must expect nation-states to flout the regulations of the international agencies when it suits them – neorealism. (K.Waltz Theory of International Politics)

#### 5. WESTERN INTERVENTION IN THE BALKANS IN THE 1990's WAS IN ORDER TO HELP MUSLIMS



The NATO attack on Yugoslavia in 1993, was presented by the West as the consequence of Yugoslavia's stubborn refusal to settle for any reasonable peace plan - in particular its rejection of plans for an international security force to implement a peace plan in Kosovo. Intervention by the West and then the eventual bombing campaign by NATO is continually held as evidence that the current 'war on terror' is not a war on Islam and that the West will intervene across the world for 'humanitarian' purposes, even helping Muslims as they apparently did in 1993.

In reality however the geopolitical aims were very different. *The political instability in the Balkans during the 1990's was exacerbated by American determination to reduce Russia's influence in the region, increase Europe's dependency upon her and confer new legitimacy to NATO when it appeared increasingly redundant after the Cold War.*

Former US congressman Lee Hamilton commented in the New York Times: *'we have completely taken over the control of the Balkans. US officials exercise managing functions over all states of the former Yugoslavia. We are virtually the pro consul.'*

President Bill Clinton at the time let slip *'If we are going to have a strong economic relationship that includes our ability to sell around the world, Europe has got to be a key...That's what the Kosovo thing was all about.'*<sup>[7]</sup>

This all confirms that the influence of Russia, the oil in the Caspian Sea and the revitalisation of NATO (to continue US influence) were the geopolitical aims behind US and Western intervention.

The lives of thousands of innocent people and the lives of those slaughtered in Srebrenica were a price worth paying by the US for continued US dominance.



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# THE GEOPOLITICS OF THE MUSLIM WORLD





# Can a **MUSLIM** be a **FREE THINKER**?

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**“I just didn't passively accept the faith of my parents. I wrestled. I read. I reflected. I questioned and ultimately believed.”** Dalia Mogahed's TEDx talk

**T**he Muslim community needs to understand that *questioning* does not necessarily indicate a lack of faith. The quality of faith does not depend on whether specific beliefs are accepted with or without questions. In fact, deep questions can enable us to have deep faith. Free thinking is a philosophical viewpoint which holds that positions regarding truth should be formed on the basis of logic, reason and empiricism. A freethinker questions the validity of claims.

### **The legacy of Prophet Ibrahim (AS):**

There were people who did not accept the divine message of Prophets because they said “we will follow our forefathers”.

These people surmised that all the thinking is already done by their predecessors.

*“They were older than us, wiser than us, whatever they did was the right thing, so why should we question them?”*

But if you believe in Ibrahim AS, you would never be this way. Cause his entire life was about asking questions and inviting troubles. He never stops questioning.

● **He questioned his father:** “O my father, why do you worship that which does not hear and does not see and will not benefit you at all?”

[TMQ - Surah Maryam : 42]

● **He questioned the king (of Babylon):** Have you not considered the one who argued with Abraham

about his Lord [merely] because Allah had given him kingship? When Abraham said, "My Lord is the one who gives life and causes death," he said, "I give life and cause death." Abraham said, "Indeed, Allah brings up the sun from the east, so bring it up from the west." [TMQ - Surah Al Baqarah : 258]

● **He doubted himself:** When the night covered him over, he saw a star. He said: "This is my Lord." But when it set, he said: "I love not those that set." When he saw the moon rising in splendor, he said: "This is my Lord." But when the moon set, He said: "Unless my Lord guide me, I shall surely be among those who go astray." When he saw the sun rising in splendor, he said: "This is my Lord; this is the greatest (of all)."

But when the sun set, he said: "O my people! I am indeed free from your (guilt) of giving partners to Allah.

● **He argued with the society:** And when he saw the sun rising, he said, "This is my lord; this is greater." But when it set, he said, "O my people, indeed I am free from what you associate with Allah. And his people argued with him. [TMQ-Surah Al An'am 75-79]

● **He questioned Allah SWT:** "My Lord, show me how You give life to the dead."

He would never accept an answer until you provide an evidence, proof, affirmation or verification. Until it makes sense to him. He is a pure thinker who never takes anything at face-value.

**We as Muslims cannot honour this legacy until we do what?**

- Think.
- Reflect.
- Use our rationale.
- Explore and explore and explore.
- Ask, Ask, Ask!

Never accept anything with eyes closed.

You don't only have the right to ask, you have the responsibility to ask.

When we stop passing down this legacy to our children, the worst thing happens to the Ummah : **The next generation is Muslim, only because their parents were Muslims. The child holds on to Islam only because his parents were expecting it.**

People are leaving religion and moving towards Atheism. Why?

Because science demands thinking, philosophy demands thinking. But religion?

I don't know about other religions. But Islam is rooted in thinking.

Islam never asks anyone to accept its message without reasons or reflection. There's no room for blindly and uncritically following it.

**· Humanity is asked to ponder in order to receive admonition:**

"We have revealed for you, O men, a book in which is a message for you. Will you not then understand?"

"Here's a book which we have sent down to you, full of blessings, that they may meditate on its signs....."

"And it is He who gives life and causes death, and His is the alternation of the night and the day. Then will you not reason?"

**· It exhorts better reasoning.**

"..... and reason with them in the better way"

The Quran exhorts everyone to open one's heart and mind to the many signs of God.

The Quran values rationale accompanied by sincerity in search for truth and justice.

**· It strengthens the yaqeen of knowledge.**

*"O you who believe! If a wicked person comes to you with a news, ascertain the truth...."*

*The intellect (Aql) includes the mind, heart and intuition (Ilhaam). The unseen cannot be observed by senses but perceived intuitively by heart.*

Mentioning just for the sake of mentioning that the Mu'tazilites (a rationalist school of Islamic ideology) have been the one Muslim group, whose members decided that they would align with none of the major sects, especially the Shia and the Sunni .

Aisha RA challenged Muhammad (SAW) with a relentless and ruthless impetus to inquire into everything, questioning courageously and freely articles of faith others wouldn't dare to approach.

Moreover, there's no scope to become a blind follower (Taqleed) of a particular scholar /madhab/manhaj, accepting their untrue interpretations and opinions in Islamic matters.

A "Muqallid" takes an opinion without backing it up with evidence and knowing.

It's our own duty to evaluate a scholar's word systematically before accepting it.

**NO ONE CAN THINK ON YOUR BEHALF.**

**POST SCRIPT :**

"We hear and we obey". [TMQ-Surah Baqarah:285]

When the Sahabas (companions of Prophet Muhammad SAW) finally believed in Allah and His angels and His books and His messengers, [saying], *"We make no distinction between any of His messengers, we hear and we obey."*

This line clearly shows an apt example of what is called *army discipline*.

Once you are recruited as a serviceman in an army, you've to hear and obey the commander.

Once you are in the fold of Islam and you know this is the religion of Almighty God and its Holy Book is the Word of Almighty God then you've to obey all its commandments.

If God is One, the Perfect, the only Supreme being and his words are the words of Quran, so for anyone to deny even a single verse of Quran makes it clear that he's denying God (the Ultimate Truth).

So one point cleanly leads to the other. No falls. No tumbles. No spills.



# LESSONS FROM THE SEERAH

## Seerah : 02

**S**andwiched between urban chaos of old Delhi and leafy boulevards of the new city, lies an unexpected, Inhabited graveyard, centre of which has a traditional Islamic school known by the name Rahimiyya Madarsa. The school is the modern descendant of the seminary founded by the eighteenth-century family of scholars who now lie buried in the humble mausoleum around which the graveyard grew. History had known this great scholar ever born in Indian subcontinent as '**Shah Waliullah Muhibbullah Dahelwi**'.

The school lay just outside the city's colossal red sandstone walls, which extended impossibly far into the distance and stood in relief against the lush expanse of green stretching to the horizons of the Ganges plain.

This city stood as grand capital of great Mughal Empire which ruled India for nearly three and half century, one quarter of whose population would one day enter into the folds of Islam. Shah Wali Allah charted the rambunctious temperaments, priorities and concerns that shaped how the prophetic moment in Arabia spread and settled along the winding coil of history. Sitting in the sweltering humidity of the Delhi summer, the man who would become India's greatest Muslim scholar sat to write an intellectual history of this great, divine, revealed ideology and system which is cherished, followed, loved, revered by billions across the globe. It was indeed far from the craggy reader from the dawn of the faith to the cusp of the modern world, when ravines and earthen-tone huts of Mecca, where Shah Wali Allah's religion had been born almost twelve hundred years earlier. It was thousands of miles and thousands of years from this great scholar that the faith he was so firmly and diligently advocating, was born in its meekness and weakness in midst of desert storm in the small tribal village of Makkah. The India of Shah Waliullah was ruled by Mughals and covers the vast expanse of Indian lands and Islam in the subcontinent had been a source of peace, tranquility and fraternity for millions of natives and for the lower echelon of society who had suffered, mistreated, deprived, discriminated over thousands of years in the past. At the time of advent of Islam, when the Prophet(saw) had started calling his closed ones to this divine cosmic truth viz. the oneness of God, India was plundering into darkness of polytheism, staunch caste-based rhetoric, mutual rivalry of kings and many other social evils. India in the time of messenger of Allah(saw) was far ahead in terms of civilization, architecture, science from its geographical neighbours but the social evils of discrimination and institutionalization of vedic religions had crept into the then culture causing the worst kinds of religious bigotry ever known to the civilised humans.

Just like we have understood the conditions of Roman and Persian Empire in our previous edition, in this edition we will understand the situation of Indian subcontinent when the light of Islam was about to shine in the darkest corners of Arabia.

### India before Islam:

Before the advent of Islam, religious indignation had prevailed in the subcontinent and obscene acts, which were considered to be holy by inhabitants, were performed in the places of worship. Sati-pratha (burning woman alive after she becomes widow) was prevalent. False understanding of religion has led Indians to force themselves with absurd dietary rules. Supported by political and religious law, the caste system made a clear distinction between the various classes of society. At the top of the hierarchy were the Brahmins priests and scholars; then the Kshatriyas warriors and rulers; the Vaisyas merchants, traders, and farmers; and lastly the Sudras artisans, laborers, servants, and slaves.

The law gave the Brahmins the right to act with impunity; as for the Sudras, they didn't have the right to own property, to sit alongside Brahmins, or to read religious books. There was another caste whose members were ranked beneath the Sudras; they were called the 'untouchables,' and they were forced to do hard, menial, and highly unpleasant labor. This caste indignation was prevalent and atrocities on lower echelon were on the daily basis. Humanity and human values in India, despite being architecturally and economically superior, was vandalizing into nothingness due to the curse of caste-based rhetorics of the society.

India, Once the cradle of great religions and mighty civilizations, it had now languished and absorbed all the features of social and moral degeneration that had overtaken the neighbouring lands, and to these it had added a few characteristics of its own, which were: ***an abundance of objects of worship; sexual wantonness; and caste and social distinctions.***

Sculpture had attained its highest perfection in the seventh century CE. The idols had caught the popular imagination so powerfully that even the Buddhist and Jain religions had to bow to them in the interests of self-preservation.

A large number of temples had degenerated into cesspools of corruption with their priests conducting themselves as guardians of lust. The palaces of the kings and noblemen were seething with immorality. ***Parallel to this devotion to the flesh and sensuality, a strong movement of life-denial and self-mortification with a long routine of penances was also ongoing in the country. Between these two extremes the moral fabric of society had been torn to shreds.***

Such was the state of India, Persian and Roman Empire. The indignation, the atrocities, the barbarism, the economic and religious trifles, the staunch class-based social structure at the time which had been rightly portrayed in Quran as:

[TMQ - 30:41]

**"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]."**

Such was the state of turmoil, darkness and ignorance when in a less-recognized remote village of Mecca, in the house of Banu-Hashim a woman known by the name of **Aminah**, was about to give birth to the child who in the near future was going to steer the world's orientation and was going to vandalize all the darkness and indignation to the ground, who was going to alter the throne of tyranny and polytheism, who was to be followed, loved, revered, respected, desired by billions and billions to come till eternity. ***The advent of Muhammad(saw) was on its way...***

And "Truth has come, and falsehood has departed. Indeed is falsehood, [by nature], ever bound to depart" [TMQ-17:81]



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Seerah Bites

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## RULERS OF ARABIA

(When the Sun of Islam rose)

- They were of two kinds:
  - Crowned Kings (who were infact not independent)
  - Heads of Tribes & Clans (mostly Independent)
- Crowned Kings were:
  - Shahan-e-Yaman
  - Shahan-e-Aal Ghassan (Sh'a'am)
  - Shahan-e-Heerah (Iraq)
- Else were Non-Crowned Kings

# Way to Tawheed

## Revert Story of a Brother - 02

After two years of discussion with my friend, Alhamdulillah by the grace of ALLAH, I became Muslim.

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Coming into Islam was like coming into a world of new ideas and experience. Alhamdulillah I have felt both the phases in my life. Being a kafir and then being a Muslim. The first difference which I felt was unlimited peace in my heart. As a Hindu I used to pray a lot, almost 2-3 hours daily. But my heart was never at rest. The harder I strived to get that peace, the more restless I became. The thought of suicide used to come and go through my mind, when very rarely once in a year or so, when I used to think about the purpose of life. Today Alhamdulillah I try to offer Salah 5 times a day, which is far less than the prayers of my Hinduism prayers. But Alhamdulillah my heart is at peace, the peace which I always missed, the peace which I always searched for.

Back to college, when I entered third year of my engineering, I decided to live outside of college. There were many private hostels around, me and my two Muslims friends got two rooms in a hostel. There was a group of Hindu guys in hostel who were very active in different activities in college. We thought if we give dawah to these guys and if they accept the dawah, our dawah will increase. So one day we went in their room and had a lengthy discussion on Islam. The next day we came to know that all the boys hostel in the area knew that one guy has accepted Islam.



People also had the impression that my conversion was a forceful conversion and not a voluntary one. Some students who had link with Hindu organisations became active to bring me back to Hinduism. They first called me and try to explain me how bad Islam and Muslims are. They also suggested me to consult to a psychiatrist in case I have become brainwashed and I am unable to see the other side of argument. However all these attempts became vain. They then resorted to other steps. They contacted the administration officer of college and said that Muslims are doing forceful conversions in college and one boy has converted to Islam. Administration Officer called me and after taking my written statement he allowed me to go. After failure of this step they called my father and told him that I have converted to Islam and am in company of wrong people, so he should take proper actions. My father called me and asked me regarding this. In those days I was hiding my change of faith from my family, so I tried to ward off my father's queries by giving random answers. They then contacted a local goon. He was a student of my college but in second year, he had a year back. He then left the college and took a room near college. His father was politically involved in Meerut, which was near my college. Those students who wanted to have a strong image in college used to remain in his

contact. He in turn used to take the students from college in political rallies of the politicians. So they approached him and told him that a Hindu boy has been forcefully converted to Islam and the guys who have done this deserve to be beaten, because no other way is left to teach them a lesson. The local goon was however not interested to take any step against Muslims because Muslims in Meerut have a strong hold. He told them that he cannot directly get involved but if it will become necessary, he will help them. But those guys did not dared to do any physical violence to us after this. Like this ALLAH(SWT) saved us in college and finally we graduated from college in 2013.

After coming out of college I had to face challenges for employment. College placement was very less and I was not able to get a job from college. After coming out of college I had no contacts to get a job. I was unemployed for 3 years after coming out of college. The advantage that I had that my family and my friends were very co-operative in my years of unemployment and never pressurized or criticised me for not having a job. However, it is very frustrating to be without a job for such a long time. My practicing Muslim friends used to assure me that ALLAH(SWT) has already fixed the rizq, so I should work for it and at the same time have full faith in ALLAH(SWT) that he will give the rizq and no one can take my rizq away from me. Indeed ALLAH(SWT) helps from the sources we never imagine. And I am a witness for it. Once I was sitting with my friends in a ijtimā and having regular talks. One of my friend came and said that he is starting a training course and for the first batch of this course, there will be no fee. If this batch will be success then only he will start the next batch. I had no work at that time so any course, that too free course, was an opportunity for me. It took me 1 year to do that course and then I got a job in company at 4 lakhs per annum as my first salary Masha ALLAH. My interview was also so easy that technical details was not asked much and I was taken into the company Alhamdulillah. So eventually ALLAH(SWT) settled me financially also.

Third phase of life started when I decided to marry and this was the most difficult phase until now. My friend suggested a girl who came into Islam 1.5 years ago and was searching for marriage. But she was keeping her faith secret from her family because they were very extremist Hindus. But after discussing with my friends we reached to conclusion that she should tell to her family about her conversion and then talk about marriage. When she told her family, they were very upset. But then they asked her to bring me home to meet me. So I reached their home but they were not ready at any cost to marry her to me. So I came back and started working as usual. She also continued her regular job. One day she got call from elder sister and it appeared as if her family is ready for our marriage. They asked her to come home and then they would come to my house. So she reached her house and I went to mine. But it was a trap for her. As soon as she reached home, her family members told her that from now on there was no need to do the job and she will remain at home. Here at my house me and my family were waiting for her family. When they didn't show up we called them and they told me that I cannot talk or meet her from now. So me and my family decided to go her house and talk face to face. When we reached there, things got escalated and heated arguments came up. I was threatened to be killed and much more. Any how we came back from her house and I came back to Delhi. I tried to file an FIR in her area Thana but of no use. I went to police headquarters, parliament north block to get my report attested and then tried to register a FIR in my area but that attempt also failed. So I filed a case in Allahabad high court so that she may appear in court. She remained in house arrest for 25 days. In this time due to psychological stress and family atmosphere her health declined steadily and she became very weak. But by the grace of ALLAH(SWT) her family became ready to come to Noida from her home town. The next day of her arrival we met and married in front of qazi and completed the official formalities. But I sent her back to her parents and her parents did not knew about her marriage. One day discussions escalated so I called her to come and live with me. She was in

constant touch with her parents by phone. But her parents with the help of hindu organisations filed fake FIR of kidnapping against me and my friends. Since they knew the address of my residence in Delhi police came and arrested one of my friend. Remaining of us did not came in hold of police. Police then took my friend to police station and gave him 3rd degree torture. He was strip naked, beaten with rods and belts and finally he was given electric shocks to reveal new address of me and my wife. However he did not gave up Masha ALLAH. Next day morning I reached with my lawyer and my wife in the police station where he was kept. The police took my documents, took my lawyer to another place, sent my wife with lady constables and put me in lockup, where my friend was already there. Then my father and friends started to get the FIR finished by statement of my wife. But in this process me and my friend remained in lockup for 3 days. Finally after statement of my wife we got free and charges were dropped against us. By the grace of ALLAH(SWT) and with support of my dearest friends and my family, eventually I came out of all difficulties and today I am living a very good life Alhamdulillah among believers.

I ask every reader to make Dua for me, my wife, my friends so that we may remain firm on Islam and make Dua for my family that they may also recognise ALLAH(SWT) and Islam and come out of darkness into the light of Islam. JazakALLAH khair

# THE FIQH OF MARRIAGE

## PART : 02



### •CHOOSING•

#### Choosing a wife

- Righteous.
- Beautiful (attractive to him).
- A Virgin\*.
- Fertile.
- Of good lineage.
- Sensible with money and wealth.

#### Choosing a husband

- Upright in religion and character.

\* However, better to marry someone previously married if,

i) She possess righteousness.

ii) Being in need of older woman (e.g, to look after sisters).

iii) She does not have anyone to look after her.

### •PROPOSING•



#### A woman may propose

#### Definition

**Linguistically:** Khibah: Man seeking a woman for marriage.  
**Legally:** A man offering a proposal of marriage to a woman or her family.

**Istikharah:** 2 raka'ah and the du'a.



#### Looking at the prospective bride

- Recommended to look.
- Look at the parts according to norm.

#### Condition before proposing

- 1 The proposal is not on a person that is forbidden on proposer.
- Permanent forbidden until Day of Judgement.
- Temporary forbidden in that state. When that state changes, these women may become permissible.
- 2 The person has not been proposed to already.

# Is Qur'an a? word of God



Once we have concluded definitively that Allah (swt) exists the next obvious question that arises if Allah (swt) sent Quran as a revelation for us to follow.

In order for us to prove decisively that it is from Allah (swt), let us begin by discussing the possible sources of the Qur'an and then eliminate these to arrive at its true origin. It is an established fact that the Qur'an was proclaimed by Muhammad (saw) in Arabia over fourteen hundred years ago. The only possible sources for the Qur'an are:

- a) The Arabs
- b) Muhammad (saw) himself
- c) Allah (swt)

At the time it was revealed, the pagan Arabs were deeply into poetry. It was an indication of nobility in the society. People used to go to the desert for days just to write poetry. The Arabic language has great fluidity and depth of expression, so it was held high in esteem by the Arabs. Allah (swt) in the Qur'an challenged the Arabs to produce something comparable to it in language and they failed to do so.

Initially Allah (swt) challenged them to produce ten chapters (surah's) similar to it. Allah (swt) then reduced the challenge to something that at first glance may sound easy, He (swt) said:

**"They may say: He forged it (the Qur'an). Say: "Bring you then ten forged surah (chapters) like unto it, and call whomsoever you can, other than Allah (to your help), if you speak the truth!"**  
[TMQ 11:13]

**"If you are in doubt of what we have revealed to our messenger, then produce one chapter like it. Call upon all your helpers, besides Allah, if you**

**are truthful"**  
[TMQ 2:23]

The smallest chapter in the Qur'an, Surah al-Kauthar is only three sentences long, surely someone in history must have matched this challenge? The Arabs at the time of Muhammad (saw) failed to do so, although they were the best in the Arabic language. Furthermore no piece of Arabic literature before them or after them until today has even come close to matching the language of the Qur'an.

For non-Arabs sometimes this may be difficult to perceive as they do not appreciate the language of the Qur'an directly. However, everyone can agree that any piece of literature written by human beings can be matched; people can copy its style and produce something comparable to it in quality. If we look at great English authors like Shakespeare no one would claim that they were Prophet's and that their works are miraculous in nature. Even though they may have been geniuses in language, people can easily write something similar in excellence to three sentences from their books.

**Despite having the Arabic language, its letters, grammar, syntax and dictionaries available today, the Arabic linguists cannot construct any piece of language that is comparable to the Qur'an. Therefore, it is impossible that the Qur'an was written by any of the Arabs.**

It is also inconceivable that the Qur'an is the speech of Muhammad (saw). After all he was one of the Arabs. Also, whatever level of genius people may assign to him, he was still a human being and one of his tribe and nation. Since the Arabs failed to bring the like of the Qur'an, this equally applies to

Muhammad (saw).

**Moreover, Muhammad (saw) has left mutawaatir ahaadeeth (definitive narrations) whose authenticity is beyond doubt. If any of these ahaadeeth were to be compared with any verse of the Qur'an, there would be no similarity between them in style. He (saw) used to utter the revealed verse and say the hadeeth at the same time and yet there is a difference between them in style.**

Whenever any man attempts to diversify his speech, it will remain similar in style, because it is a part of him. Since there is no similarity between the hadeeth and the verse in style, the Qur'an is absolutely not Muhammad's speech. **And above all the Arab never claimed that these are the words of Mohammad(saw).**

Since it is proved that the Qur'an is neither the speech of the Arabs nor the speech of Muhammad (saw), **it is definitely the speech of Allah as this is the only rational possibility we are left with.**

Imagine throughout the history of Islam, all her enemies needed to defeat this challenge to destroy the whole basis of Islam. Yet not one, non-Muslim Arab or non-Arab has been able to do this even though all the tools of the Arabic language are at their disposal. The Western government's hatred of Islam is well known. All they have to do in order to defeat Islam and to make over one billion Muslims apostatise from it, is not to spend billions of dollars in invading Afghanistan, Iraq and launching a mythical 'war on terror'. They simply have to produce one chapter similar to the Qur'an.

To this day Muslim and non-Muslim scholars have not been able to find any contradiction or mistake in the Qur'an. Moreover, if one was to compare word by word a copy of the Qur'an published today to one of the first copies of the Qur'an available then one would find that not a single word has been omitted or added. Copies of the Qur'an dating back to the first century of Islam can be found in Istanbul and Tashkent. Allah (swt) says:

**"Do they not ponder about the Qur'an? If it had come from other than God they would surely have found therein much contradictions."**  
[T.M.Q 4:82]

**Once we have established through rational proof that Allah (Swt) exists and that the Qur'an is the Word of Allah, we must believe in everything that the Qur'an informs us of and commands us with, whether we can perceive**

them or not.

Therefore, we must have Iman (belief) in the Day of Resurrection, in paradise (jannah) and hell, in reckoning and punishment, in angels, in jinn, in Shayaateen and all others that the Qur'an or hadeeth mutawaatir (definitive narrations) have mentioned. To believe in these things is therefore not irrational just because we cannot see them or sense them physically as we have conclusively proved the Qur'an being from Allah (swt) which informs us about all of these.

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**"O you who believe! Believe in Allah and His messenger, and the Book which He sent to His Messenger and the Book which He sent to those before (him). Any who denies Allah, His Angels, His Books, His Messengers, and the Day of Judgement, has gone far, far astray."**  
[An-Nisa: 136]

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# Ibn Sina

## Introduction

**Ibn Sina** was a Persian Muslim Polymath who is regarded as one of the most significant Physicians, Astronomers, Thinkers and Writers of the Islamic Golden Age. He has been described as the father of early modern medicine of the 450 works. He is known to have written around 240 works including 150 on philosophy and 40 on medicine. His name was intentionally changed from Ibn Sena to Avicenna just to deceive people so that they may think that he is a European Scientist and the same tactics have been used with the name of many other Muslim scientists to hide their Muslim identity from people.

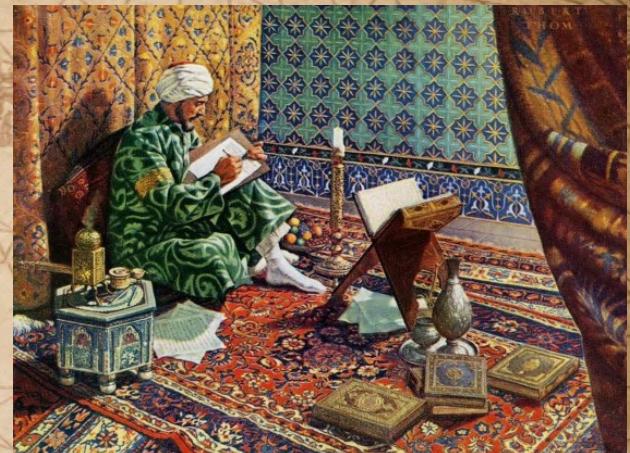
## Early Life

Ibn Sina was born C.980 in Afshana, A village near Bukhara which today is known as Uzbekistan. His mother was name Sitara was from Bukhara. His father Abdullah was respected Ismaili scholar from Balkh an important town of the Samanid Empire.

Ibn Sina first began to learn Quran and literature in such a way that when he was ten years old he had essentially learned all of them. Ibn Sina has memorized the entire Quran by the age of 10. He learned Indian arithmetic from an Indian greengrocer Mahmoud Massahi and he began to learn more from a wandering scholar who gained a livelihood by curing the sick and teaching the young. He also studied Fiqh (Islamic Jurisprudence) under the Hanafi scholar Ismail al-Zahid.

## Contributions and Achievements

His most famous works are the book of Healing, a philosophical and scientific encyclopedia and The Canon Medicine, a medical encyclopedia which became a standard medical text at many medieval universities and remained in use at 1650. In 1973 Ibn Sina's Canon of Medicine was reprinted in New York. Besides philosophy and medicine Ibn Sina includes writings on Astronomy, Alchemy, Geography, Geology, Psychology, Islamic Theology, Logic,



Mathematics, Physics and works of Poetry. According to Thomas Browne Muslims were fully aware of the Theory of Germs.

***Ibn Sina was first to state that bodily secretions are contaminated by foul foreign earthly bodies before getting the infection.***

## Message

The important learning we have from the life of Ibn Sina is that we need to excel our knowledge in both Islamic and formal education as the main motive of Islam is to guide us how to live our worldly life but unfortunately in today's society we hardly see people who are Hafiz or Mufti along with a higher formal education but during Islamic era it was so common that citizens of Islamic State did not make a difference in Islamic education and formal education, they used to excel their knowledge in every field.

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# Usul Al Fiqh

## (Part - 02) Ijtihad

**D**ue to the intellectual decline that has affected the Muslims throughout the last few centuries the subject of Ijtihad has become vague in the minds of many unfortunately including some thinkers and Ulema. Different extremes exist, some believe the doors of Ijtihad are closed whereas others have broken the doors of Ijtihad altogether. The following are some of the key misconceptions that have crept into the minds :

- The doors of Ijtihad are closed i.e. it is impossible and not permitted to undertake Ijtihad today.
- To undertake Ijtihad one has to be similar in knowledge to Imam Malik and it is not permissible or possible for someone with less knowledge than him.
- The scope of Ijtihad includes most things including definitive matters such as the prohibition of Riba (usury) and the prohibition of having nation states with a multiplicity of rulers in the Muslim world. It allows Islam to be reformed in order to apply to the modern age.
- Ijtihad is only personal reasoning and not the hukm of Allah i.e. it is the reasoning of an individual and therefore cannot be a shariah rule.
- Ijtihad only occurs in those areas where the Islamic evidences have not discussed directly i.e. upon new issues.
- Ijtihad is an individual obligation (Fard Ayn) and therefore Taqleed (following an opinion of a Mujtahid) is prohibited (haram).

As stated in the previous Edition of **THE CALL Usul Al Fiqh** article. The Usuli definition of Ijtihad is “**exhausting all of one’s efforts in studying a problem thoroughly and seeking a solution for it from the sources of Shari’ah**”.

The next question comes to mind Is Ijtihad **Fard** (obligated), **Mandub** (Recommended), **Mubah** (permissible) ?

Allah (swt) addressed whole of mankind through Muhammad (saw).

He (swt) said: “**O mankind! Verily, there has come to you the Messenger (Muhammad [saw]) with the truth from your Lord.”**  
[TMQ 4:170]

He (swt) said: “**O mankind! Fear your Lord and be dutiful to Him! Verily, the earthquake of the Hour (of judgment) is a terrible thing.”**  
[TMQ 22:1]

From these verses and others similar we understand that Allah (swt) has addressed humanity directly. Therefore for the one who has heard the address of the Legislator, Allah (swt) - it becomes incumbent on him to believe in it and understand it. It also becomes incumbent on him to act upon it, because it is **Hukm Shar’ai (Shari’ah rule)**.

So in principle a Muslim should understand the Hukm (rule) of Allah from the speech of the Legislator directly. This is because the speech has been directed at all people by the Legislator and not only at the Mujtahidin or the ‘Ulama but all the Mukallafin (those who are legally responsible).

Thus it became an obligation on the Mukallafin to understand this speech so as to be able to act upon it, since it is impossible to act upon the speech without

comprehending it. Therefore, the inference (Istinbat) of Allah's Hukm became Fard on all the Mukallifin i.e. Ijtihad became Fard on all the Mukallafin (legally responsible).

However, the reality of the Mukallifin (legally responsible) is that there is a disparity in their understanding and comprehension and in their aptitude for learning. They also differ in terms of knowledge and ignorance. However since it is impossible for all Mukallafin to understand the address for themselves due to the disparity of their understanding and the disparity in learning, then the obligation of Ijtihad becomes one of sufficiency ('ala al-Kifaya). If some undertake it the rest are absolved of the sin.

**Therefore, it became obligatory(Fard al Kifaya) on Muslims that there should be atleast one Mujtahid amongst them who would derive the Shar'ai rules.**

The earliest complete account of the qualifications of a mujtahid is given in Abu' Husayn al-Basri's (d. 436/1044) al-Mu'tamad fi Usul al-Fiqh. The broad outline of al-Basri's exposition was later accepted, with minor changes, by al-Shirazi (d. 467/1083), al-Ghazali (d. 505/1111) and al-Amidi (d. 632/1234). This does not mean that the requirements of ijtihad received no attention from the ulema who lived before al-Basri, however they did not see it necessary to lay down the conditions for Ijtihad in this manner.

The Hanafi jurists, Fakhr al-Islam 'Ali b. Muhammad al-Bazdawi (d.483 A.H.) and 'Ubaydullah ibn Mas'ud Sadr al-Shar'iah both stated that to perform Ijtihad a jurist should have knowledge of the Quran together with its meaning, dictionary and legal, and its various divisions, of the traditions (Hadith) including the texts and authorities thereof, and of the rules of analogical deduction(Qiyas). [Usul al-Bazdawi, Vol IV p. 1135, al-Tawdih fi Hall Jawamid al-Tanqih, p. 382]

The following are the qualifications needed to perform Ijtihad, these qualifications are derived from the definition of Ijtihad which is based on specific evidences:

**A. The Mujtahid must be a Muslim male or female of sound mind who has attained a high level of intellectual competence.**

**B. Since the text of the Quran and Sunnah were revealed in the Arabic language, Ijtihad can only be performed based on the Arabic text. One must have knowledge of the Arabic language to the extent that it enables a correct understanding of the Quran and the Sunnah. He must also be able to comprehend the sources accurately and deduce the rule from them. He should know enough by which he can understand the circumstances of the Arabs, the current customary usage in their speech such that he can distinguish the textual indications (Dalaalat al-alfaaz) in terms of the following: congruence (Mutaabaqah), inclusivity (Tadmeen), requisite (Iltizaam), Mufrad (singular), Murakkab (construct), comprehensive (Kulli), partial (Juzi), Haqeeqah (literal), Majaaz (metaphorical), homonym (Ishtiraak), synonym (Taraaduf), uttered meaning (Mantuq) and implied meaning (Mafhum) etc.**

**C. The Mujtahid also needs to be knowledgeable of the Quran, the Makki and Madani contents of the Quran, the occasion of their revelation (Asbab al Nuzul) and must have a full grasp of the legal contents of the Quran, but not necessarily of the narratives and parables of the Quran and its passages relating to the Hereafter. The knowledge of the Ayat ul Ahkam (verses regarding rules) includes knowledge of the related commentaries (Tafsir) with special reference to the Sunnah and the views of the Sahabah (ra) related to the subject at hand.**

**D. The Mujtahid must possess an adequate knowledge of the Sunnah, especially the part relating to his Ijtihad and be familiar with the rulings in the Sunnah. The Mujtahid must also know the incidents of abrogation in the Sunnah and the reliability of the narrators of Hadith.**

**E. He must have knowledge of Usul al-Fiqh so that he will be acquainted with the**

procedures for extracting the rulings from the text and the implications.

**F.** The Mujtahid should be aware of the opinions of different Mujtahideen, if any exist. It is essential for a Mujtahid to be familiar with the Daleels of other Mujtahideen, on a particular issue as how the other Mujtahid understood the Daleel and the issue.

**G.** Finally, he must have a comprehensive knowledge of the issue on which Ijtihad is being performed. To extract any ruling one has to understand the subject thoroughly. If the Mujtahid does not understand an issue, he is not allowed to do Ijtihad regardless of where he lives. To understand the issue, the Mujtahid can go to experts. For instance, there might be an issue in genetic engineering. To understand the process of genetic engineering, the Mujtahid can go to an expert in this field.

[Abu Tariq Hilal, Abu Ismael Al Beirawi  
Understanding Usul Al fiqh, P.147]

Unfortunately some today believe that Ijtihad is a mere personal reasoning of an individual and have abandoned this definition of the Usuli scholars which has been established for centuries. The consequence of this is that people mistakenly think that Islam doesn't contain a process to derive rules for modern problems. Therefore when talking about Ijtihad it is paramount that we refer to the established Usuli definition rather than how the term is used today.

Ijtihad does not occur except in the ahkaam shariah whose daleel is speculative (Zanni) and not when the rule is decisive (qat'i). [Shawkani, Irshad, p. 250; Zuhayr, Usul, IV, 223-25; Badran, Usul, p. 471.]

When it comes the area in which Ijtihad is permitted it is important to realise that it does not occur after a brief look at the shari'ah texts, rather it means that the Mujtahid struggles to his utmost such a manner that the jurist feels an inability to exert himself further in order to derive the hukm of Allah. If the jurist has failed to discover the evidence which he was capable

of discovering, his opinion is void. [Ghazali, Mustasfa, II, 102; Amidi, Ihkam, IV, 162.]

Therefore if one claimed to have made Ijtihad upon an issue after only studying one text related to it and ignored all other relavent texts even though they were readily available, this would not be considered legitimate Ijtihad. The definition of Ijtihad itself clarifies a misconception that it is only a personal reasoning and not the hukm of Allah. Often Western thinkers refer to Ijtihad in this manner as if it is only a product of the mind and nothing to do with law of Allah. It is not just a personal reasoning of a jurist rather it is an extraction of the hukm of Allah from the sources of shariah. To believe that it is only a personal reasoning is dangerous as it infers that it is a product of the mind alone like in Western legislation. For example the rules of divorce in Western legislation completely differ from the rules of divorce in Islam, as the West believes the mind is a source of legislation whereas in Islam we apply the mind in order to understand the revelation of the Allah (swt).

**The doors of Ijtihad are open but not for the ignorant, they are open until the day of judgement for the people of knowledge who have the capability to perform it.**

After establishing the evidences, conditions of Ijtihad & Mujtahid (person who performs ijtihad) the next discussion Bidnillah would be the scope of Ijtihad & other misconceptions related to ijtihad which were not discussed in this article.

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# Political Invasion of Iran by the West - Emergence of the USA

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Among one of the key players in the Islamic world, people look towards Iran as a Challenger to the America today. The Ummah often holds Iran as who stands against the oppression in the Islamic World. In the speeches of its leaders, there is noted a very often narrative against the USA. Towards Understanding the world, it is necessary to realise whether it means what it says or if there is some other reason for its vocals against the current SuperPower-USA. So, it is important to know the reality of Iran and its relations with the West from the time of the creation of Iran. IN the last article, it was described that the Britain had influence and roles to play in the country's politics even to the extent of appointing its rulers. The Britain had thus total control over its Oil Industry which was very important to them for the War. Along with Britain with the progress of the war, America which had its interests in Iran especially for the abundant oil available there.

By 1940, America had entered into the Iranian politics through the Soviet Union. It then tried to deepen its roots inside Iran. Initially, America missioned the Royal Gendarmerie under the code name- GENMISH with the responsibility of organizing Iran's internal security organisation. Colonel Norman H. Schwarzkopf headed the Genmish with the main objective to build an institution that could ensure security and stability in Iran so that the need for allied soldiers for these purpose was eliminated. This was for the undisturbed supply of oil for the Allied war efforts. After the end of World War II, the relationship between America and the Royal Gendarmerie was maintained and in 1950, it was even further expanded through the signing of the United Security Pact by Iran and America. As per this treaty, the Royal Gendarmerie doubled in size from approximately 35000 men to over 70000 and their officers were sent to America for training. The Gendarmerie then took over the responsibility for the security and stability in over 80% of Iran which were

mostly the rural areas outside the cities. Through these activities, Colonel Norman H. Schwarzkopf became a powerful and influential man in Iran, especially among the traditional tribal elders.

In a telegram to the American ambassador in Iran, John C. Wiley, Norman H. Schwarzkopf claimed that “ 88 members of the Iranian parliament(Majlis) obeyed his commands”.

Meanwhile the British were trying their best to maintain their control over the Iranian Oil industry through the Anglo-Persian Oil Company(later British Petroleum) after the end of World War II. During this time, both the Soviet Union and America were working to take over the “Persian Prize” from Great Britain. This was not just for the Iranian oil but also for the influence that could be projected over the Middle East from Iran which is seen even today.

The Americans also had a number of CIA agents stationed in Iran who were working to find potential agents amongst the Iranian political and financial elites. On behalf of CIA, a certain Dr. Taqi Nasr approached crown prince Abdoreza and General Ali Razmara. Razmara showed his willingness to work with the Americans to further his own career. He told Dr. Taqi Nasr that if the Americans would support him to become the Prime-Minister of Iran, he would **Appoint Dr. Nasr as the minister of Economy and start an Anti-Corruption campaign against British agents from influential circles in Iran and break the Anglo-Persian monopoly.** On careful observation, it can be realized that the same methods are used even today by the Superpowers today for their vested interests in the Muslim World.

So, In 1950 Washington ordered its ambassador in Iran John C. Wiley to urge the Shah to appoint general Razmara as the Prime Minister. The Shah like a loyal servant heeded the advice. Following his appointment as the prime minister, Razmara indeed implemented far reaching reforms. He fired some

400 high-placed civil servants and signed the “Point Four” agreement with America which enabled the Americans to buy influence in Iran under the guise of economic support. However in the matter of Anglo-Persian Oil Company, Razmara did not enact as the Americans wanted and expected from him. He signed an agreement with the Company which legitimized the latter's control over Iranian Oil. Shortly after this, Razmara was murdered. This murder reflects on the policy the West has towards the Muslim World. They might proclaim many things – economic support, freedom from oppression, development but their agenda is always different, hidden behind curtains of Media which they control. Also, that for their agenda, they can easily not just rule out but even kill their own puppets.

The Majlis where Colonel Norman H. Schwarzkopf was so influential, then pressured the Shah to appoint Mohammed Mosaddeq in place of Razmara. Mosaddeq was a very important Iranian politician until 1919. But as he was against the British influence in Iran, he was forced to leave the country that year. IN 1921, British had invited him back to the country through Reza Khan to solidify Khan's position in the country. But he was sidelined again when he protested strongly against Khan crowning himself as Shah in 1925. Mosaddeq hated Great Britain because of this which made Americans gain interest in this person. There is a lot going on which the common public remains unaware and still are affected adversely to a great extent.

America saw Mosaddeq as a means to remove the British influence in Iran. Mosaddeq's first deed after his appointment was to Nationalize the Iranian Oil Industry. The British got absolutely furious about this and developed a plan to have its military invade Iran just as they had earlier in 1918. When they approached the Americans with this plan for their endorsement, they flatly refuses it and said that they would not tolerate any military moves against Iran. When America took Mosaadeq's side and the British refused to enter any negotiations, United Nations was called for its purpose. Britain organized a global embargo on Iranian oil through the UN and instructed its agents to organize a military coup against Mosaddeq.

The oil embargo upset the global oil markets. However in Washington, there was a concern that the Soviet Union might try to make use of the instability caused by military take over to launch a counter-coup to establish a communist regime in Iran. America's ability to go against Britain was limited as it needed British support in the Cold War against communism, especially in the Korean peninsula where America was in a war at that time.

Thus, America pressured Mosaddeq to make a deal with Britain. Mosaddeq refused to compromise on critical subjects. The CIA was thus ordered to organize a coup against Mosaddeq under the operation name “AJAX” in 1953. Thus Mosaddeq tried going against his owners and was removed from Power. This is the state of the Muslim World even today in many parts in terms to how the America controls and deals with its puppets.

Operation “AJAX” brought Shah Reza Pahlavi back to power. This time Reza had to be thankful to a different owner and so his return saw an increased American influence in Iran. The CIA organized for the Shah a new internal security organization named SAVAK. Colonel Schwarzkopf returned to Iran in 1955 to take responsibility of this operation. America also supported the Shah financially by giving him almost 68million USD which was one third of the oil revenues that was missed out during the embargo on Iran. During the remaining 1950s, America lend the Shah a further 300million USD for economic development and 600million USD to equip his army.

All this firmly established the Shah in his position to an extent that he began dreaming of a future independence from America. His policies began focussing on turning Iran into a regional power willing to compete America for influence in the greater Middle East and he began spending large amounts of money to build the strongest army in this region. Ofcourse, America did not like this as it threatened to upset the regional balance of power, which could push Saudi-Arabia back into the hands of Britain. When the Shah began threatening America, his fate was sealed.

In an interview with the U.S news and World magazine in 1976, the Shah said about America's influence and power in Iran:

***“But if you take an unfriendly attitude towards my country, we can hurt you as badly if not more than you can hurt us. Not just through oil-we can create trouble for you in the region. If you force us to change our friendly attitude, the repercussions will be immeasurable”.***

America was furious again and decided to remove the Shah from Power. That leads to the staging of Ayatollah Khomeini's ***“Iranian Revolution”***.



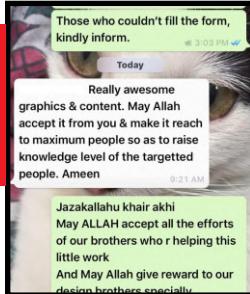
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