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## Only Mercy Can Redeem Us Now

Convicted murderers, serial killers, and rapists get the privilege of a trauma-free ending when executed by lethal injection in some countries where human rights and even animal rights receive attention. These same countries would participate in wars, bombing, killing and maiming civilians (human beings) with horrific results.

These are the countries that design, manufacture, and supply these deadly weapons. These are the countries that abet and facilitate these wars. The gore and carnage somehow leaves most unmoved if the victims are branded as worthy of punishment, belonging to an ideologically-opposed nation.

That implies MUSLIM by todays norms. Islam and Muslim are shown as the all-encompassing threat to peace, freedom, and progress.

This depravity and gross injustice has the backing of international law and apparent blessings of human rights lobbies. If they really wanted to put an end to these disasters they could. The script is unashamedly clear. The collusion between these evil power-brokers is undisguised.

Shockingly they have the co-operation of sell-out muslim leaders. Adding to which, the impotency of muslim religious elders and scholars is an invitation to the enemy to exploit this vulnerability even further. The birth of sectarianism, as early as from the time of the first Khalif of Islam, evolved and multiplied over the centuries, reaching the level of hatred and disunity, evident today.

**BIRTH OF THE NEW MOON RAMADAAN 1439**  
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The brash declaration of Jerusalem as capital of illegal Israel, the chemical attacks in Syria, and consequent retaliatory bombings, all with utter disregard for the lives of civilians, the Saudi-allied attacks on Yemen, the Indian brutality against Kashmir, and recently from that area the rape and murder of a 9 year old muslim girl by a priest, and policeman amongst others, in a Hindu temple.

Is this not a signal for all muslims to respond and to engage in meaningful dialogue internally to strategise and plan for the safety of the ummah and the defence of the Deen? Time and resources spent on activities of lesser priority cannot help us face the direct threat from the Islamophobes. Are we waiting for 'Punish a Muslim' day being legitimised and accepted as a way of life, a situation that emerged hypothetically recently?

Indeed to honour and praise the Holy Prophet ﷺ is a great virtue, even an act of faith, but 'following' him, obeying his example, is the required and emphasised. Not only will it bring practical solutions, but Divine help as well. Allah himself directly promised his beloved messenger Muhammad ﷺ that Allah would love those who followed this messenger ﷺ. We expect Allah would assist us as an ummah if we followed the way of Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ!

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## HAZRAT SETH ﷺ

Before Prophet Adam ﷺ passed on and with ALLAH's guidance, Prophet Adam appointed Seth to be his successor, making him a prophet.

Seth was Prophet Adam's third son; he was born five years after the death of Habil. Prophet Adam ﷺ was very sad that Habil was dead. But ALLAH, in great mercy and kindness, gave Prophet Adam ﷺ another beloved son. ALLAH told Prophet Adam ﷺ that he would have a son and from the descendants of this son would come Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. This made Prophet Adam ﷺ very happy. ALLAH's mercy was so great to Prophet Adam ﷺ that ALLAH made Seth ﷺ look like his father. Prophet Adam ﷺ loved Seth ﷺ very much.

He taught Seth ﷺ the hours of the day and night and told Seth of a flood that was to come.

Prophet Seth ﷺ taught his people to believe in ALLAH and to live in peace with others. Prophet Seth ﷺ said that Mu'mineen, the people who believe in ALLAH, should:

- \* First of all know ALLAH
- \* Then should know the difference between right and wrong, good and bad
- \* They should do what their rules asks them to do
- \* They should know what the Mu'mineen must do for their parents and they should take care of their parents
- \* They should be good to their relatives
- \* They should not let their anger get to big and make them do wrong things
- \* They should give charity to the poor
- \* They should avoid doing bad things and be patient when they are having a hard time or struggling
- \* They should always be thankful for ALLAH's blessings.

Prophet Seth's ﷺ wife gave birth to Anush ﷺ (Enos). Anush's wife gave birth to Qainin ﷺ (Cainan). And his wife gave birth to Mihlayil (Mahalaleed) and his wife gave birth to Yard (Jared) and his wife gave birth to Khanoekh ﷺ (Enoch) (Allaahu alim, according to many of the ulema the real name of the Messenger Idris ﷺ).

It is claimed that all the lines of descent of the children of Adam ﷺ end at Sheath ﷺ. All the other sons of Adam ﷺ except Sheath ﷺ disappeared.

The word "Sheath" means ALLAH grace (Rahma). Sheath ﷺ was so named because he was born as a child of Adam ﷺ and Hawwa' after Cain (Qabil) had murdered Abel (Habil).

We know that Prophet Seth ﷺ appointed prophet Idris ﷺ as prophet after him through this ayah from the Quran (Surah Maryam):

"And mention Idris ﷺ in the Book; surely he was a truthful man, a prophet" (19:56)

## HAZRAT SALIH ﷺ

The people of Thamud lived in a valley called al-Hajr in the north of Arabia. It was a good land so everything grew very easily. Cattle and sheep grazed on the land.

Everyone had plenty of everything. When people have a lot they sometimes forget who provides everything, they sometimes forget Allah. When this happens Allah sends a messenger or a prophet to try to help the people.

To the people of Thamud, Allah sent Salih ﷺ. Salih ﷺ told the people to remember Allah but a lot of people just laughed at him and would not listen.

He did not give up. He still tried to persuade them to worship Allah and soon people began to listen.

They realised Salih ﷺ was right. The leaders of Thamud were upset by this.

They did not want people to listen to Salih ﷺ. They did not believe Salih ﷺ was sent by Allah. They wanted him to prove it, they wanted a sign.

They told Salih ﷺ to bring them a camel but it had to be a special camel. Salih ﷺ prayed to Allah and Allah sent the special camel.

The camel gave lots and lots of milk so all the poor people had enough to drink, and they were very happy.

The leaders of Thamud became angry again to see Salih ﷺ and his followers so happy. They decided to kill the camel. Salih ﷺ told them that Allah would punish them.

Salih ﷺ took all the good people away from the valley. A terrible earthquake came and destroyed the valley and all the bad people. If they had listened to Salih ﷺ they would have been



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# FORGIVENESS IN ISLAM

Islam speaks about two aspects of forgiveness: 1) Allah's forgiveness, 2) Human forgiveness. We need both, because we do wrong in our relations to Allah as well as in our relations to each other.

## Allah's Forgiveness:

Allah ﷺ is the most Forgiving. There are many names of Allah given in the Qur'an. Some of these names are related to His mercy and forgiveness.

1.) Al-Ghafoor: The most Forgiving. This name occurs in the Qur'an more than seventy times. There are other names from the same root, such as Ghafir and Ghaffar. The meaning of the "ghafara" is to cover, to hide and from it comes the meaning "to excuse," "to pardon," "to remit" and "to forgive." Allah ﷺ does all these things. In the Qur'an, it is mentioned that Allah does not forgive the Shirk (without repentance) but He may forgive every other sin for whomsoever He wills. (al-Nisa' 4:116) We must turn to Allah to seek His forgiveness.

2.) Al-'Afuw: This has another aspect of forgiveness. This name occurs in the Qur'an five times. Literally the word 'Afw means "to release" "to heal," "to restore," "to remit." Thus in relation to Allah it means "to release us from the burden of punishment due to our sins and mistakes," "to restore our honor after we have dishonored ourselves by committing sins and making mistakes." Sometimes in the Qur'an both names: 'Afuw and Ghafoor come together.

3.) Al-Tawwab: The Acceptor of repentance. This name of Allah is mentioned in the Qur'an about 11 times. Allah accepts the repentance of those who sincerely repent and turn to him. The word "tawwab" gives the sense of "oft-returning" which means that Allah again and again accepts the repentance. We make sins and mistakes then we repent, He accepts our repentance. Then again we commit sins and make mistakes and when we repent, He again very kindly accepts us and gives us another chance.

4.) Al-Haleem: The Clement. This name is mentioned fifteen times in the Qur'an. This means that Allah ﷺ is not quick to judgment. He gives time. He forebears and is patient to see His servant to return to Him.

5.) Al-Rahman and al-Rahim: The most Merciful and Compassionate. These names are the most frequent in the Qur'an. Al-Rahman is mentioned 57 times and al-Raheem is mentioned 115 times. Al-Rahman indicates that Allah's mercy is abundant and plenty and al-Raheem indicates that this is always the case with Allah. He is full of love and mercy and He is ever Merciful.

The Qur'an teaches that Allah is a Judge and He also punishes, but Allah is not bound to punish. The justice of Allah, according to Qur'an is that Allah does not and will not inflict undue punishment on any person. Allah will not ignore the good of any person, but if He wishes to forgive any sinner, He has full freedom to do that. His mercy is unlimited and His love is infinite.

In one of the prayers that the Prophet taught, he said, "O Allah, You are most Forgiving One, You love to forgive, so forgive me." (reported by al-Trimidhi and Ibn Majah).

We need Allah's mercy and forgiveness all the time. It is

wrong to assume at any time that one will find eternal salvation without the forgiveness of Allah.

## Human Forgiveness:

Just as it is important to believe in the mercy and forgiveness of Allah, it is also necessary to base human relations on forgiveness. We cannot expect Allah's forgiveness unless we also forgive those who do wrong to us. Forgiving each other, even forgiving one's enemies is one of the most important Islamic teaching. In the Qur'an Allah has described the Believers as "those who avoid major sins and acts of indecencies and when they are angry they forgive." (al-Shura 42:37) Later in the same Surah Allah says, "The reward of the evil is the evil thereof, but whosoever forgives and makes amends, his reward is upon Allah." (al-Shura 42:40) In another place the Qur'an says, "If you punish, then punish with the like of that wherewith you were afflicted. But if you endure patiently, indeed it is better for the patient. Endure you patiently. Your patience is not except through the help of Allah..." (al-Nahl 16:126-127)

The Prophet ﷺ was the most forgiving person. He was ever ready to forgive his enemies. When he went to Ta'if to preach the message of Allah, its people mistreated him. They abused him and hit him with stones. He left the city humiliated and wounded. When he took shelter under a tree, the angel of Allah visited him and told him that Allah sent him to destroy the people of Ta'if because of their sin of mistreating Allah's Prophet. The Prophet ﷺ prayed to Allah to save the people of Taif, because what they did was out of their ignorance. He said, "O Allah, guide these people, because they did not know what they were doing."

When he entered the city of Makkah after the victory, the Prophet ﷺ had in front of him some of his staunchest enemies. Those who fought him for many years, persecuted his followers and killed many of them. Now he had full power to do whatever he wanted to punish them for their crimes. It is reported that the Prophet ﷺ asked them, "What do you think I shall do to you now?" They pleaded for mercy. The Prophet ﷺ said, "Today I shall say to you what Joseph (referring to Prophet Yusuf ﷺ as mentioned in the Qur'an, 12:92 said to his brothers, 'No blame on you today. Go, you are all free.' Soon they all came and accepted Islam at his hands. He forgave even Hind who had caused the murder of his uncle Hamza ﷺ. After killing him she had his body mutilated and chewed his liver. When she accepted Islam, the Prophet even forgave her.



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# HAZRAT SAYED MUHAMMAD KHALID SHAH

BY MOULANA SAYED IMRAN ZIYAAEE



Hazrat Sayed Muhammad Khalid Shah Chisti Saberi Jahangiri Kambal Posh (ﷺ) was born in 1935 in the city of Ajmer Shareef in India. He hailed from a very noble family, being direct descendants of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (ﷺ). His father was Hazrat Sayed Muhammed Iqbal Shah (ﷺ), and his grandfather was Hazrat Sayed Muhammed Jahangir Shah (ﷺ), they were also great Auliya of their time and were very prominent personalities of the Chishti Saabri Silsila. Hazrat Sayed Khalid Shah's (ﷺ) mother was also of noble descent.

Since his childhood, Hazrat Iqbal Shah (ﷺ) was very attached to his son and always kept him in his company. Hazrat Khalid Shah (ﷺ) studied under the personal guidance of his illustrious father. When the partition of India and Pakistan took place in 1947, Hazrat Iqbal Shah (ﷺ) was spiritually instructed by Sultaanul Hind, Hazrat Khwaja Ghareeb-e-Nawaaz (ﷺ), to migrate with his family from Ajmer Shareef in India to Sind, Hyderabad in Pakistan. This has been the residence of the family since then.

A few years before the demise of Hazrat Sayed Muhammed Iqbal Shah (ﷺ), a wasiyat was made that his son, Hazrat Khalid Shah (ﷺ), should succeed him. Hazrat Iqbal Shah (ﷺ) passed away in 1954, on the 40th day after his wisaal Shareef (leaving this world - 25<sup>th</sup> June 1954) the Deed of Succession was carried out as instructed in the presence of various Mashaa' ikh of various Silsila's. On this auspicious occasion, the sacred Tabarukaat (sacred relics) namely, The Kamli Shareef and the Baal Mubarak of Nabi (ﷺ) were handed over to him.

At a very young age Hazrat Khalid Shah Chishti (ﷺ) had abandoned this world and was placed with tremendous amount of responsibility. He was a tall and beautiful person with an extremely attractive personality. He always wore black from the time he became Sajjaadah Nasheen till he made pardah from this world.

Many non-Muslims accepted Islam at his hands merely by seeing his features. He always bowed his head in humbleness and whenever he spoke or walked he commanded a great deal of respect. Taking on the immense responsibility of providing guidance to others, he always taught his mureeds and other Muslims to remain steadfast on the Shar' iah.

He emphasised on the principles of proper Islamic Adaab. Hazrat never abused his position. He led a very simple and disciplined life with minimum luxuries and worldly belongings. He had immense love for the Holy Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ).

Due to his great influence, the Chishti Saabri Jahangiri Silsila spread to many countries like India, U.K., Pakistan, South Africa, etc. In the early 60's, Hazrat Khalid Shah (ﷺ) had the Buland Darwaza constructed at the Mazaar of

Hazrat Sabir Paak (ﷺ) in Kalyar Shareef, India. The wood for the door was personally purchased by himself. Hazrat had once made an intention to make a silver railing to place around the blessed grave of Hazrat Sabir Paak (ﷺ) to prevent the people from leaning onto the grave. Upon helping a Hindu devotee in Kalyar by miraculously making his deaf and dumb child hear and speak within 3 days, the Hindu had offered to donate silver for the railing. This railing was made by Hazrat's mureeds in Surat in India. Due to his personality many Hindus accepted Islam at his hands in India. Hazrat's eldest son, Hazrat Sayed Muhammed Shah (ﷺ) placed the silver railing with the order of his honourable father in 1989.

Hazrat Khalid Shah (ﷺ) established a huge Khanqah known as Kashana-e-Masoodiya Saaberiyia Khanqah in Paak Patan Shareef Pakistan at the blessed Mazaar of Hazrat Baba Fareed (ﷺ). In the 1980's, upon the instruction of Hazrat Khalid Shah (ﷺ), a golden Kalas (a structure mounted on the Dome) was made by his mureeds which was placed on the dome of the Mazaar of Hazrat Baba Farid (ﷺ).

He (ﷺ) set his blessed foot for the very first time in South Africa in 1966. The Chishti Sabri Silsila in South Africa was already founded in 1944 with the blessing of Hazrat Iqbal Shah (ﷺ) by his mureed, Janaab Ibrahim Madaari Chisht Saabri.

The Chishti Saabri Silsila spread throughout South Africa, including Botswana and Lesotho. Hazrat treated the poor and the rich alike and feared none besides Allah. On the 16th of May 1984 (15<sup>th</sup> Shabaan 1404) Hazrat Khalid Shah (ﷺ) left this mundane world. His Mazaar Shareef is situated in Watville Benoni (South Africa). Urs Shareef is held every year in his honour attracting many devotees from all parts of the country. Hazrat Khalid Shah (ﷺ) left behind 7 sons and 7 daughters. May Allah Almighty instil in us true love for the Auliya Allah (Saints of Allah) Ameen.

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# RECOMMENDED WAZIFAS FOR SHABE BARAAT

\* After Asr Salaah Recite 70 Times:

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَبِّيْ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ وَّأَتُوْبُ إِلَيْهِ ط

"Astagh Firullahha Rabbi Min Kulli Zam Bin Wa A'tubu Elay"

\* Thereafter Recite 70 Times Durood Shareef

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَّبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ ط

"Allahumma Swalle Ala Muhammadew Wa Ala 'ale Muhammadew Wa Barik Wa Sallim"

\* Thereafter Recite 70 Times

"Yaa Hayyu Yaa Qayyoom"

يَا حَيٌّ ۖ يَا قَيْوَمٌ ۖ

\* Just before Sunset  
Recite 40 Times

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ ط

"Laa Hawla Walaa Quwata Illa Billa Hil Aliyeel Azeem"

\* Recite the last 3 verses of Surah Hashr once:

Bismillah Hir Rahmanir Raheem

Huwal Laahul Lazi Laailaha illaahu,  
A'alimul Ghaibi Wash Shahadati Huwar  
Rahmanur Raheem-Huwal Laahul Lazi  
Laailaha illaahu, Al Malikul Quddusus  
Salaamul Mo'minul Muhayminul Azizul  
Jabbaarul Mutakabbir, Subhaanal Laahi  
Amma Yushrikoon. Huwal Laahul Khaaliqul  
Baari-ul Musawwiru Lahul Asthma-ul-Husna  
Yusabbihu Lahu Mafis Samaawaati Wal  
Ard Wahuwal Azizul Hakeem.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ط  
هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ط عَلِمُ  
الْعَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ ط  
هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ط الْمَلِكُ  
الْقُدُّوسُ السَّلَامُ الْمُؤْمِنُ الْمُهَمَّدُ  
الْعَزِيزُ الْجَبَارُ الْمُكَبِّرُ ط سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَمَّا  
يُشْرِكُونَ ۖ هُوَ اللَّهُ الْخَالِقُ الْبَارِقُ الْمُصَوِّرُ  
لَهُ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْخُسْنَى ط يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ مَا فِي  
السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ط وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ۖ

\* Recite the Dua for Shabe Baraat as many times as possible

(Allahumma) A'oozu bi Afwika Min Iqaabika  
Wa A'oozu Biradaka Min Sakhatika Wa A'oozu  
Bika Minka Jalla Wajhuka Laa Ohsia Sanaa'an  
Alayka Anta Kama Asnaita Ala Nafsik.

O Allah I seek protection in Your forgiveness from Your wrath and I seek shelter in Your pleasure from Your displeasure and I seek safety with You from You. Glory be to You I cannot fully praise You as You have praised Yourself.

(اللَّهُمَّ) أَعُوذُ بِعَفْوِكَ مِنْ عِقَابِكَ  
وَأَعُوذُ بِرَضَاكَ مِنْ سَخْطِكَ  
وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْكَ حَلْ وَجْهُكَ  
لَا أَحْصِي ثَنَاءً عَلَيْكَ أَنْتَ  
كَمَا أَثْنَيْتَ عَلَى نَفْسِكَ ط

# IS THERE SUCH A THING AS FEMALE SUFI?

(FRIENDS OF ALLAH)

"One of my favourite verses of the Quran is from Surah Al Azhab which makes it clear that spiritual blessings are intended for both righteous men and women who are equal in the eyes of ALLAH. The female "auliya" meaning friend of ALLAH appeared in the early history of Islam and the dignity of sainthood was conferred on women as much as men. The doctrine of Sufism which seeks Union with ALLAH through love and devotion does not leave space for the distinction of sex. Islam has no order of priesthood and nothing prevents a woman from achieving great mystical heights. Sufis themselves have chosen the famous Rabia Basri (died 801) as the representative of the first known development of mysticism in Islam.

Rabia was consumed by love and desire for ALLAH and a famous anecdote explains the Sufi attitude. Rabia was found running while carrying a fire torch in one hand and a pail of water in the other. When people asked the meaning of her actions, she replied, "I am going to burn paradise with the fire and dampen the fires of Hell with this water so that people love ALLAH for the sake of ALLAH and not for want of paradise or the fear of Hell."

Among the other early female Auliya ALLAH are Umm Haram whose tomb is in Cyprus, Rabia bint Ismail of Syria, Muadha al Adaiyya of Syria, Nafisa of Makkah, Zainab and Ishi Nili of Persia. These women made major contributions to the vitality and development of Islamic thought. For Sufis, it is the inner purpose of heart that matters and not outward forms.

Bibi Fatima Sam's shrine is in Kaka Nagar in Delhi and the tombstone recognizes her title as the Rabia of Delhi. The mystic woman is frequently mentioned in the published discourses of Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya, who met her when she was alive and continued to visit her Mazaar for meditation. Commenting on Bibi Fatima's spiritual status, the Sufi master said "When the lion has come out of the forest, nobody asks if it is male or female." She was the adopted sister of my master Baba Farid Ganj e Shaker. Bibi Fatima Sam once told me "The saints will cast away both worldly and religious blessings to give a piece of bread or a drink of water to someone in need. This is a spiritual state one cannot obtain by one hundred thousand fasts and prayers."

Bibi Zulekha known as Mai Sahiba is the mother of Hazrat Nizam ud din Auliya. Widowed early, she brought up her son and daughter Bibi Jannat under great hardship earning a living by weaving cloth.

When there was nothing to eat in the house, Mai Sahiba would say, "Nizamuddin. Today we are the guests of ALLAH". She explained to the children that ALLAH sent down spiritual nourishment which was different than the taste of worldly food.

Mai Sahiba was a pious woman completely devoted to ALLAH. One new moon she said, "Nizam! At whose feet shall you put your head next month?" The Shaikh with tears in his eyes said, "At whose care shall you entrust me". "I will tell you tomorrow." Mai Sahiba replied and directed him to go and sleep in the neighbouring house of Shaikh Najeeb ud din Mutawakkil, Baba Farids brother and disciple. In the early hours of the morning the maid servant rushed to call Mai Sahiba's son who hurried to the house. She held his right hand and said, "O ALLAH. I entrust him to Thee". Having said this, Mai Sahiba breathed her last of this mundane world.

Mai Sahiba's Mazaar is on Sri Aurobindo Marg earlier known as the Udhchini village. The Mazaar is visited by hundreds of devotees especially women. It is believed that Mai Sahiba cannot bear the sorrow of a woman and bestows her blessings on them immediately. Whenever in acute distress Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya used to go and pray at his mother's Mazaar and said his prayers were always answered.

Jahanara (1614-1681) daughter of the Emperor Shahjahan, like her brother Dara Shikoh was a Sufi and like him an the author of biographical works on contemporary and historical Sufi saints. Jahanara wrote a biography of her Sufi mentor Mulla Shah as well as a literary biographical account of the famous Sufi of Ajmer, Moinnuddin Chishty. Jahanara spent many weeks along with her father Shahjehan at Ajmer seeking the blessings of Khwaja Gharib Nawaz. Of Khwaja she wrote, Our Moin ud-Din is annihilated in ALLAH, and after that he subsists in the absolute essence.

Jahanara spent many weeks along with her father Shahjehan at Ajmer seeking the blessings of Khwaja Gharib Nawaz. She used to spend many days seeking blessings from Sultan-e-Hind Khwaja Gharib Nawaz. The Sufi princess is buried in a small white marble tomb, open to the elements and devoid of any dome opposite her beloved Sufi Hazrat Nizam al-Din Auliya in Delhi.

*You may seek love and you may seek soul. Seek them both, but it won't be easy.*

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# EGYPT ELECTION FARCE AN INSULT TO MANY

BY IBRAHIM VAWDA

**HARSH:** President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi has ruled Egypt with an iron fist since he took power in July 2013 in a bloody coup against the elected president, Mohamed Morsi.

Egypt's January 25, 2011 uprising is history, and so is the uprising's aspirations for "bread, freedom and social justice".

The February 2011 ousting of dictator Hosni Mubarak led Egypt into a promising but fragile and difficult democratic transition. The old political order managed to maintain some of its critical character. However, several democratic elections and referendums, and a new constitution, threatened Egypt's 60-year military dictatorship. The June 2012 election of a civilian president – the Muslim Brotherhood's Mohamed Morsi – was a significant achievement.

Egypt's most deeply entrenched state institutions – the military, police, judiciary and media – were never on board with the 2011 uprising. Every one of these institutions worked to ruin the democratic transition, aided at times by ungainly transitional governance by the Muslim Brotherhood.

After the July 3, 2013 illegal coup led by General Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, it was generally expected that Mohammed Morsi and his supporters would quickly succumb and recognise the coup. This was a gross underestimation of the will and resilience of the Egyptian people.

El-Sisi is a US-trained general and former head of Mubarak's military intelligence service. He has ruled Egypt with an iron fist since he took power in a bloody coup against the elected president, Mohamed Morsi, and the Muslim Brotherhood.

Egyptian authorities have used the courts to stifle journalism and the freedom of expression. Many reporters and media workers have been jailed and dozens more are facing criminal investigations. However, the Egyptian authorities have denied these claims.

Within days of the military takeover, hundreds of civilians and other anti-coup leaders and popular public figures were arrested. Most media outlets, TV and satellite channels deemed to be anti-coup or simply critical of the army's brazen intervention, were swiftly banned and closed down. Simultaneously, el-Sisi claimed that he had interceded to prevent a looming civil war. He promised safety, firmness and success. The generals and their backers had gravely misjudged the attitude of the people.

On the contrary, Dr Morsi, at his inauguration, did not wear a bullet-proof vest, so as to demonstrate that he had complete faith in the Egyptian people. He also led a march in 2005 in support of independence of the judiciary. He spent decades in and out of prison under

the Mubarak regime because of his opposition to the repressive policies and practices. Dr Morsi wanted to transform the Mubarak dictatorship to represent the will of the people according to the principles of justice, equality, honesty, knowledge and forgiveness.

There is no doubt that the events of late 2010 in North Africa did not simply begin in 2010. The demand for an end to autocracy and for popular participation in government had often been made before in the Middle East and North Africa. However, these demands were met with one common feature. It was the contradiction with which the West viewed these demands. From their endless discourse about human rights and freedoms, one would have expected them to have been enthusiastic supporters of the demonstrators' essential demands. Not surprisingly, this was never the case.

What has emerged over the years is the deep-rooted anger that people feel over the double standards of Europe and the US.

Included in this outrage must be the catastrophic invasion of Iraq, the destruction of Libya and the deep sense of resentment over the continuation of colonialism in the region, in one form or another. The Arab Awakening did not root out the deep state behind the autocratic regimes that had been in power throughout the region.

Since the 2013 coup, el-Sisi's security machinery went into overdrive, arresting and killing multitudes of anti-coup supporters. Forced disappearances and torture have been used to intimidate protesters. Amnesty International has reported that over 300 cases of "disappearances" have been documented and torture has been "rampant" since the coup. To show his misplaced "appreciation", el-Sisi has gifted his police and security forces with multiple salary increases and also erected a monument in their "honour".

The extraordinary use of force by the present administration is a sign of weakness, not of strength. It has failed to keep a defiant people in check. Media Review Network

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COMPILED BY HASINA BEGUM SAYED

Vicks VapoRub is a popular common cold remedy with medicated vapors. Its main ingredients — camphor, menthol, and eucalyptus — help relieve cough and nasal congestion. However, these are not the only benefits of the product.

## 1. Works as an insect repellent

Try using an open Vicks VapoRub jar to repel mosquitoes, flies, and other insects. It's perfect when you suddenly run out of repellent or you have left it at home.

## 2. Relieves headaches

Menthol, one of the main ingredients of Vicks VapoRub, helps lower blood pressure in your head and, as a result, relieves pain. Just rub a little on your forehead.

## 3. Takes good care of your feet

Before going to bed, apply some Vicks to your heels, especially to the cracked and dry areas, and put your socks on. Make sure you're using old socks because the next day they will have a super strong menthol smell. In the morning, wash your feet with cold water, use a pumice stone to scrub away dead skin, and then apply your regular foot care product. Keep doing so every night, and soon you'll see some noticeable results.

## 4. Prevents pet incidents

Things happen, and if you don't want your pet to pee inside your house, leave some Vicks in those places where the incidents happen more often. Veterinarians say that both dogs and cats can't stand the smell of Vicks, so this method will definitely work.

## 5. Stops your cat from ruining your furniture

If your cat loves to scratch everything it can get its claws on, such as doors or new curtains, leave some VapoRub there. Your furry little friend will learn their lesson and will stop ruining your furniture.

## 6. Reduces stretch marks

Rub some Vicks VapoRub on your stretch marks, and in just 2 weeks you will see that they gradually become less visible.

## 7. Treats toenail fungus

If you suffer from toenail fungus, try applying some Vicks to the affected nail every night and then put your socks on. The next day, wash your feet and clip off as much infected nail as possible. Repeat every night until your nails recover completely.

## 8. Helps get rid of bruises

Gently rub some Vicks VapoRub on your bruise, and observe the healing process. The ointment will reduce all the swelling, and the bruise itself will disappear faster.

## 9. Relieves earache

Here's one simple way to relieve earache: put a small cotton ball with Vicks VapoRub in your ear, and leave it there for a few hours until you see your doctor. Remember: although this method does help relieve ear pain, it doesn't cure the infection itself. So it's very important that you consult your health professional as soon as possible.

**10. Brings noticeable results on your face**  
Apply a thin layer of Vicks VapoRub to the problem areas (acne, pimples, etc). Leave it overnight, and clean your face in the morning. Be persistent, and you will see positive changes very soon.

## 11. Relieves muscle and back pain

Thanks to its natural ingredients, Vicks VapoRub helps relax stressed muscles. If you're suffering from "tennis elbow," try massaging some Vicks on the affected area until the pain is gone.

## 12. Helps get rid of belly fat

Mix one tablespoon of crushed tablet camphor, one tablespoon of baking soda, and half a jar of Vicks VapoRub until you get a paste. Before doing your physical exercises, apply this paste to your abdomen or to the area that you plan to work on, and wrap yourself with plastic wrap. When you finish your workout, rinse with plenty of water.

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**General recommendations before using Vicks VapoRub**

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# YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

BY MOULANA SHAH FAISAL KHAN QADRI MISBAHI



## QUESTIONS:

1. Does the soul of a Muslim return to visit his late residence?
2. Does his soul request or desire Thawaab (Esaale Thawaab) in the form of tilawat of the Quran; or the giving of alms/charity in his name; or the feeding and assistance of the needy by his relatives for him?
3. On which specific days does the soul of the deceased Muslim visit his late residence?

## ANSWER:

It has been established by Imam Ajal Abdullah bin Mubarak and Abu Bakr, and Abi Shaibah; and by the Ustad of Bukhari and Muslim, Hazrat Abdullah bin Amr bin Aas (رضي الله عنهما); and Imam Ahmed in his Musnad; and Tabrani in his Mu'jam Kabeer; and Haakim in his Sahih Mustadrak; and Abu Nuaim in Hilya, on truly certified authority, that the exalted narration by Nabi ﷺ states that:

*"Verily the world is a paradise for the Kaafir and a prison for the Mu'min (believer). When the soul of the Mu'min leaves his body (i.e. when he dies), his soul can be likened to a person who has just been released from prison and who strolls about visiting places at leisure on the earth."*

Abu Bakr in his narration states that: "When a Muslim dies, the way is cleared for him to go wherever he pleases."

Ibn Abi Dunya, Baihaqi and Saeed bin Musayyib (رضي الله عنهما) have narrated that Hazrat Salman Farsi (رضي الله عنهما) and Hazrat Abdullah bin Salaam (رضي الله عنهما) once met and while talking to one another, one said to the other, "If you die before I do, then please ... let me know what befell you in the Hereafter?" Hearing this the other asked, "Do the living and the dead ever meet?" To this, the one replied, "O yes! The souls of the Muslims abide in

*Jannah! They may visit whichever place they choose to visit."*

Ibn-e-Mubarak in Kitaab us Zohd, and other famous scholars state that, *"Verily the souls of the Muslims are in the state of suspension between the heaven and the earth. They may visit whichever place they wish to. And the souls of the Kuffar are confined to a valley of Hell."*

It is stated in Khizaanat-ur-Riwaayat, some Ulema and researchers have narrated that, *"When the souls (of the departed Muslims) are freed on the night of Jumma (at nightfall on Thursday), they spread out (on the earth). First they come to their place of burial (their grave) and then they visit their residences (their homes)."*

It is stated in the Kitab, Dusturool Qaza, by Imam Nasafi that *"Verily the souls of the departed Muslims visit their homes every Friday (Thursday nightfall), and whilst standing at the doorside they call out in a pitiful voice, "O! people of my household! O! My children! O! My respected ones! Do give charity on my behalf. Remember me! Forget me not! Do have mercy on me over my poor state."*

It is also stated in Khizaanat-ul-Riwaayat that Hazrat Ibn Abbas (رضي الله عنهما) narrated that, *"When the days of Eid, Jumma and Shabbe Baraat appear, the departed souls (of Muslims) come and stand at the doors of their homesteads and cry out, 'Is there anyone here that thinks of me? Is there anyone here that will have mercy on me? Is there anyone here that thinks of my poor state (in the Hereafter)?'*

## Conclusion

From the above it has become crystal clear that the deceased do visit their homes and request for esaale Thawaab to be given on their behalf. For further reference one can visit [www.alahazrat.net](http://www.alahazrat.net). And Qaanune Shariat Vol 2 Page 406.

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## SALAATUT TASBEEH

### VIRTUES OF SALAATUT TASBEEH

Salaatut Tasbeeh is a very important form of salaah, as is evident from several ahaadith, wherein Rasulullah ﷺ (enjoined it as a matter of great kindness and favour and stressed on its importance. As such, the Ulamaa, Jurists, Muhaditheen, and Sufis throughout the centuries have been particular in offering this Salaah. Sayyiduna Abdullah Ibn Abbaas رضي الله عنهما (has narrated that he was once informed by Rasulullah ﷺ, "O Abbas, Should I not present to you, should I not confer to you, should I not inform you of such an act, which if you practice, Allah عز وجله will forgive all your sins, whether old or new, intentional or unintentional, minor or major, open or secret.(After describing the method of performing this salaah) Nabi ﷺ stated, "If possible, you should offer this salaah once everyday, and if you cannot perform it daily, then offer it on every Friday (weekly), or once a month, or once a year or at least once in your lifetime." [Abu Daawud]

### METHOD OF PERFORMING SALAATUT TASBEEH

This is a four (4) Rakaat Salaah with one Salaam. After Takbeer-e-Tahreemah (i.e. The first Allahu Akbar) and Sana read the following *Tasbeeh* 15 times:

### VISIT THE QABRASTAAN ON THIS NIGHT

Hazrat Ayesha Siddiqa (radi Allahu anha) reports: "One night, which was the 15th of Shabaan, I did not find the Holy Prophet (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) in the house so I went in search of him. After a long search, I found him in Baqiah (the cemetery of Madinah) offering Du'a for the deceased and praying for their forgiveness". (Baihaqi)

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

"Subhanalahi wal Hamdulillahi wa laa ilaha illal laahu wallaahu Akbar."

Thereafter reciting Ta'Awwuz and Tasmiya read Surah Fatiha, and any other Surah, then read the above *Tasbeeh* 10 times before going into Ruku:

Then go to Ruku. Read the tasbeeh of Ruku "Subhana Rab'i'al Azeem" thrice and read the above *Tasbeeh* 10 times.

Stand up from Ruku and after saying "Sami Allahu liman Hamida - Rabbana lakal Hamd", read the above *Tasbeeh* 10 times.

Then go into Sajdah. After "Subhana Rabbi'al 'Ala" thrice read the above *Tasbeeh* 10 times.

Between the two Sajdahs, in the posture of Jalsa read the above *Tasbeeh* 10 times.

Then go for the second Sajdah. After "Subhana Rabbi'al 'Ala" thrice read the above *Tasbeeh* 10 times.

This will amount to 75 times in one Rakaat.

The remaining three Rakaats should be completed in the same manner and the reciting of the *Tasbeeh* will amount to 300 in the entire 4 Rakaats Salaah.



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# LET'S MAXIMISE BENEFITS OF FUNDING

BY FAIZEL KHAMKAR

Taking into account the poverty, lack of infra structure and stagnating economies the upward development of Muslim states and communities across the globe are being looked at in a very serious light by a number of NGO's. This development is crucial and despite the good intentions may in some instances lead to a trap which becomes an ever increasing downward spiral of despair.

At any conference or workshop dealing with development a key feature becomes the discussion of good governance. Good governance from an Islamic perspective is simply carrying out the principal of amanah. This should be in bred in a Muslim and if any defect is found then important interventions must be sought. Good governance must also be centred on good leadership taking into account the criteria set out by the sharia. When these two conditions are met then the whole process of development starts on a good footing. The same would apply for accountability and transparency. The integrity of the organization embarking on a development process will automatically fall in place. These principles are extremely important largely as result of continuity of organizations in a holistic manner. It is imperative that the first step in any development project must be the investing in people to enable a leadership group to be groomed on a consistent and continuous basis. When this foundation of developing people to carry out the leadership roles in the community is neglected than the whole process of development funding will collapse.

Funding is fundamental in any development plan. The norm in most small projects is that the community contributes to the project. However in the age of materialism these funding becomes difficult to obtain. The main source of income from donor contribution in this country comes from zakaat. The use of zakaat funds has limitations as to its use and distribution. This than leads to the seeking of contributions from what is called institutional funding. Many of these institutions have huge amounts available for contributing to development projects. What are not known to the general public are the conditions which may be placed on such contributions. These conditions may in fact be detrimental to a holistic approach to development projects. A war torn zone such as Syria or Yemen may

receive funding for a much needed hospital. The hospital is built and no sooner that it becomes operational is bombed to oblivion and institutional funds are then obtained to build another hospital and the same process repeats itself. The conditions of institutional funding may be such that smaller clinics which are built at the same cost but are spread across a number of areas is not on the radar of the institutional donor for whatever reason. It may therefore be wiser to spent money on educating the people on the ground to solicit their support.

Ironically in a number of cases the need of people is often ignored when looking at development. Either the arrogant donor wants to decide what is good for the people because he has the power that affluence buys or the donor wants to implement his/her agenda for personal gain. It is senseless to develop a world class motorway at the cost of billions whilst the need is to feed the poor by developing farmlands and empowering the desperately hungry how to utilise this development asset. It is known that many nation states have become enslaved by investing unwisely in inappropriate development projects. The eye cannot see the pain suffered by those desperate in need of development aid therefore relief the pain before creating a spectacle.

The above clearly indicates that integral to any development plan empowerment of the people in need of assistance must take priority. The heart of any development plan must be the development and empowerment of individuals and communities to ensure that effective and sustainable relief is achieved. It is the affected individual or community who should be given dignity in any development scheme.

Interestingly the application of the waqaf concept is gaining in popularity throughout the world. This does not only ensure sustainable income but also provides a wide base of donors where the donations come from an agenda free community whose intentions are pure. This concept must be taught and promoted.

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS FOCUS

BY FAKIR HASSEN

Ankara City, TURKEY - The Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research has released a report on Islamophobia stating that this phenomenon is an undeniable fact in Europe. The European Islamophobia Report (EIR) gave details of 908 crimes targeting Muslims in Germany, 664 in Poland, 364 in the Netherlands, 256 in Austria, 121 in France, 56 in Denmark, and 36 in Belgium. While European intellectual circles still discuss the question of whether Islamophobia exists or not and what it covers, the report says that the hatred of Islam and its followers is on the rise as explained through numbers and statistics in more than 30 countries.

Berlin, GERMANY - A leader of the nationalist Alternative for Germany party has apologised for falsely blaming a fatal van attack in Muenster on Muslim extremists after authorities revealed the van's driver to be a German with no known extremist links. Beatrix von Storch said on her Facebook page that "I made a mistake with my tweet about Muenster and I'm sorry." The apology comes after widespread criticism of her tweet suggesting Chancellor Angela Merkel's open-door refugee policy was to blame after a man drove into a crowd.

Jerusalem, PALESTINE - Palestinian Minister of Awqaf and Religious Affairs Yousef Id'es said that Israeli authorities had banned the Azaan at the Ibrahim Mosque in Hebron 52 times in March alone under the pretext that the call was annoying to Israeli settlers. "This is an attack on religion and freedom of worshipping," Id'es said. Id'es added that Israeli forces inspect Muslim worshippers and force them into going through electronic metal

detectors and military checkpoints on the way to the mosque.

Patna, INDIA - Despite objections from his alliance partner the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Nitish Kumar, chief minister of the eastern Indian state of Bihar, has announced that the government will repair mosques and madrasas damaged during the recent communal violence which gripped the state for about a fortnight. A total of nine districts faced communal violence during the Hindu festival of Ramnavami. "I can't tolerate communalism just as I have never compromised with corruption come what may," Kumar said.

London, UK - British Prime Minister Theresa May has urged British lawmakers to stand up against Islamophobia and anti-Semitism in the country. "I think there should be a very clear message from all of us in this House [of Commons], that there is no place for racial hatred, for hate crime in our society. They should not be a part of our society, whether it is Islamophobia or anti-Semitism," she said.

Jeddah, SAUDI ARABIA - Malaysian scientist Prof. Irwandi Jaswir was the winner of this year's King Faisal International Prize in Service to Islam for dedicating his life to promoting halal science. The committee made the award for his work in developing new methods for analysing substances used in the manufacturing of halal food alternatives, including practical procedures for producing halal gelatine from non-pork sources, such as camel and fish, and developing the "Portable Electronic Nose", which detects within seconds the presence of alcohol in food and beverages, and the detection of lard (pork-derived fat) in them.

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Ankara, TURKEY - The Turkiye Diyanet Foundation has donated 3 000 copies of the Holy Qur'an to Muslims in southern Spain as part of a campaign titled "Let my gift be the Qur'an." More than a million copies scripture have been distributed across the world in 17 languages so far.

Tunis, TUNISIA - The Islamic Development Bank (IDB), one of the world's largest multilateral development banks, has announced the launch of a new \$500 million fund supporting science, technology and innovation initiatives that will tackle development challenges around the globe. The Transform Fund will work in line with UN's Sustainable Development Goals, accelerating progress towards achieving greater food security, healthier lives, inclusive and equitable education, sustainable management of water and sanitation, access to affordable and clean energy, and sustainable industrialization across the developing world.

Washington, USA - Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman has signed a memorandum of understanding with SoftBank to establish the largest solar power plant in the world. It is set to produce 200 gigawatts in Saudi Arabia - enough to power 140 million homes. Construction work on the project will begin immediately and is expected to be completed in 2030.

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