



And that was *Shabbier Sayed!*

At 11:00am, Wednesday 4 September 2013, a Saaberie Chishty funeral coach left headquarters 21 Dahlia Avenue, in Greyville, heading towards the cemetery in the sprawling Indian township of Lenasia.

Nothing unusual. Except that inside was the body of Shabbier Sayed, the actual founder of Saaberie Chishty which started with that very burial division in 1982.

Hometown Lenasia is still in shock and mourning. At home the Sayed family that became known for their success and meteoric rise to fame through the channel of Saaberie-Chishty, are slowly coming to terms with the reality. Their leader is gone!

Sayed Shabbier Ally was a born leader. With no academic or religious credentials to show for his achievements, one can wonder in amazement how a man from such humble and impoverished beginnings rose to such great heights in his community.

Perhaps it was the confidence and conviction with which he approached life. No task or mission was big enough to scare him or shake his courage. The ease with which he negotiated official matters, communicating at levels out of the reach of ordinary people, that would surprise his associates. Yet, he, himself, was never out of the reach of the simple and ordinary.

That was the real Shabbier Sayed. Sometimes coarse, sarcastic, or downright rude when upset, but never without a quick patch-up of humour to ease the blow for the unfortunate one on the wrong side.. People learnt to respect him, and many feared crossing swords with him.

But this was the man who would stop on the pavement to joke with a cleaner, the same Uncle Shabbier who said nice things to the madressa children, the same Shabbier bhai, who stood at the degs with the cooks, urs time, and who would at any time make a plan for a friend or stranger in difficulty.

Saaberie-Chishty blossomed into a multi-functional welfare and religious organisation, from the simple burial service it began as.. The driving force, mentor, and leader was Shabbier Sayed. Long before his death, his foresight nudged him towards motivating and preparing the youth from within his circle to succeed him if the need arose.

Shabbier who was the chairman of Saaberie-Chishty, unavoidably also served his community politically, and in religion.

A staunch sunni muslim, Sayed Shabbier Ally was largely instrumental in building Jamia Razvia and Saaberie-Chishty Masaajids. He played host to some of the greatest VIP's that visited Lenasia.

In 1994, Sayed Shabbier Ally achieved his greatest distinction, being honoured with Khilafat in the Sabri spiritual order, by his spiritual master, Hazrat Khadim Ghulam Jilani Baba (RA) in Kalyar Sharif India.

He subsequently invited his master to South Africa which amongst other related achievements led to the establishment of Gulistane Sabri, official spiritual headquarters of his silsila, based at his home and quarters of the Saaberie Chishty Youth Society.

Shabbier Sayed will join the elite ranks of those who left their mark on society, and who will remain a role-model for future generations within both family and community.

May his soul rest in peace and may he attain his highest hope, to be in the company of his Peer Baba Jilani (RA) and his icon, the Friend of Allah, Hazrat Makhdoom Sayed Ala'uddin Ali-Ahmed Sabir Paak (RA)! Aameen. -IRSHAD SIDDIQI-

HAZRAT HANZALA ﷺ

ONE BATHED BY THE ANGELS.

Abu Aamir had a son named Hanzala, who was exactly opposite of his father. He was a sincere and devoted youth of the Muslim community. When Abu Aamir fled to Makkah, Hanzala married Jamila, the daughter of Abdullah Ubayy, the hypocrite. The amazing thing about this episode is that though their fathers were deadly foes of Islam, this young couple was absolutely devoted to Islamic values and imbued with the teachings of Quran. They were prepared to give any sacrifice for the Holy Prophet (SAW.) and the manifest religion of Islam.

The intrigue and fraud of Abdullah Ubayy had reached such a level that outwardly he claimed to be a Muslim and mingled with the other Muslims, but he secretly contacted the Jews of Bani Nuzayr and Bani Quraiza and leaked the secrets of the nascent Muslim community. He used to instigate the Jews to organize a new confrontation against the Messenger of ALLAH ﷺ. He used to hatch new plots everyday and even on the day Muslims were departing for the Battle of Uhud he absented himself and instigated 300 Muslim soldiers to defect towards hypocrisy. All these people were double-faced. That is, apparently they were something and in reality they were altogether different. Due to his instigation those three hundred militiamen refused to go to the battle. The Holy Prophet ﷺ was compelled to take the battleground with only 700 soldiers. By this Abdullah Ubayy intended to weaken and defeat the power of Muslims. This backstabbing was aimed at the destruction and annihilation of Islam. Hanzala had married Jamila on the very day the battle was announced. After his wedding Hanzala came to the Holy Prophet ﷺ and sought his permission to participate in Jihad. The Messenger of ALLAH ﷺ accorded him the permission. When Hanzala was leaving the next day, his wife asked him to swear before four women of the Ansar community that he has married Jamila and spent the previous night with her. Thus it was to announce that Jamila was the wife of Hanzala and no more a virgin. The aim in taking four women as witnesses was that the testimony of

two women equals that of a man.

Thus Hanzala left his house early the morning next day. Since no water was available for the ritual bath after sexual intercourse Hanzala departed for the battlefield in a condition of ritual impurity (Janabat), though he was very much ashamed to do so. When he arrived in the battlefield he saw Abu Sufyan astride a horse with the polytheistic people surrounding him from all sides.

Hanzala attacked with great ferocity and determination and slashed at the legs of Abu Sufyan's mount. The legs severed, the horse came to the ground bringing with it Abu Sufyan also. But he got up quickly and began to flee. Hanzala chased him but someone shot a spear at him that pierced his back. Though injured, Hanzala wanted to finish off his quarry but the spear had gone very deep and his strength was seeping away. Thus the valiant youth fell down in the vicinity of the corpses of other martyrs like Hamzah ﷺ and Abdullah Ibn Hazm. Finally this newly married youth embraced martyrdom and bid adieu to the transient world.

Immediately when the battle was over the Holy Prophet ﷺ ran to the body of Hazrat Hanzala and smiled. The companions asked Him ﷺ about this. The Messenger of ALLAH ﷺ has said that he saw the heavenly Angels giving bath to Hanzala with the water of heaven. That is why from that moment Hanzala came to be referred as the "one bathed by the Angels".

Yes, this was a youth who belonged to the family of Abu Aamir, the monk who was such a valiant young man and had such deep regard for the religion of ALLAH that he gave up the pleasures and comforts of his newly married life and departed for the battlefield early the next morning even though he could not obtain water to perform the ritual bath. Thus, what is so amazing is he was martyred in the way of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and given a ritual bath by the angels with heavenly water.

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PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS. . .

BY S BEMATH

PROBLEMS. . . how we hate them! The time and energy we waste, stewing over problems instead of tackling them cheerfully and constructively, recognising them as the growth points of life and progress. Life can expose us to a series of problems. Problems evoke in us a great deal of emotional pain, such as sorrow, fear, anger, anxiety, sadness etc. These are uncomfortable emotions. Do we want to moan about them or solve them? Discipline is the basic set of tools we require to solve life's problems... it is in this whole process of meeting and solving problems that life has its meaning.

Problems are the cutting edge that distinguishes success and failure. Problems are what cause us to grow mentally and spiritually. Without growth, we're doomed to stay as we have always been. Wise people learn not to dread problems, but to welcome, expect and tackle problems. Fearing the pain involved causes most to go to any lengths to avoid their problems and the suffering, attempting to escape from or even at times ignoring them by building out the most elaborate fantasies in which to live, sometimes to the total exclusion of reality. A little pain, perhaps, in facing a problem... a little patience, courage, thought and effort to try and solve it – they're preferable to burying it and risk becoming a neurotic cripple who may need psychiatric treatment. In ignoring the problem, we stop growth which we learn from the problems that life brings. Therefore, we avoid real life for the replaced fantasy. When we stop the growth, we also stop the healing we could have attained if we faced our problems and pain with proper responses.

As Muslims, we are in direct communication with the Almighty ALLAH. No matter how bad you perceive your situation and your lack of strength is, don't give up! Because, where your strength ends, the grace of ALLAH begins. So, cry your heart to none but ALLAH. Only ALLAH TA'ALA can and will heal you in all possible ways! HE is the only One Who not only Hears and Knows all, but Who can change our situation and give us the patience to deal with our difficulties. Allah, The Most Wise, says:

"Remember Me, and I shall remember you; be grateful to Me, and deny Me not." (Qur'aan 2:152)

Life is difficult, and the world is full of troubles, but the sun still shines, and ALLAH'S blessings are everywhere in our lives. Many have complained that "life isn't fair." Life consists of examination papers given by Almighty ALLAH to see how much we have learnt in HIS subject called "LIFE". Sometimes ALLAH tests us so that we can see the rainbow after a stormy rain. If we can't see the rainbow in this world, then In'Sha'ALLAH we can in the Hereafter. Just be strong in your heart and mind! Furnish it with faith, love, trust, and sincerity for the sake of ALLAH. Make your imagination embroidered with HIS love and light. In'Sha'ALLAH tranquility and contentment will penetrate into our soul. That is when our imagination triumphs over intelligence. Never give up on ALLAH'S MERCY. Doing so is actually tantamount to disbelief.

"Truly no one despairs of ALLAH'S soothing Mercy except those who have no faith." (Qur'aan 12:87)

Be it the silence in your life right now or the rumble of the forthcoming storm... you have ALLAH TA'ALA to guide you through! HE sends you hope in the most desperate moments. Don't forget; the heaviest rain

comes out of the darkest clouds. Have faith that it shall pass and a sunshine of Sabr (patience) will shine down on you. So, often we associate problems with "the unwanted, difficulty and stress." We should rather associate them with "lessons, opportunity and growth." Problems are like washing machines, they twist us, spin us and knock us around, but in the end we come out cleaner, brighter and better than before.

Avoiding problems is our attempt to avoid true life's learning opportunities. True emotional and spiritual health comes from acknowledging that life is full of problems. And with this truth, we discover the tools to dealing with these problems. The tools we must discover are found inside discipline. When we develop discipline within every area of our life, we also develop the tools we shall need to successfully confront and overcome problems Insha Allah.

Here are few guidelines for problem solving:

* Develop the habit of viewing problems optimistically and tackling them creatively. With patience, prayer and supplication, most problems can be overcome. Prayer is the key that unlocks all doors.

* Have faith in your ability to solve problems, often while you sleep. Write down what's worrying you before you go to bed, then trust Allah Ta'ala to work on the problem while you sleep. Often an answer comes like a flash in the morning. "Sleep on a problem" is sound common-sense which has worked throughout the ages.

* Recognise which problems need to be lived through and which to be worked through. Recognise also that there are no definite answers to every problem and with the passage of time some will evaporate, while others need to be tackled wisely.

* Don't suppose that, if you change your circumstances, problems will vanish. Many people think that if this and if that, they would be happy – but every situation has its problems. The secret is to change your attitude towards them.

* Place your forehead on the ground and mention ALLAH'S Praises, so that you can obtain true freedom. Let your tears flow in front of HIM and read the supplication of Prophet Yaqoob (Alaihis Salaam), "I only complain of my suffering and grief to ALLAH..." (Qur'aan 12:86)

* Write down several possible solutions. If you can't think of any, remember ALLAH, call out HIS name, and ask HIM for help. HE will make a way out when there seems to be no way!!!

"...And whosoever fears Allah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty). And He will provide him from (sources) he never could imagine. And whosoever puts his trust in Allah, then He will suffice him. Verily, Allah will accomplish his purpose..." (Quran 65: 2-3)

Accept your problems. View them positively, creatively and courageously. And, yes, be grateful for them – for, in learning to cope, you'll grow in stature and wisdom. Take the time out every day to thank ALLAH for the blessings in your life – not only will you be overwhelmed because you will never be able to enumerate them, but you will truly recognise ALLAH'S presence in your life.

Stay strong and firm because things will get better Insha Allah, it might be stormy now, but it can't rain forever.



BY MOULANA
SHAH FAISAL
KHAN SAHEB

Q. Kindly tell us about the significance of Hajj

A. Excellence and significance of Hajj

Hajj is one of the 5 pillars of Islam it is obligatory upon every Muslim (Male and female) who has the means to perform Hajj at least once in a lifetime i.e. To go to Makkah Mukarramah and Madina Munawwarah and come back without asking or begging. He should leave enough expense for his family members to spend at home in his absence. He should be baaligh thus Hajj is not obligatory on a minor (boys under the age of 15 and girls under the age of 12).

If someone does not believe in Hajj being Fard (obligatory) act He will be out of the folds of Islaam. The season of Hajj commences immediately after the termination of the glorious month of Ramadaan i.e the months of Shawaal, Zil Qadah and the first 10 days of Zill Hijjah are known as the months of Hajj.

THE SEASON OF REAWAKENING

In the Holy Quraan it is stated in Surah Hajj: "And proclaim the pilgrimage among people they will come to you on foot and mounted on every kind of camel lean on account of journeys through deep and distant highways and that they may witness my benefits (provided) for them and celebrate the name of Allah through the days appointed over cattle which he has provided for them (for sacrifice), Then you should eat thereof and feed the distressed ones in want, let them complete the rights prescribed for them, perform their vows and again circumambulate the Ancient house". (Al Hajj:verse 27-29).

In accordance with the command of Almighty Allah the call for Hajj first given by the prophet Ebrahim عليه السلام is proclaimed every year and has been for the last four thousand years muslims from all over the world using different modes of transport assemble on the plains of Arafat reading the "Labaik" Here I am O Allah, here I am you have no partner here I am, verily all praise and dominion is yours and you have no partner.

Allah has made us one Ummah so we can remain

united in his worship and obedience and thus receive his divine blessings and mercy. Allah Ta'aala has mentioned in Surah Ambiya: "verily this ummah of yours is a single ummah and I am your lord and cherisher therefore serve me and no other. (All Ambiya verse 92)

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

One unique aspect of Hajj is that it manifests the unity of the ummah and all of humankind as one family and tribe. It eliminates all differences of colour race, language nationality, Social status and economic disparity. All the people of Imaan gather together from every corner of the earth for pilgrimage and to make Tawaaf of the house of Allah, they live together like one family and under the leadership of one kalimah and the command of Almighty recite Talbiya. All outward coverings of culture and civilization lay bare and only godliness and humanity are presented as a model.

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The beloved and blessed prophet ﷺ has stated: "The one who performs Hajj avoiding indecent talks and sinful acts will return from hajj as free from all sins like the day his mother gave birth to him." (Bukhari Shareef)

He ﷺ has said: "All sins committed in between the performance of one umrah and the other are expiated and the reward Hajj mabroor (the accepted one) is nothing but paradise." (ibne Majah)

Sayyiduna Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reports that the Holy prophet ﷺ has stated: "A Hajji person is forgiven and the one for whom the Hajji asks forgiveness is also forgiven." (Bazzaar)

Sayyidina Aisha رضي الله عنها said that Nabi ﷺ stated: "there will be no accountability for the one who departs for hajj or umrah and dies on the way, he will be ordered to enter Jannah." (Tabarani)

RISK OF DEATH ON KUFR (Disbelieve)

The noble prophet ﷺ has warned: "The person who has the means of performing hajj and has no apparent obstacles, nor an oppressive ruler, nor any disease that prevents him even then he dies without performing hajj he may die as a Jew or Christian." (Daarimi)

May Allah Ta'aala give us the opportunity to perform hajj and take all who are going for hajj safely and accept their hajj and hajj Mubarak to one and all.



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MOULANA BASHIR KHAN QADRI

* There are two types of journeys: Worldly journeys and Hereafter journeys. Provisions are required for both, but when one sets out for a journey in this World he carries his supplies and provisions with him while he sends forth provisions and supplies to the Hereafter before his departure.

* There are two things that are desirable in the World: speech that is pleasant and agreeable and a heart endowed with acceptance.

* Righteous or virtuous actions are that which does not wait for praises from the people.

* I have never become frustrated in giving life to the dead, yet the reform of the foolish has totally frustrated me.

* The person who does not keep the need for forgiveness is in comparison to that person who seeks forgiveness after committing a sin is much better off in the skies.

* The talk of the earth and skies to depart is easier than to obliterate even a point of Sharah (Divine Law)

* The committing of a sin to a certain degree is better than haughtiness and pride in one's worship.

* Do not be haughty over the wealth and provisions of the World. What do you know if you will be asked to leave this World tonight?

* If a person professes undying love for his Creator yet dislikes his fellow brothers then he is a liar and a cheat, because if he can ill-treat that person whom he can see then, how is it possible to love that which is beyond his capabilities of sight? In reality to love the creations of Allah is to love Allah .

* That person who hoards wealth for himself is in actual fact the poorest near Allah while that person who is poor and has nothing in his possession is the wealthiest in the sight of Almighty Allah .

* If you do not forgive another's mistake then Allah will not forgive your mistakes.

* Beside adultery, try to the best of your abilities not to divorce your wives for any other reasons.

* Keep friendship with your enemies and pray for your friends because Almighty Allah knows your good and bad intentions and provides for both the good and the

bad. He also allows the sun to shine upon the good and the bad and He showers rain upon both the bad people and those that are on the Straight Path.

* If you show love towards those whom you suppose to love then what is your reward for it? Don't the people that collect taxes do the same? If you only greet your brothers, so you feel that you have done too much. Don't the other nations do the same? I only wish upon you that you become a complete creation.

* Do not take oaths for your speech comprises on yes and no and anything more will be mischief.


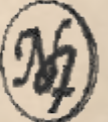
* When you give out charity, the act is carried out by the right hand so do not let your left hand know about it.

* When you fast then don't make your face like those that make a show of their actions (Hypocrisy), so that people will know that you are fasting. If you do this then you have already reaped the rewards of it in this World.

* Due to false prophets who will come to you in sheep clothing when they are in reality wolves one will identify them by their actions. Can one get grapes from a bramble bush or figs from thistle used for camel feed?

* Do not give pure and clean things to dogs or place genuine pearls in front of pigs for fear that they may trample all over it.

* Do not worry about life, for what you are going to eat and what you are going to drink or what you are going to wear because life is not full of sustenance and the body fully equipped and attired? Take a look at the bird sailing in the wind, there is neither any smell nor do they bite or sting nor do they gather in manor houses or bungalows. It is the very same Creator who provides sustenance, but first seeks integrity, and then everything else will be obtained by you. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow because tomorrow will worry for itself. For today, is today's affliction enough? Consider the birds in relation to the powers granted to you.

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06 September 2013

To: Moulana Yusuf Sayed and Family

Assalaamu Alaikum,

The members and staff of the National Independent Halaal Trust (NIHT) and Witwatersrand Muslim Butchers Association (WMBA) humbly extend their condolences to you and your family on your recent bereavement.

No doubt, it is a difficult time, however we can find solace in the fact that the deceased's memory lives on through our duas.

May Almighty Allah grant the Marhoom Jannatul Firdous and fill your hearts with Sabr Jameel to bear this great loss, Ameen.

Was-salaam.

Hafiz Moored Booley
Chairman - WMBA

Moulana A W Wookay
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OUR CONDOLENCES FROM SABERIE CHSHTY DAWAAH CENTRE

(For: Hazrat Sayed Shabbier Ahmed Ally)
May His soul rest in Peace- Ameen!

To us He was destined to such bigger things that none could have reached, its sad to us again to just miss him in this time and era, with tears upon our cheeks and sorrow in our hearts we say... "Inna lillahi Wainna ilayhi Raaji'oon"

Salaam upon Him whose gathering today unites people from all walks of life, upon him our Duaas shall live to stay upon His beloved family he left behind and the rest he did took along with Him and will live forever. Insha'Allah.

He was indeed a humble servant of Islam through in which we witnessed telephone calls of speedy recovery which has been coming in even before his demise from around the world from India, Botswana, United Kingdom, Malawi, Malaysia, Zimbabwe, United States of America, and Sudan etc.

Most importantly we do remember him through the work of Deen he spends his life on. A brief probe of his Life is in which it definitely took us a long while back to the times we now see the meaning of his mission and vision together with Uncle Abbas. Are indeed the founders of Saaberie Chishty, whereas their determination and sincerity was to start activities to reach out to the communities in its serving. (Sayed brothers)

Such was division of activities which were executed blissfully to the extend to humanity at large, such as commemoration of the life's of the saints (Urs Shareef), Madaaris, Burial, Welfare, Ambulance, research council, feeding schemes and Qurbani Operations. (activities that carry success until today) From such sources we can absolutely witness the type of personality he has indeed... it's none but the authority personality full of love and care for us all. We have learnt with sorrow about his depart from this world but that does not mean separation of souls and spirits. We are remembering him even now together with our Madreesa children, and the Muswallis, sending our deepest Duas as we keep morn this tragic loss. Still we can't help our thoughts, its more of a sorry; it's more of a worry that he indeed passed this stage. To the family which has been left behind. Just hold on... Almighty Allah will keep it up with you. And keep faith, you will all be enlightened along the way.

Hazrat Sayed Shabbier Ahmed Ally you are our honor, respect & love as we perchance to recall those memories we shared together during our Dawaah days, Annual Jalsas, Qurbani etc. 'May Almighty ever bless and elevate your status, Rest in His Peace and protection'...Ameen

Sheikh Zuze Ishaaq.

On behalf of Saaberie Chishty Dawaah Centre – Orange farm

Message of condolence

To,
SAYED BROTHERS & FAMILY,
GULESTAN-E-SABERIE,
Lenasia, South Africa.

All praise to Almighty Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful. May Allah ta'ala send His choicest peace and salutations upon our beloved Prophet, (sallallahu alyhi wa alihi wa sallam).

"And certainly, we shall test you with something of fear, hunger, loss of wealth, lives and fruits, but give glad tidings to the Patients. Who when afflicted with calamity say; "Truly! To Allah we belong and truly, to Him we shall return". They are those on upon whom are the blessings from their Lord and they are the one who receive His mercy, and it is they who are guided ones". (Al-Quran 2: 155-157).

Surely our souls, wealth and families are great gift from Almighty Allah which He has loaned to us that we may take benefit from them for a set period, and He takes them away from us after the termination of that period. Thus gratitude becomes binding on us when He gives, and patients become obligatory when He takes them away.

I am deeply saddened to hear the passing away of your eldest Br, Sayed Shabbir Ahemed Ally, Chairman of the great revolutionary Organisation, "SAABERIE CHISTY YOUTH SOCIETY"; Words seem inadequate to express the sadness I feel as I comprehend the message.

Beyond doubt, Late Mr Syed Shabbir Ally was a great personality, an excellent character among SYED BROTHERS. His marvellous contribution to the welfare of the Humanity in general and particularly for the Muslims of Southern Africa is unparalleled. He was a great ASHIQ-E-RASOOL, (Salallahu alyhi wa sallam), true devotee of Khawaja Ghareeb Nawaz and Sabir Pak, (may Allah be pleased with them). His death is a great loss to us, his family as well as to the community. He will be truly missed.

Death is inevitable, as Allah Says in the Quran, "and We granted not to any Human being immortality. And every one shall have a taste of Death". The measure of a human being is not; who he was, but how did he live, not; what did he gain but what did he give. The remembrance of the good done by the persons, whom we loved, is the only consolation, when we have lost them. I do remember the joy of accompanying him as well as his goodness done to me.

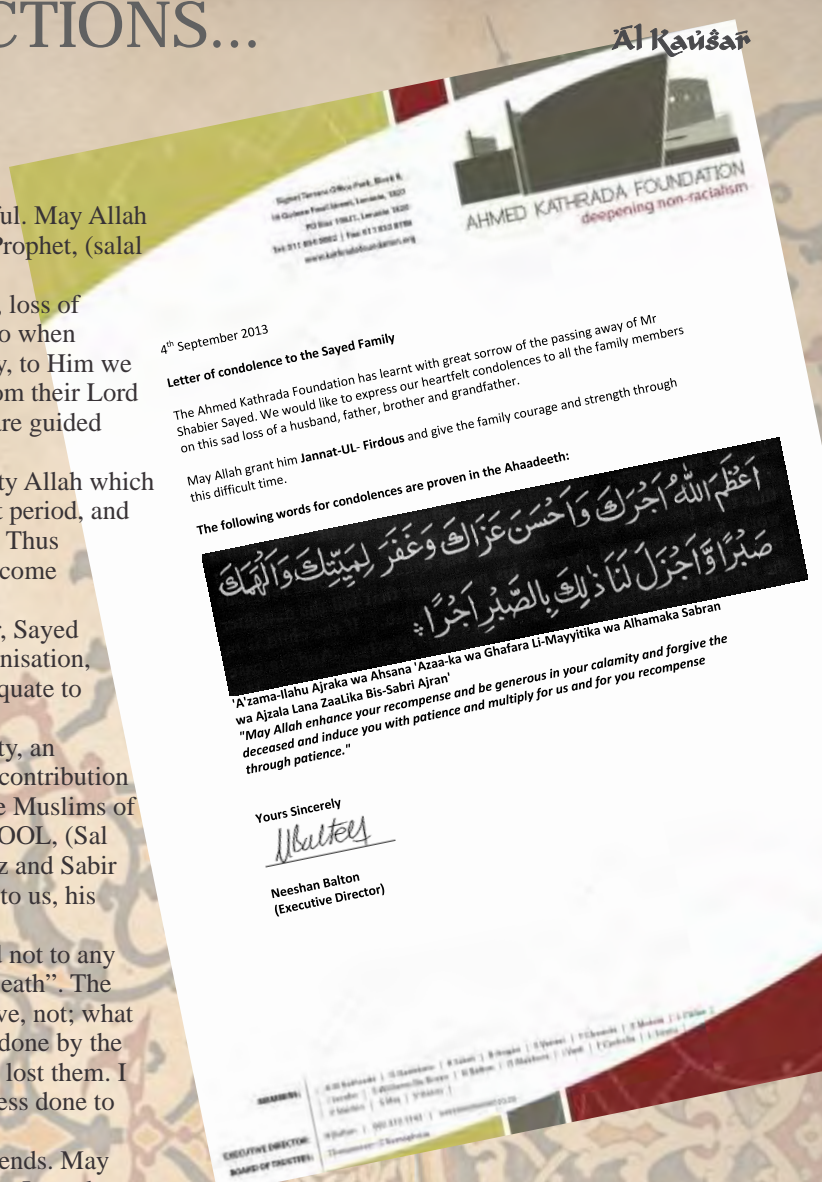
My deepest sympathies are with all of you, your families and friends. May Allah Almighty accept the good done by the Marhoom, grant him Jant-ul-Fidous, forgive him, elevate his status in paradise, grant Sabr-e-Jamil to all, especially to his Beloved wife and children.

Salaams to All,
Qari Mohammad SIDDIQUE,
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SINCERITY- The Secret of Success

MOULANA NASIK AHMED BROOD

Sincerity is generally understood to be truth in word and action. A person who means what they say is a sincere person. One who does not mean what they say is not a sincere person, and is perhaps even a hypocrite. Because of its purity the term 'sincerity' has endeared itself to us as human beings. It is open to everyone to make their sincerity greater and greater every day. Horizontally we can extend the domain of our sincerity to other similar areas of life and existence. Vertically we can raise the quality of sincerity by extending it to events of greater significance. Sincerity made perfect at the level of conscience, extended horizontally to cover all our life activities and vertically to act in important events of our life will be a sincerity of power and value.

In Islam the meaning of sincerity is that what we say and our actions should be for the pleasure of Allah Almighty and the Holy Prophet ﷺ and not to show the people or to be proud of ourselves with them. Acceptance of our deeds is dependent on our intention and sincerity. Sincerity is a sign of the completeness of Imaan (Faith). People tend to ask why sincerity should be practiced. First and foremost, without sincerity, hypocrisy and deception would be widespread. People would be saying things that they don't mean, deceiving others with what they say. With such condition, the truth will be hardly seen, and may lead to chaos. What would happen to a Muslim and the integrity of Muslims if our words were just masks that conceal our true intentions? Secondly, sincerity helps bring about change. If everyone were so hypocritical with what they say, nothing will change for people would see that what others say is really not meant. Sincerity is integral in determining the moral character of a person. The learning of this trait is very important, and can be seen in our every life. Only those who have learned the power of sincere and selfless contribution experience life's deepest joy. Sincerity touches the hearts of everyone. But what exactly defines sincerity? And how do we achieve it? The following steps may help us in attaining sincerity in everything that we say and do:

Ø Act the same way alone as we do when in the presence of others. This is the real us and this is the person that people will warm to and trust. If we try too hard to be what we think other people want to see in us, the result will not be sincere and we will spend a lot of time projecting a persona that is not a real part of ourselves. That is not only

hard work but is ultimately insincere.

Ø Do things out of the goodness of our heart. When we give without expecting the boomerang effect to occur, the giving becomes an act of sincerity and an expression of our genuine concern for and interest in others. A heart that is worn on the sleeve is evident to others, and people who do this will engender a sense of rapport with others.

Ø Don't do it or say it, unless we believe it from our heart. If we are placed in a situation that requires us to offer compliments or to express our opinions and tastes but we feel hampered by "white lies", there is an easy solution to this. Only choose the truths. We cannot be sincere if we say that we love Allah Almighty and Nabi ﷺ yet we are quick to utilise undignified and inappropriate words which directly or indirectly slander their prominence.

Ø Use positive affirmations. Always seek the good in others. We should try to place ourselves in the other person's shoes to see where they are coming from. When negative connotations arise, we must use our positive affirmations to override the negatives and to try to find the silver lining in any situation. Sincerity thrives on effort to think the right way.

Sincerity entails abandoning any behaviour that brings harm to our Islamic morals, ethic and values. This means not only abandoning that which is clearly and unambiguously sinful in Islam. It also entails staying clear of matters that are suspect and morally doubtful. Allah Almighty has mentioned in the Holy Quraan: "Your Lord knows well what is in your hearts; if you are sincere (righteous) then no doubt He is Most Forgiving to those who repent." (S 17: V 25) In another verse Allah Almighty has said: "And they were only commanded to worship Allah Almighty, being sincere to Him; and they should establish Salaah and pay Zakaat as this is the Right Religion." (S 98: V 5) The Holy Prophet ﷺ has said: "Religion is Sincerity....." (Muslim) Always remember that sincerity is the best luxury of the highest rank.

May Allah Almighty, through the Wasilah of Nabi ﷺ, grant us the strength and ability to understand that sincerity gives us the wings of incorporating Islamic values in our lives, Aameen!

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BY SHEIKH ZUZE ISHAAQ - HEAD OF DAWAH ACTIVITIES AT ORANGE FARM

It's a blessing upon us that Islam organizes all aspects of our lives. There is nothing good but it has shown it to us and there is nothing bad but it has warned against it. As well as beliefs, acts of worship, interactions with others, morals and manners that also includes our private affairs, in which Islam shows us the way that is befitting to man's noble status and the way in which Allah has honored him.

Indeed none is Equal and Worthy but Allah, Whose Praise be and ever will be unto Him, the Most Gracious and kind upon us. Whose Hands lay the direction and results of all affairs. Let His Blessings flow profusely upon our Beloved Nabi Muhammad ﷺ, all the prophets, the Pure Companions and Awliya Allah. Ameen!

Our Akhlaaq morals, character and manners are very important, it can be the means of guidance to humanity or not. May Allah make us the means of guidance to the entire humanity. Ameen.

Following this, I share with you the story of a boy who accepted Islam at the age of 8...

Alexander Fretz was born from Christian parents in 1990 and His mother chose from the beginning to allow him to choose what religion he wants for himself. She brought him various religious books and after a close look, he announced that he was a Muslim at the age of 8. Moreover, he learned everything about Islam such as prayer, Qur'an memorization, calling the Adhan and many of the Sharia laws before meeting one Muslim.

He chose to be named Muhammad Abdullah following the example of the Prophet ﷺ whom he loved. He was invited by one of the Islamic channels accompanied by his mother and while the host was preparing to ask the young child questions, he was surprised that the child was doing the questioning, he asked "how can I perform Hajj and Umrah? Is travel expensive? Where can you buy the clothes of Ihraam?"

The young child was popular in his school and when the time of prayer comes, he stands alone calling the Adhan and prays. The host asked him, "Do you face problems or disturbances with that?" he replied with a broken heart, "some prayers pass me sometimes because I do not know the exact time for prayer!"

He was asked, "What are your aspirations?" he replied with longing, "first that I become a photographer so

that I can convey the right image of the Muslims because it pains me much to see the filthy American films which tries to tarnish the image of my beloved Muhammad ﷺ. The second is, to go to Makkah and kiss the black stone." The other question was posed on him again "do you eat pork with your parents?" he replied, "pig is a very filthy animal, I do not eat it neither do I know how people can eat it. He was asked again, "Do you pray in school?" he replied, "yes, and I have found a secret place in the library where I can pray everyday."

The Maghrib prayer entered (while he was in interview) when he looked at the host and said, "Would you allow me to raise Adhan?" then he got up and called the Adhan which caused the host to tear up and cry.

The Prophet ﷺ said, "there is none born but is created to his true nature (Islam). It is his parents who make him a Jew or a Christian" – Sahih Muslim.

In the meantime our hearts glow with love and happiness after reading this isn't it, it's all about Akhlaaq – the best harvest in living history and memory of mankind. The religion of Islam really spreads through good morals. Umar ibn al-Khattab رضي الله عنه said, "Invite people to Islam even with words, they asked how? He replied, "With your manners"

Alhamdulillah we cite all this as a blessing on our daily basis, we thank Allah Almighty for affording us opportunity to light up the knowledge of Islam in different platforms in order to contemplate deeply in our present, past and the future. And remember if anyone does anything wrong to you, you don't have to take revenge, instead observe patience, turn to Allah and make Duaa for the guidance of the oppressor, Allah says, "the patient would be indeed fully rewarded without any account."

Lastly the great Sheikh says that forgiveness is promised only to those who repent, do well and follow the path of virtue. Hence he who does so is sincere in his expectations of Allah's mercy. But he, who persists in sin, but claims to have hope of Allah's forgiveness, is a foolish person, deceived by shaytaan into vain.

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DEMOCRATIC WATCHDOGS EXPOSED

BY FAIZEL KHAMKAR

The recent events unfolding in Egypt brings to the fore the various deceptions under the guise of democracy. Had it not been for the loss of untold lives, the usurpation of rights and maiming of innocents the ingredients for a riveting "soapy" for entertainment are all present. The depressing fact is that because it entails Muslim lives makes these events acceptable.

Democracy demands that the majority is given the right to rule. The Egyptian events and previously Algeria reflects an exemption to the enshrined foundation of this rule only on the basis that the wishes of the majority must not be inclined towards Islamic values. Another fundamental cornerstone of democracy is that the constitution of a country must be agreed to by the majority of the people. Once more an exception is applied but not preached in that Islamic values contained in such constitutions would not be tolerated.

The removal of a democratic elected government by a huge majority is regarded as a coup. This is not allowed or encouraged in international law. A high ranking American government official goes to Pakistan and in his official capacity makes the statement that the overthrow was the wish of the majority and that the rewriting of the constitution was similarly demanded by the majority of the people is not only baseless by virtue the universally accepted and agreed upon results of the elections but is a condonation of breaching the very rules that the Americans claim to be sacrosanct. This deception becomes more exposed when compared to the reaction to the recent Zimbabwean elections. Furthermore since when does the military becomes the watchdog of the democratic process and having such powers that a year later can to correct the process.

The claim that the millions of demonstrators that gathered at Tahrir square gave legitimacy to the coup leaves more questions than answers. Firstly Tahrir square and its surrounding area cannot accommodate such large crowds. An actuarial study has determined that the said area cannot hold more than three hundred thousand people in relative comfort. These few numbers cannot even be classified as a significant minority: What then becomes the criterion for the term

popular support? Secondly what was the makeup of the crowd at Tahrir square? Was it military personal and their family or people paid to demonstrate or people who are disgruntled or a mixture of the above? We may never know however no amount of spin doctoring will convince the masses unless substantive proof which will be allowed intense public scrutiny will suffice. Secondly does mass demonstration overrule the validity of the results of a fair election? If the answer is yes then where does such action fit in the democratic equations? If the answer is no then why did the African Union and other states declare the actions as a coup (making such actions illegal in international law)? Shortly after the coup some media establishments were closed down, journalists were arrested and some were even killed. This attempt at silencing the truth goes against the democratic standard of the freedom of the press.

These demonstrations were orchestrated and had required funding. The question arises who orchestrated the demonstrations and who had funded it? All indications point to the Americans. It may be argued that the proof is not presented. However such proof will be kept hidden from the public domain under some guise or other. The fact that they did not (almost in isolation) veered clear of calling the military take over a coup means that the way has been paved to continue funding an illegitimate regime. This deliberate deviation speaks volumes and requires no commentary. Do the Americans still hold the high moral ground to claim to be the watchdog of democracy?

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS FOCUS

BY FAKIR HASSEN

Across the globe, Muslims have been suffering severe violence in the wake of Ramadan, in many instances, as in Syria and Egypt, inflicted by their on brethren.

Damascus, SYRIA – After scores of people, including women and children, died a horrible death from a chemical weapons attack, US President Barack Obama said he had concluded Syrian government forces were behind it. As US forces mobilised for a possible strike on Syria, President Bashar al-Assad, said that his country would defend itself against any foreign military intervention. He blamed the revolutionary forces in Syria for the attack. The UN remains divided on action against Assad, with China and Russia expected to oppose this, while Britain's parliament narrowly voted against involvement. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation also strongly condemned the attack with globally-banned chemical weapons, and stressed the need to hold the Syrian government legally and morally accountable for this heinous crime and to bring its perpetrators to justice.

Cairo, EGYPT - Egypt should not ban the Muslim Brotherhood or exclude it from the political process after the army's overthrow of Mohamed Morsi, the interim prime minister said in an apparent softening of state rhetoric against the group which was ousted by the military despite having been democratically elected. Hundreds of people were killed when the army was sent in to quell protests against the military coup. Hazem El-Beblawi earlier proposed that the Arab World's oldest and arguably best organized Islamist group should be dissolved, but now says that the

government would instead monitor the group and its political wing and that the actions of its members would determine its fate. Founded in 1928, the Muslim Brotherhood was dissolved by Egypt's military rulers in 1954. Though still outlawed during the 30-year rule of Hosni Mubarak, the group ran a charitable network and its members ran as independents in limited elections.

Baghdad, IRAQ - A series of bombings across Baghdad killed 44 people and wounded 157, police and medical sources said, extending the worst wave of violence in Iraq in at least five years. A police source said that a series of car bombs and suicide bombers exploded in the capital city, as well as in a town outside Baghdad, in at least 10 separate locations. It is the latest in a wave of increased nationwide violence that has sparked concern that Iraq is teetering on the edge of a return to the sectarian war that left tens of thousands dead in 2006 and 2007.

Yangon, MYANMAR - Hundreds of Muslims displaced by Myanmar's latest eruption of religious violence were made homeless after about 1,000 anti-Muslim rioters rampaged through villages in Kanbalu, in the central region of Sagaing, setting fire to Muslim property and attacking rescue vehicles with catapults. Attacks against Muslims – who make up at least four percent of the population – have exposed deep rifts in Buddhist-majority Myanmar.

Herat, Afghanistan - The Afghan Taliban executed 13 Afghan workers in two provinces after accusing them of working for the government, officials said, the latest in a series of brutal attacks on civilians this year.

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The Taleban are increasingly targeting civilians seen to be cooperating with the government, raising concerns about the prospects for peace after most foreign troops pull out next year.

Ramallah, PALESTINE - Palestinian negotiators have cancelled a planned round of peace talks with Israel in protest against a raid on a refugee camp in the occupied West Bank in which Israeli soldiers killed three Palestinians, including a UN worker. Medical sources said that at least 15 others were wounded, six of them seriously.

New York, USA - The New York Police Department has secretly labelled entire mosques as terrorist organizations, a designation that allows police to use informants to record khutbahs and spy on imams, often without specific evidence of criminal wrongdoing. Since the September 11 terror attacks on the US, the NYPD has opened at least a dozen "terrorism enterprise investigations" into mosques, according to interviews and confidential police documents. The revelations about the NYPD's massive spying operations are in documents recently obtained by The Associated Press and part of a new book, "Enemies Within: Inside the NYPD's Secret Spying Unit and Bin Laden's Final Plot Against America."



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