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## IN RESPECT OF MUHARRAM OUR NEW YEAR

The love for the Holy Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) is a natural condition of a muslim's being. It is a level of respect and status accorded to him by both the Creator and His Creation, a level unequaled by any other Messenger of God. This degree of exaltation has baffled the enemies of Islam, ever since his footprints first blessed the sands of Arabia, over fourteen centuries ago.

This rational as well as emotional exhibition in reverence of the model of perfection and humanity, came to extend to everything and everybody associated with the Prophet (ﷺ), and hence, his parents, children, friends, his entire household, and his followers who lived among them also enjoyed reverence by the generations that followed.

Debates about the limits or legitimacy of the liberties surrounding the expression of this love, has surfaced unabated over the course of history until present times, within the circles of believers in Islam, themselves. Some reflecting coldness and an insensitivity towards those in his adoration, and others extreme to the extent of ignorance or disregard towards the basic tenets of the religion, which Muhammad (ﷺ) himself was chosen and entrusted to fulfill as the last messenger of the original one and only continuous Divine religion crowned as Islam.

The Islamic calendar is known as the Hijri Calendar. The new year commences with the month of Muharram. The significance of this is derived from the Hijrah, a term used to describe the exodus of the early muslims of Makkah fleeing the persecution of the Quraysh, and relocating to Madina. This safe passage of the community, including the Prophet's

(ﷺ), was considered a Divine favour upon the new nation. When the Khaliph Umar al-Farooq was pressured to create a calendar for practical reasons, he had no hesitation in choosing the Hijrah as the defining moment in Islamic history. Muharram also bore the sacred day of 'Aashoora when similar blessings befell earlier Prophets (ﷺ) and their own communities.

The beloved grandson of the holy Prophet (ﷺ), Imam Husayn (رضي الله عنه) together with many members of his family, were martyred fighting a Jihad against the army of an oppressive and impious ruler, at Karbala in Iraq. It also took place on the 10th of Muharram, coinciding with the Day of 'Aashoora.

The Muslim's approach to New Year thus differs from other nations, reflective, and sober, to say the least. It is customary to ponder over the events of Islamic history, highlighting the seerah, the Prophet's (ﷺ) life story with his community, and his success in establishing Islam, with having delivered the unblemished Qur'an, and leaving a legacy through his successors, family, companions, saints, and scholars.

The history and the standards remain fixed and unchangeable. It is only the interpretation and evaluation of these that may cause differences in approach or opinion.

"How many of the Prophets fought (Jihad) and, with them, fought large bands of God-devoted men? But they never lost heart if they met with disaster in God's way, nor did they weaken (in will) nor surrender in humiliation. And God loves the Patient, (the steadfast)" 3:146




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# HAZRAT IMAM HUSSAIN عليه السلام

Hazrat Sayyiduna Imam Hussain (ؑ) is the beloved son of Hazrat Sayyiduna Ali and Bibi Fatima (R.A) and the most beloved grandson of Rasoolullah (ﷺ).

He was born on the 5th of Sha'baan in the year 4 Al-Hijri. Our Beloved Prophet (ﷺ) gave the Azaan in his right ear and the Iqaamah in his left ear. He then placed his blessed saliva in the mouth of Hazrat Imam Hussain (ؑ) and made Dua for him.

On the 7th day he was named Hussain and his Aqeeqa was performed. Rasoolullah (ﷺ) commanded Hazrat Bibi Fatima (ؑ) to remove his hair and to give silver in charity equivalent to the weight of the hair.

Hazrat Imam Hussain (ؑ) was without doubt a very handsome personality. From his chest down to his blessed feet he was the image of Rasoolullah (ﷺ), whereas his elder brother Hazrat Imam Hassan (ؑ) was the image of Rasoolullah (ﷺ) from his chest up to his blessed head. The blessed face of Hazrat Imam Hussain (ؑ) was so bright that it would even shine in the darkness of night.

Hazrat Imam Hussain (ؑ) was taught by Rasoolullah (ﷺ), Hazrat Bibi Fatima (ؑ) and Hazrat Ali (ؑ). Holy Prophet (ﷺ) loved Hazrat Imam Hussain (ؑ) due to his piety and pure heart.

The Beloved Rasool (ﷺ) was also aware that the time would come when his beloved grandson would save the Ummah from destruction at the hands of a corrupt and tyrant leader.

Rasoolullah (ﷺ) loved Hazrat Imam Hussain (ؑ) dearly. Hazrat Umar Farooq (ؓ) said, "Once, when I presented myself in the court of Rasoolullah (ﷺ) I saw that he was walking on his knees carrying Hazrat Imam Hussain (ؑ) on his blessed back.

When I saw this, I said, "Your mode of transport is most splendid. On hearing this, the Beloved Rasool (ﷺ) replied, "O Umar, the passenger is also very splendid.""

Once a Bedouin presented himself in the court of Hazrat Imam Hussain (ؑ) and said, "I heard your

beloved grandfather (ؑ) say that when one is in need of anything, then one should request this from one of four persons; either from a pious Arab, or from a pious master, or from a Hafizul Qur'an, or from a graceful person, and all these four qualities are found in you in the highest form.

Hazrat Ya'la bin Marwaa (ؑ) reports that Rasoolullah (ﷺ) said, "Hussain is from me and I am from Hussain. Whosoever has kept Hussain as his beloved, Allah is his beloved."

Hazrat Jaabir ibn Abdullah (ؑ) states, "I heard from Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), "Whosoever wishes to see the leader of Paradise, he should look at Hussain ibn Ali (ؑ)."

Hazrat Imam Hussain (ؑ) was a very kind, gentle, generous, merciful and Allah-fearing personality. He always cared for the poor and oppressed, assisted the helpless, gave comfort to those in pain and sorrow and showed great love and affection towards orphans. He was the embodiment of the character of his grandfather Sayyiduna Rasoolullah (ﷺ) and of his blessed parents.

His tolerance and patience was also exemplary. This was manifested by the fact that his martyrdom had been foretold by the Beloved Rasool (ﷺ) and even though he was aware of this, he still made Sabr and waited for the Will of Allah (ﷻ) to take its course. Hazrat Imam Hussain (ؑ) was also blessed with bravery of the highest degree and this bravery and fearlessness was manifested on many occasions, particularly during the Battle of Karbala.

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# MUHARRAM-UL-HARAAM

## (THE SACRED MONTH)

In contemporary times it is depressing to note that many Muslims have become slaves of the Western world and deny Divine Commandments, either actively or passively. Imam al-Ghazali enunciates in his "Iyah ulum-Id-Din": *The World looks stagnant, but it is moving; It looks promising, yet it is deceiving.* Therefore it is apparent that humankind and many modern Muslims are striving for material progress at the expense of moral and spiritual progress, little realizing that life is an illusion and death is a reality.

Modernization has led to the destruction of spiritual values of some Muslims. Abuse of time, technological advancements, introduction of man made social values, extravagant lifestyles, injustice, etc. has a devastating impact on the Iman of Muslims. Instead of Muslims opposing the Western Social System the weak Muslims have succumb to their immoral practices by being active participants in programmes devised by them intentionally to encapsulate Muslims into their philosophy of life. This active participation leads to neglect of Divine Commandments, resulting in the spiritual loss of individuals as pronounced by Allah ﷻ in the Qur'an:

*By the (the token of) Time (through the Ages), Verily Man is in loss, Except such as have faith and do righteous deeds, And (join together) in the mutual teaching Of Truth, and of Patience and Constancy. (103: 1-3)*

In Chapter 7, Verse 31 of the Qur'an, Allah ﷻ cautions humankind about personal care, destruction of health and the wasting of time in unproductive pursuit.

Since the doors of repentance are still open and the Mercy of Allah ﷻ is Infinite, we should seriously use the time (Sacred months and Days) to educate, contemplate, repent and strive to greater spiritual heights in preparation for the Hereafter.

The month of Muharram al-Haram heralds the beginning of the New Year in the Islamic calendar, providing Muslims the opportunity to strive morally, socially and spiritually to attain nearness to Allah ﷻ.

### THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE ISLAMIC NEW YEAR AND THE NEW YEAR OF THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR

It must be emphasized that there is a clear distinction between the Islamic concept of a new year and the

Western concept of a new year. Experience, social studies of the secular system and an exposition of the Western culture and celebrations of a new year by the media, reveals an absence of God-consciousness because the celebrations in such cases involve immoral acts such as wine drinking, extravagant parties which involve the free intermingling of sexes as well as the indulgence of other harmful acts to the self and others. It is disheartening to note that some modern Muslim have given greater priority to celebrations of the new year in accordance to Western norms and as such have caused destruction to themselves at their own free will. The youth, and in some cases adults have become ignorant of the pristine teachings of Islam. Hence, religion has become a secondary issue to them and therefore they indulge in vices which are totally condemned by Islam. In some societies, Muslim parents have allowed their children to live by society based values, rather than the values prescribed by the Qur'an and Sunnah of the Beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings upon him).

The Beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) in his Farewell Sermon, during the month of Zil-Hajj issued a stern warning:

*"See that you do not return to the period of al-Jahilliyah when I am gone and do not carry religious matters too far ahead, that you may end up cutting one another's throat."*

The defiance of this warning by the Munafiqun (hypocrites), who amended Divine Law and caused disunity amongst the Muslim Ummah led to the Battle of Karbala in 61 A.H. where Hadrat Hussayn ؑ demonstrated the true spirit of sacrifice and surrender to Allah ﷻ.

The Islamic New Year should inculcate within us the spirit of patience, prayer and sacrifice for the pleasure of Allah ﷻ. There is a dire need to redeem our character, unite the Muslim 'Ummah and regenerate our Iman as commanded by Allah ﷻ:

*O ye who believe! Seek help with patient Perseverance and Prayer: for Allah is with those Who patiently persevere. And say not of those Who are slain in the Way Of Allah: they are dead. Nay they are living, Though ye perceive it not. (2:153-154)*

# HAZRAT SAYED MAKHDOOM ASHRAF SIMNANI

BY GHULAM RASOOL DEHLVI

Hazrat Sayed Makhdoom Ashraf Jahangir Simnani (1287–1386 CE) was a revered Indian Sufi of Persian origin and an ardent follower of Shaikh-e-Akbar Ibn al-Arabi. He was particularly imbued with Ibn al-Arabi's spiritual doctrine of *Wadhat-ul Wujud* (Unity of Existence). Blessed with the 14 different chains of Sufism, he rendered remarkable services to the development of Chishti and Qadiri Sufi orders in India.

Makhdoom Ashraf Jahangir was born in Simnan, Iran, in a family descended from the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ). After an untiring spiritual journey of a seeker, he eventually settled in India and established his *khanqah* in what is today's Ambedkar Nagar district in Uttar Pradesh. He was a disciple of the 13th century eminent Chishti Sufi saint of Bengal Hazrat Alaul Haq Pandavi, the disciple of another prominent Chishti Sufi of Bengal, Khwaja Akhi Siraj Aaina-e-Hind. Makhdoom-e-Pak formed his own Sufi order (*silsila*) through his spiritual disciple Hazrat Syed Shah Abdur Razzaq Nur-ul Ain, the 11th direct descendant of the renowned Sufi Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ). Attributed to the name of Ashraf Jahangir Simnani (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ), the disciples of his Silsila are called "Ashrafi".

Makhdoom-e-Pak left behind his spiritual theories and ideas in a book in the Persian language titled *Lataif-e-Ashrafi*, which essentially means subtleties of Ashraf explaining the anecdotes of Sufism. After I went through a large chunk of the spiritual discourses presented in *Lataif-e-Ashrafi*, I felt the need to share a very interesting and pertinent discourse that Makhdoom-e-Pak has delivered with regard to the basic Islamic tenet, Tawheed (monotheism or oneness of God). In this discourse, he sought to deepen his disciples' understanding of the very first and foremost pillar of Islam, that is, belief in Tawheed.

## Makhdoom-e-Pak on Sufi Definition of Tawheed

At the very outset, Makhdoom-e-Pak gives a very touching and mystically moving definition of Tawheed, which can be loosely translated as: "Monotheism means annihilation of the lover in attributes of his/her Beloved".

In this context, Makhdoom-e-Pak has aptly quoted Sayyid al-Taifa Hazrat Junaid Baghdadi, one of the most renowned early Persian mystics of Islam and a central figure in the golden chain of many Sufi orders. His quotation on Tawheed goes on as a remarkable Sufi proverb in Arabic, which means "When one develops the true essence of Tawheed, all external forms of belief and ritualistic customs vanish away and the only thing that remains intact is the existence of one and only God, in the same form as it has remained for ages".

Buttressing his perspective on Tawheed as an inclusive, all-embracing and comprehensive term, Makhdoom-e-Pak has described different degrees of Tawheed in detail. He has put it into various categories, mainly (1) *tawheed-e imani* (oneness in conviction), (2) *tawheed-e ilmi* (oneness in intellect) and (3) *tawheed-e hali* (oneness in personal state). He beautifully dwells on each category of Tawheed

in a manner imbued with spiritual connotations.

With regard to the *tawheed-e imani*, Hazrat says:

"*Tawheed-e imani* can be explained as an act of the servants of Allah, confirming by heart and verbally acknowledging the uniqueness and individuality of His divine virtues in accordance with the injunctions given in the Quran and Prophetic traditions.

Explaining *tawheed-e ilmi*, Hazrat says:

"This second degree of Tawheed is attained within oneself; through inner spiritual knowledge. This is also called *ilm ul-yaqeen* (confirmed knowledge), which is one of the initial stages of Tasawwuf that exhorts one to believe and confirm that there is no existence other than Allah almighty and He is actually the only present and pervading entity. All other personas, virtues and actions are nothing in comparison to His persona, virtues and actions. In this degree of Tawheed, one is supposed to acknowledge the growth of each and every person as a manifestation of the divine persona of Khudawand (God), considering each virtue as reflection of the Absolute Source of all virtues".

Hazrat's view of *tawheed-e hali*:

Having explained the above degrees of Tawheed, Makhdoom-e-Pak goes on to dwell on the term *tawheed-e hali*, which he considers a state of faith standing in the third degree. This is how he illustrates what he thinks the term means:

"It implies that the *haal* or state of Tawheed is the most essential virtue of the spiritual practitioners. All darkness of the existence is lost in the light of Tawheed. In this state, one should be overwhelmed by the light of Tawheed in such a way as the stars lose their light in the sun. And at the crack of dawn, its light begins to prevail and gradually overpowers the light of all the stars".

Makhdoom-e-Pak continues:

"Having attained this higher culmination of Tawheed, the state or *haal* of Muwahhid (believer in one God) gets completely lost in the deepest cognition of Wahid (the One and Only), to the extent that he/she sees nothing except the beauties of His *zaat* (existence) and His *sifat* (virtues and attributes). In this process, the observer (*mushahid*) goes to the extent that he begins to consider his own existence as that of the Almighty and his own observation (*mushahida*) as an attribute of His. Thus, as he gets more and more deeply immersed in the sea of Tawheed, his existence attains complete synergy with that of the Almighty".

Thus, Makhdoom-e-Pak concludes that "a *muwahhid* (believer) is like a drop in the roaring ocean of Tawheed". He says: "Tawheed is an ocean and the *muwahhid* is just a drop in it with no influence, appearance or power of its own".

## DUA-E-ASHURA TO REQUEST ASSURANCE OF LIFE

The recitation of this dua has been proven on many instances. Hazrat Imaam Zainul Aabideen (Radiyallahu Anhu) mentions that whosoever recites this dua on the Day of Ashura anytime from sunrise to sunset or has someone to recite it for them whilst they listen, then Insha-Allah they would be granted the assurance of life for that year.

Ya qaabila taubati Aadam Youma Aashura, Ya faarija karbi zin nooni Youma Aashura, Ya jaami'a shamli Ya'qoob Youma Aashura, Ya Saami'a Da'wati Moosa wa Haroone Youma Aashura, Ya mugheethe Ebrahime minan naari Youma Aashura, Ya raafi'a Idreese elas samaaee Youma Aashura, Ya Mujeebe da'wati saaleh fin naaqati Youma Aashura, Ya Naasira Sayyidina Muhammadin Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam Youma Aashura, Ya Rahmaanud Dunya wal aakhirati wa Raheemahuma Salli Ala Sayyidina Muhammadew wa ala aali Sayyidina Muhammadew wa Salli Ala Jamee'il Ambiyae wal mursaleena waqdi haajatina fid dunya wal aakhirati wa atil umranaa fi taa'atika wa mahabbatika wa ridhaaka wa ahyina hayaatan tayyibataw wa ta waffana alal imaani wal islaami bi rah matika yaa arhamar Raahimeen. Allahuma bi iznil hasani wa akhihi wa ummihi wa abihi wa jaddihi wa banihi far rij anna ma nahnu fi. (Then 7 Times) Subhanallahi mil al mizaani wa muntahal ilmi wa mablaghar ridhaa wa zeenatal arshi laa malja'a wa laa man jaa'a minal laahi illa ilay. Subhanallahi ada dash shaf'ee wal watriwa ada da kalimaatil্লাhit tammati kulliha nas alookas salaamata bi rahamtika yaa arhamar Raahimeen. Wa huwa hasbunaa wa ni'mal wakeel. Ni'mal moula wa ni'man naseer. Wa laa howla wa la quwata illa billahil aleeyal azeem. Wa Sallahu Ta'aala ala Sayyidina Mohammadew wa ala aalihi wa sahabihi wa ala mu'mineena wal Muslimeena wa da zarraatil fujudi wa ada da ma'loomatil laahi wal hamdu lillahi rabbil aalimeen

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*Before you reach for cough syrup, try one of these natural cough remedies :*

Coughing happens when viruses, bacteria, dust, pollen or other substances irritate the nerve endings in the airways between the throat and lungs. A cough is the body's way of trying to clear the passages, and what a valiant effort the body makes in this endeavor. We can cough at speeds up to 60 miles per hour, and the average cough produces enough air to fill a two-liter soda bottle about three-fourths full. The air of a cough sprays out several feet, and is accompanied by some 3,000 tiny droplets of saliva.

While chronic coughs can be a sign of a serious illness, most people consider the common cough to be more of an annoyance than a health issue.

## 1. Homemade honey cough 'syrup'

Try honey straight or mix it with lemon juice and coconut .. There is scientific evidence that honey can be effective in treating coughs and sore throats. You can take it straight, or mix honey with coconut oil and lemon juice for extra benefits.

## 2. Thyme tea

In Germany, thyme is an officially approved treatment for coughs, upper respiratory infections, bronchitis and whooping cough. The herb's little leaves pack a potent punch of cough-calming compounds that work to relax tracheal and ileal muscles, and reduce inflammation. You can make a thyme tea by steeping two teaspoons of crushed thyme leaves in a cup of boiling water for 10 minutes, then strain. Adding honey and lemon rounds out the flavor and adds extra soothing power as well.

## 3. A hot shower

A hot shower can help because steam can loosen congestion and ease your cough. Crank up the hot water, close the windows and turn off the exhaust fan. Steam can be a cough's worst enemy, and thus, your best friend. Steam works to soothe the airways and loosen sinus congestion and phlegm in your throat and lungs. (Although take note, warns that steam may exacerbate coughs caused by asthma.)

## 4. Black pepper and honey tea

For a wet cough, you can try a black pepper and honey remedy that is said to work because the pepper stimulates circulation and mucus flow and the honey is a natural cough reliever. Use one teaspoon of

freshly ground pepper and two tablespoon of honey in a mug, and fill with boiling water. Cover and allow to steep for 15 minutes, strain and sip.

## 5. A lot of liquids

Up your water consumption or drink some tea because fluids help thin mucus and keep membranes moist, reducing the need to cough. Drinking a lot of liquids, whether any of the teas listed here or even just an increase in your daily water consumption can be helpful for a cough. Fluids help thin out the mucus in postnasal drip and keeps the membranes moist, which can help to reduce the need to cough.

## 6. Cough drops

Menthol cough drops work to numb the back of the throat, which can help tame the cough reflex.

## 7. Suck a lemon

sprinkle half a lemon with salt and pepper, then suck on it to ward off your sore throat. Pucker up and suck a lemon? Indeed, this popular remedy calls for sprinkling a section of lemon with salt and pepper and sucking on it. (If nothing else, you will probably be so distracted by having a mouthful of lemon that you may forget to cough.)

## 8. Licorice

Tea made from licorice root or licorice candy can help soothe throats and ease coughing. If you think licorice has a medicinal taste ... two points for you! Licorice root, the flavor from which licorice candy originated, has long been used to treat coughs. Real licorice — or candy made from it — can help soothe inflamed and irritated throats and help to ease coughing. Slice one ounce of candy licorice (that contains real licorice) and steep it for 24 hours with a quart of boiling water; sip as needed.

## 9. Ginger

Ginger has a lot of secret powers and it has been used for its medicinal properties since antiquity. Practitioners of Eastern medicine commonly prescribe ginger to treat symptoms of colds and flu because of its antihistamine and decongestant capabilities. You can make ginger tea by adding 12 slices of fresh ginger in a pot with three cups water. Allow it to simmer for 20 minutes and remove from heat. Strain, add 1 tablespoon of honey and a squeeze of lemon, and taste; if it's too spicy, add more water.



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# VIRTUES AND EXCELLENCE OF MUHARRAM

MOULANA SHAH FAISAL KHAN SAHEB

## GRATITUDE AND CONGRATULATIONS

First and foremost we thank Almighty Allah, and through the waseela of his beloved and final prophet r granted us with this beautiful Islamic new year known as the month of Muharram-ul-Haram which is one of the four sacred divine months and at the same time we take this opportunity to extend our congratulations to the entire Islamic world especially to all the Hajees who have returned from pilgrimage. Allah Ta'aala accepts all the Hajees hajj and grants every muslim the opportunity to visit the blessed city of Makkah al Mukarramah and Madeena al Munawwarah Ameen.

## INTRODUCTION

With the sighting of the new moon of Muharram (Which is the beginning of the new Islamic month). Muharram itself means sacred and is from those months which have been mentioned as sacred in the Holy Quraan. Almighty Allah says in the Holy Quraan: "Four of them (Zil Qad, Zil Haj, Rajab, and Muharram) are sacred". (Surah Taubah)

## VIRTUES

From the 4 months Muharram has been blessed with the certain specific virtues. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has said: "The best of fast besides the fast of Ramadaan is the fasting of Muharram". (Muslim)

## In another hadeeth

Hazrat Ibn Abbas ؓ reports: That the peace of our hearts and minds, the most generous and kind prophet r has said: "The one who keeps a fast in the month of Muharram will receive the reward of 30 fast for each fast (in this sacred month)."

Although the fast of Muharram are not compulsory, the one who fast out of his own will be entitled to a great reward by Allah Ta'aala. The hadeeth signifies that the fast of the month of Muharram are the most rewardable amongst the Nafil fasts. The hadeeth does not mean that the reward can only be attained by fasting for the whole month. On the contrary each fast during this month has a merit; therefore one should take advantage of this opportunity

## THE DAY OF ASHURA

Although the month of Muharram is sacred as a whole month but the 10th Muharram is the most sacred amongst all. This day is called the Day of Ashura and it is the one of the most sacred days in the Islamic calendar.

According to Ibn Abbas ؓ When the Holy Prophet migrated to Medina he found out that the Jews of Medina used to fast on the 10th of Muharram, They said that it was the day on which Prophet Moosa ؑ crossed the red sea miraculously and the Pharaoh was drowned in it, on hearing this from the Jews the Holy Prophet ﷺ has said: we are more closer to Moosa ؑ

than you, so the Prophet ﷺ directed the Muslims to fast on the day of Ashura. (Abu Dawood)

## SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED ON THE DAY OF ASHURA

There are several incidents which took place on the day of Ashura which have made their place in the glorious history, here are some of them.

- Rain descended from the skies for the first time.
- Mercy was revealed for the first time.
- Arsh, Kursi, sky, earth, sun, stars, moon, heaven was created.
- Adam ؑ's repentance was accepted on this day.
- Adam ؑ was born on this day and entered jannah.
- Hazrat Ebrahim ؑ was released and was safe from the fire of Nimrood.
- Hazrat Esa ؑ was raised up to the sky.
- Hazrat Muhammed ﷺ married Hazrat Khadija ؓ on this day.
- Imaam Hussain ؑ was martyred.
- The Day of Judgement will take place on this day.

## RECOMMENDED DEEDS ON ASHURA

We learnt from previous narrations that there are lots of virtues on this day of Ashura in the court of Allah that is why Allah has chosen this day to be the day on which Imaam Hussain was martyred the beloved prophet r grandson.

Sayyidina Abbas ؓ narrated that when the prophet r fasted and ordered others to fast on the day of Ashura, some companions complained that this was a day which was commemorated by the Jews and the Christians as well as muslims. The messenger ﷺ said: If I remain on this earth until next year, I shall fast on the 9th (as well as the 10th) (Muslim)

The Jurist state that it is sunnah to fast on the 9th and 10th of Muharram.

The Prophet ﷺ stated : whoever performs four rakaats salaah on the day of Ashura reciting in every rakaat surah Ikhlās 11 times after surah faatiha, Allah shall forgive 50 years of his/her sin and shall create a pulpit (mimbar) of light for that person. (Nuzha tul majalis)

It is stated by Sayyidina Ibn Mas'ood ؓ that the Prophet ﷺ said: "whoever is generous towards his family on the day of Ashura he shall always remain in affluence throughout the year. (Maathabata bis-Sunnah)

## CONCLUSION

May Allah through the Sadaqa of his beloved Rasool ﷺ and Ahle bait, shower His divine mercy upon the entire ummat of Nabi ﷺ

ISLAMIC NEW YEAR MUBARAK!

# PRAGMATISM OR PRINCIPLE- COLLUDING WITH WAR CRIMINALS

BY DR. FIROZ OSMAN

The application by the Muslim Lawyers Association (MLA) to have the South African Police Services (SAPS) investigate leaders from India, China and Russia for crimes against humanity met with consternation in many quarters.

The South African government, hosting the BRICS conference where leaders of Brazil (Michel Temer), Russia (Putin), India (Modi), and China (Xi Jinping) faced a potentially diplomatic nightmare had SAPS considered issuing warrants of arrest for these world leaders.

The Media Review Network (MRN) and MLA had applied to SAPS and the National Director of Public Prosecution (NDPP) to investigate, arrest and prosecute Tzipi Livni, an Israeli Knesset member and former Prime Minister who was responsible for the atrocities committed against the Palestinians in Gaza. She decided not to come fearing arrest because SA, as a signatory to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), would have been obliged to arrest her.

In 2015 Sudan's president Omar Bashir caused a furore when SA hosted the AU summit with the ICC demanding that Omar Bashir be arrested and face trial. SA courts subsequently found that the government violated the ICC Act by allowing him to leave the country.

To avoid similar embarrassment and a diplomatic wrangle, the SA government enlisted the help of some Muslim organisations to influence the MLA and its supporters to withdraw the legal application against the BRICS leaders. The MLA declined, issuing a statement explaining that it would use the law to speak truth to power and expose their injustices.

At stake was the investment of billions of dollars which would ostensibly result in employment for South Africans which would be at risk were the MLA to proceed with their SAPS and NDPP application. Four Muslim organisations came out with a press release welcoming BRICS leaders, misrepresenting themselves as speaking on behalf of SA Muslims.

Debate on social media ensued vilifying the MLA, accusing it to be unpatriotic and insensitive to the plight of unemployed and destitute South Africans. This, they felt, would endanger the position of the Muslims in this country. There has been fiery rhetoric by populist politicians against minorities in SA that has rattled Muslims, despite their enormous contribution to the liberation struggle against Apartheid.

Given the Muslim population comprising of only 2% of South Africa, some opined that it was not pragmatic and also strategically foolhardy for the MLA to lodge an application to investigate and prosecute these leaders for crimes against humanity.

The question arises whether pragmatism should be a criteria in considering the promise of an investment in the billions of dollars by alleged war criminals, or should one take a principled stance in prosecuting any and all culprits of war crimes committed against civilians?

Principled people believe that fundamental truths should span all ages and cover all circumstances. To be principled is to think and act consistently with those

truths and to be willing to stand alone for them, if necessary. To compromise on a principle leads to injustice.

Pragmatic people, on the other hand, are willing to dismiss fundamental truths in order to do whatever seems expedient to achieve a particular goal. To accept ill-gotten money from a criminal is immoral. Pragmatism is ignoring and dismissing the crimes that have been committed.

Israel is an apartheid entity committing incremental genocide against the Palestinians that Muslims universally condemn. Would Muslims roll out the red carpet for Israeli prime minister Bibi Netanyahu were he to come with billions of dollars offering jobs and technology to South Africa?

India's Narendra Modi, member of the right wing BJP and extremist RSS parties, was accused of initiating and condoning a pogrom in the state of Gujerat in 2002, resulting in the death of over 2000 Muslims and driving 150,000 people into refugee camps.

And the Kashmiris, who are struggling for the right of self-determination as per the Resolution of UNSC dated April 21, 1948, are subjected to brutalities, mass killing, mass blinding, forced disappearance and mass gang rapes and mutilation of the women regardless of their ages by 700,000 Indian Armed Forces.

Russia's Vladimir Putin massacred thousands of Chechen civilians in repeated massive air and land campaigns in Chechnya, reducing its capital Grozny to rubble. But it is his indiscriminate, barbaric bombing of Syria's civilian population that is so appalling. In the conflict at least 500,000 have been killed and 10 million have been displaced.

And China's president Xi Jinping has confined a million Muslims in 're-education' detention camps described as "the largest mass incarceration of a minority population of the world today". A historian described it as "cultural cleansing". The Uighur Muslims face cultural, religious and economic discrimination in their land, East Turkestan, or Xinjiang, and have been forced to eat pork and drink alcohol in Ramadan.

The MLA's appeal for SAPS to investigate, arrest and prosecute war criminals that strut about SA with impunity serves as a reminder of SA's post-Apartheid-Mandela-era where we previously held the moral high ground regarding human rights.

We should be ashamed to have the warmonger former USA president Barack Obama address us next to President Cyril Ramaphosa at the Mandela centenary celebrations. We should be ashamed that we collaborate militarily with Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, accept \$10 billion from each of them, when they are responsible for creating the largest humanitarian catastrophe through war in Yemen.

South Africa is a country governed by the rule of law that emerged after a long struggle against an Apartheid system that was described as crime against humanity. It is unconscionable that we sacrifice our principles of human rights, justice and dignity at the altar of the power of money.

# THE PHILOSOPHY OF RESPECT

MOULANA NAASIK AHMED BROOD

Respect denotes both a positive feeling of esteem for a person and also specific actions and conduct representative of that esteem. Respect can be a specific feeling of regard for the actual qualities of the one respected. On a practical level respect includes taking someone's feelings, needs, thoughts, ideas, wishes and preferences into consideration. It means taking all of these seriously and giving them worth and value. In fact, giving someone respect means valuing them and their thoughts, feelings, etc. It also includes acknowledging them, listening to them, being truthful with them, and accepting their individuality and idiosyncrasies. People always say that the Ulama always mention the aspect of respect and our parents always 'hammer' us with the ideology of respect. So the question then is: Why is respect so important?

Going back in time, respect played an important role in survival. If we think of a small tribe wandering in the desert, we can imagine that a person not respected by anyone could be left behind and die. Such a person was considered to have no worth, no importance and no value to the group. This can be considered as the foundation of our psychological need to feel respected. Nowadays it seems much more possible to survive without being respected. Someone could, for example, inherit a large sum of money, have many servants and employees and have salesmen constantly calling on him and catering to him, yet not be respected in the least. Someone could also make a lot of money through having a particular talent which is valued and yet not really be respected, perhaps because of the way he treats others.

Allah Almighty mentions in the Holy Quraan: "Those who respect the symbols of Allah Almighty, verily it (this respect) stems from the piety of the heart." (S 22: V 32) & the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam) has mentioned: "That person is not from amongst us who shows no clemency towards the young and those that show no respect to the elders." The Holy Quraan and the teachings of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam) strongly emphasise the lesson of respect. Every household should endeavour that the inmates of the house display a high level of respect in everything that they say or do. If you show respect, you will earn respect. Respect works similarly with the concept of 'as you sow, so

shall you reap'. There is a wonderful Arabic quotation regarding respect and it is translated as: "An orphan is not just one who has no parents. Verily he is an orphan who is deprived of knowledge and adab (respect/etiquette)." In Urdu there is a famous saying that: "Baa adab baa naseeb; Be adab be naseeb." which means that one who has respect is a fortunate person and the one that has no respect is unfortunate.

Experience has proven that, in any field of life, only those that excelled were those were respectful to their teachers, parents and seniors etc. Experience has also repeatedly proven that those who were devoid of respect, despite tremendous ability and potential, were largely unsuccessful. Imaam Abu Hanifa (Rahmatullah Alayhi), who was endowed with an unimaginable sense of respect states: "I never stretched my legs in the direction of the house of my Ustaad out of respect for him, though there were seven roads between my house and his. (i.e. his house was seven blocks away)"

So what then is the cause for the loss of respect in our society today? The answer lies within us. We are always quick to be judgemental of other people lacking respect but we do not look at ourselves nor do we reflect at our manners of talking or approach etc. We should definitely educate and reiterate the principles of respect into our youth. We always prefer pushing the blame of life onto someone else but we do not realise that everything starts with us. If we cannot take the first step then how do we expect others to look up to us and feel the aspiration to be like us? We all are fully conscious about the ethics and values of respect. The only thing that remains now is for us to put it into practice by incorporating it in our lives and lives of our juniors. Being aware of the philosophy of respect we should take note a very important fact: "Knowledge without action is like a fruitless tree, completely useless." May Allah Almighty, through the wasilah of Nabi (Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam), grant us the ability to imbibe and incorporate this great quality of respect in our lives. Aameen!

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# BEHIND THE VEIL OF HATRED

BY FAIZEL KHAMKAR

Geert Wilders a Dutch politician whose only claim to fame is his naked hatred for Islam and the Muslims initiated an aborted cartoon contest with the sole aim of making a weak attempt of ridiculing our Beloved Prophet Sallallahu alayhi wasalam and to provoke the Muslim world. The veil of hatred prevented him from seeing anything else other than a response from the extremist which would then be used to justify his senseless and immoral actions. Fortunately hatred does not necessarily always beget hatred and the response that followed was more effective and negated the creation of a cycle of hate which would have suited these Christian extremist. The reaction to this failed attempt of claiming the safety of innocent people not only exposed his flawed arguments but also his unsound mind. It has been acknowledged throughout the ages that naked hatred and the propagation of naked hatred against any group of people only finds fertile ground for breeding in unsound minds. An important lesson learned is that this kind of hatred must be challenged. This challenge must however be met in a civilised and decisive manner. There is an inherent danger that ignoring these actions based on hatred would be seen as a weakness and will then be the catalyst for encouraging these despicable acts. History as displayed by the two world wars testifies to the danger of encouraging these actions by silent consent.

Another form of hatred becomes manifested in chasing an inflated ego. Where the perception of any perceived danger to the power or self aggrandisement of the self, and found predominantly in an unsound and irrational mind, hatred towards those that are considered a threat to the futile chasing of a mirage leads to immoral and unjustified actions. The act of stopping aid for Palestinian refugees by Donald Trump also becoming famous as Donald Dumb is an act of hatred based on the perceived danger that the legacies and the standards however poor set by

former presidents that preceded him he is unable to match thus leading to such inhumane actions. It is this hatred to the perceived threat by imaginary foes that he will be judged as being totally inadequate by history creates this mental climate of irrationality. The act of giving aid to the Palestinian refugees must not be seen as an act of charity largely because the humanitarian crisis which necessitates the giving of this charity was initiated by the donor and this is a form of inadequate and insufficient recompense. His ranting and raving and tweeting made exposing his hatred apparent for all to see. However these irrational actions based on hatred fed by the ego gives a licence to those fuelled by hatred on the basis of race, groups or ethnicity such as Netanyahu to pursue their own form of hatred. The humanitarian crisis fuelled by the act of hatred by Netanyahu has been well documented. The unsound mind which engulfs the norms of rationality and morality and its dire consequences has been well known. However these vile acts will continuously be justified. The course of action to expose these hate crimes must be stepped up.

It is apparent that a cabal of these hate mongers has been formed and the support for each other exposes this hate regime and their supporters and allies. The distressing aspect is that those who has recognised and are taking some form of action against these hate crimes are either muted or find that lack of support makes them weaker than the hate mongers. The gross violations and human disasters may be massive however it is not necessarily at its peak and greater disasters wait unless an effective counter is instituted. Strong support and louder voices of protestations must find its way into the public domain. This is the responsibility of every sound mind that knows the benefit of the caring and tolerant. It must be made known and vociferously advocated that hate for another has no place in a civilised society.

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS FOCUS

BY FAKIR HASSEN

Amsterdam, THE NETHERLANDS - Far-right Dutch Parliamentarian Geert Wilders has cancelled a Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) cartoon contest that sparked protests around the world. In a written statement Wilders, an outspoken anti-Islam party leader, said he decided to "let the contest go" following death threats and concerns other people could be put at risk. Wilders planned to display caricatures of the Prophet (PBUH) at the tightly guarded offices of his Party for Freedom in the Dutch parliament building. He said he received "hundreds" of entries. Physical depictions of the Prophet (PBUH) are forbidden in Islam and deeply offensive to Muslims.

Dhaka, BANGLADESH - Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has accused the Myanmar regime of delaying the Rohingya repatriation process without a specific reason. Last December Bangladesh and Myanmar signed an agreement to repatriate Rohingya, but the process is yet to start. According to Amnesty International, more than 750,000 Rohingya refugees, mostly children and women, have fled Myanmar and crossed into Bangladesh after Myanmar forces launched a crackdown on the minority Muslim community.

Washington - USA - US lawmakers have called for sanctions on Chinese officials over human rights abuses against Muslim ethnic minorities in the country's far-west Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. "Muslim ethnic minorities are being subjected to arbitrary detention, torture, egregious restrictions on religious practice and culture, and a digitized surveillance system so pervasive that every aspect of daily life is monitored," the bipartisan letter said.

Copenhagen - DENMARK - Legislators have been discussing adding jail terms to a controversial ban on the wearing of face veils in public that came into force on August 1. Rachid Nekkaz, a French business executive of Algerian origin, has launched a fund against the burqa ban, which he called "illegal," and has paid fines of over 500 women who defied similar bans in six countries.

Islamabad, PAKISTAN - Dr. Arif Alvi of the Tehreek-e-Insaf Party has been elected as the 13th President of the country, following the election victory by the party led by former cricketer Imraan Khan. He will replace President Mamnoon Hussain from September 9.

Islamabad, PAKISTAN - Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi and his Afghan counterpart Salahuddin

Rabbani have agreed to continue cooperation and contact for peace in the better interest of the people of both countries. Foreign Minister Qureshi reiterated that peace and prosperity of the two countries are interlinked and highlighted the need to work together to achieve lasting regional peace.

Washington, USA - The United States plans to cancel \$300 million in aid to Pakistan due to Islamabad's lack of "decisive actions" in support of American strategy in the region, the Pentagon said Saturday. The US has been pushing Pakistan to crack down on militant safe havens in the country, and announced a freeze on aid at the beginning of the year that an official said could be worth almost \$2 billion.

Makkah, SAUDI ARABIA - The Ministry of Hajj and Umrah has started taking practical steps to implement the Kingdom's Vision 2030 aimed at ensuring the arrival of about 30 million Umrah pilgrims annually. The ministry announced that the Umrah season for 2018-2019 has been advanced by 30 days to begin in Muharram (September) instead of Safar (October). The Umrah season used to start in Safar, the second month of the Islamic calendar. However, this year Umrah pilgrims will begin arriving in the Kingdom from September 11, the beginning of the new Hijri year.

Bishkek, KYRGYZSTAN - Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has inaugurated the Central Imam Serahsi Mosque in the Kyrgyz capital Bishkek. "I hope that this work will become a symbol of unity and, peace among brother [countries] because we are two semi-states but one nation. Above all, we are part of the Musli] Ummah," Erdogan said. The mosque which can accommodate 20,000 worshippers is spread over 7,000 square meters.

Jeddah, SAUDI ARABIA - Hathal bin Juhayman al-Otaybi, the son of an extremist who seized Makkah and the Grand Mosque in 1979, has overshadowed his father's radical legacy by being promoted to the position of a colonel in Saudi Arabia's National Guards. The rise of extremism in Saudi Arabia began with Hathal's father on November 20, 1979, when a group of 200 to 300 young men led by him stormed the Great Mosque of Makkah. The incident lasted two weeks, and hundreds were killed as a result. Hathal was only one-year-old when his father attacked Makkah.

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## PEARLS OF WISDOM

1. Surround yourself with Muslims who practice the Deen. They are your true friends in this life and the hereafter.

2. Not every body is out there to judge you, there are some who want the best for you and want to help you get into Al-Jannah, value them.

3. Indeed, a friend who doesn't care about your Aakhirah (after life) is not really your friend.

4. Sometimes the hardest person for you to correct is yourself. There is no shame in being wrong, the shame is in choosing to stay on the wrong path.

5. Whatever takes you closer to Allah, takes you away from Hellfire. Whatever takes you away from Allah, takes you closer to Hellfire.

6. We all take tomorrow for granted because we believe tomorrow will always be there. Tomorrow may be there, but we may not!

7. Who said tomorrow is guaranteed? Make the best use of today that you are blessed with.

8. Yesterday many thought that they would see today, and today many will think they will see tomorrow.

9. Death could be tonight, in the next hour, the next second, yet we live as if we still have so many years to live.

10. You may be rich, famous or have a high status in this world, but to the Angel of death you are just another name on the list.

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26 & 27 October	Meelaad-un-Nabi (Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) & Urs Shareef Standerton
16-18 November	Hazrat Badsha Peer (R.A.) Urs Shareef Overport Secondary School Grounds Durban
17-18 November	Meelaad-un-Nabi (Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Rooshne Muslim Association
17-18 November	Meelaad-un-Nabi (Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Laudium Moulood Group
17 November	Meelaad-un-Nabi (Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Rustenburg Meelaad Group
19 Nov 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal	Eve Meelaad-un-Nabi (Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) "Big Night" Subject to sighting of the New Moon
23-25 November	Darul Uloom Pretoria Graduation Jalsa
24 November	Meelaad-un-Nabi (Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Sultan Bahu Centre Johannesburg
25 November	Meelaad-un-Nabi (Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Al Kareem Islamic Centre Lenasia
25 November	Meelaad-un-Nabi (Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Al Hudaar Foundation Lenasia
25 November	Meelaad-un-Nabi (Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Mafikeng Moulood Group
1&2 December	Meelaad-un-Nabi (Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Saaberie Chishty & Jamia Razvia Masjid Lenasia
18 December	Eve Giyaarwee Shareef-Subject to sighting of the New Moon
26 - 27 January	Meelaad-un-Nabi (Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Mansoor Family Johannesburg
2 February	Meelaad-un-Nabi (Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Piet Retief Civic Centre
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16 March	Hazrat Khaak Saar Ali Shah (R.A.) Urs Shareef Baitun Noor Centre Lenasia
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27 &28 April	Hazrat Khalid Shah Bawa (R.A.) Urs Shareef Benoni
4 June	Eid-ul-Fitr (Subject To Sighting Of The New Moon)
15 June	Hazrat Iqbal Shah Dada (R.A.) Urs Shareef Saaberie Chishty Hall Lenasia
22 June	Hazrat Ghulaam Jilani Baba (R.A) Urs Shareef Saaberie Chishty Hall Lenasia
29 June	Hazrat Mehboob Ali Shah(R.A.)Urs Shareef Saaberie Chishty Hall Lenasia
13 July	Hazrat Baba Kassim Shah Faridi (R.A.) Urs Shareef Lenasia
11 Aug	Eid-ul-Adha (Subject To Sighting Of The New Moon)
1- 10 Sep	1st - 10 Muharram (Nightly Lectures After Esha) Saaberie Chishty & Jamia Razvia Masjid Lenasia
14 Sep.	Hazrat Baba Fareed (R.A.) Urs Shareef Saaberie Chishty Hall Lenasia
15 Sep.	Yaade Shahid-e-Karbala Baitun Noor Centre Lenasia
8 Nov	12th Rabi-ul-Awwal Eve Meelad-un-Nabi (Sal lal laahu alay hi wa sallam)
9&10 Nov	Meelaad-un-Nabi (Sal lal laa Hu Alay Hi Wa Sallam) Saaberie Chishty & Jamia Razvia Masjid Lenasia

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