

# Al Kausar



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Eid Meelad-un-Nabi ﷺ



## The Companion

Crown of Creation Muhammad wore  
Empyrean wonder, earthly splendor  
Revelation's light distinctly he bore  
Gabriel confided 'I go not yonder'  
Prophet's they lauded his victory  
Thronged by the stars, best of mankind  
Companion in the desert a testifying tree  
Tending his love the Creator inclined



# HAZRAT USAID IBN HUDAR ﷺ

Usaid Ibn Hudair was the son of Hudair Al-Kataa'ib, who was a strong and noble fighter and leader of the Al-Aws tribe. Likewise Usaid was a leader of Al-Madina known for his courage and nobility. Amongst other things, Usaid was a superbly skilled spearmen.

When our beloved Rasulullah (SAW) sent Mus'ab Ibn Umair to Madinah to strengthen Islam, Usaid & Sa'ad Ibn Mu'aadh were determined not to allow him to detract their people. They had decided that Usaid should go and attempt to directly stop Mus'ab. Usaid immediately grabbed his spear and headed in the direction Mus'ab Ibn Umair. On arriving at the house where Mus'ab was being hosted, he noticed a group of people sitting around listening to what was being uttered.

Mus'ab was eloquently inviting the people towards ALLAH (SWT). Usaid angrily interrupted the gathering. Mus'ab responded by asking Usaid to at least listen to what was being said. If it appealed to him then he would be inclined to accept it but if not then Mus'ab would cease to invite him to Islam. Usaid was a very intelligent man and this sort of logical reasoning appealed to him. He thus decided to listen. Mus'ab began to recite the verses of the Holy Quraan and explained the essence of Islam. Usaid's face began to change in its gesture and its radiance. Those around him could already see that Islam had entered his heart. Mus'ab has hardly finished his words when Usaid excitedly and assertively proclaimed his acceptance of Islam. He purified his body and clothes wholeheartedly and submitted himself to ALLAH in prostration.

When Usaid returned to Sa'ad Ibn Mu'adh, Sa'ad was perplexed by the look on his face, it was brilliantly glowing with noor. Usaid thought very cautiously about how to approach the matter with Sa'ad. He knew that Islam would also appeal to the heart and the intellect of Sa'ad. However Sa'ad would not just easily agree to embrace Islam merely

because his friend had done so and wanted him to take the same route. He had to find some way to bring Sa'ad in the presence of Mus'ab Ibn Umair. The eloquence and captivating manner in which Mus'ab described Islam and invited one to it, would surely capture Sa'ad's heart. As'ad Ibn Zuraarah who was a cousin of Sa'ad was hosting Mus'ab. Usaid exclaimed to Sa'ad that he had learnt that the Haarithah tribe were attempting to kill As'ad Ibn Zuraarah. Sa'ad furiously gathered his weapons & rushed in the direction to help his cousin. On arriving there he was overcome by the peace & tranquility, that scented the air. There was no savage attack, only the Muslims sitting honorably and attentively listening to the humble recitation of the Holy Quraan. Sa'ad soon realized that Usaid had tricked him but there was no need for him to retaliate. He was already captivated enchanted by the glorious verses. Before he knew it, he was bowing down in submission. Usaid's insight was astute and his plan.

On the Day of As-Saqiifah which took place just after the demise of the beloved Rasool (SWA), a struggle was brewing. A group of Ansaar were assenting their right to succession. The debate was becoming furious had the potential to erupt into an explosive battle. Usaid intervened and said: "You know that the messenger of ALLAH (SWA) was one of the Muhaajiruun. His successor, then, should be one of the Muhaajiruun. We used to be the Ansaar of the messenger of ALLAH. Today we have to be the Ansaar of His successor." These sterling words were cooling enough to water down the flames & ensure peace and safety. Usaid was always held in high esteem and unquestionably loved and honored by both As-Sadiq (RA) and Umar (RA). The companions would eagerly aspire to listen to him recite the Quraan. The sweetness and humility of his recitation was breathtaking. The glorious Prophet (SAW) even proclaimed that when he recited the Quraan, the angels would come near to listen.

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## MERIT ACTS OF MEELAD-UN-NABI ﷺ

The Shaikh of Orators, Allama Ibni Nabata says: "That Muslim who honors and reveres the Birth of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, will be worthy of Paradise." The hateful infidel Abu Lahab, freed his slaves Thuwaiba in happiness, when she brought him the news of the Glorious Prophet's birth! Because of this display of happiness at the Birth of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, Abu Lahab, a kaafir, receives reprieve in his punishment on the eve of every Monday! So what a believer, a lover of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) who in the happiness of the Prophet's ﷺ birth holds celebration, recounts the events of the birth of the Holy Prophet ﷺ in prose and poetry, recites Durood and Salaam, stands in respect, prepared food? Indeed his is great reward and elevated station.

Allama Ibni Jawzi and Shaikh Abdul Haq Muhaddith of Delhi (ALLAH's Mercy upon them) declares that: "Whichever Muslim holds the Mouloud Shareef of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and recites or enrolls others to recite in prose or poetry or through lectures or discourses about the Holy Prophet's ﷺ life, his battles, his miracles or his noble character, then there shall be thousands of blessings for such implementers of good.

Shaikhul-Islam Hazrat Maulana Abdul Haq Muhaddith of Delhi (ALLAH's Mercy be upon him) states: The benefits of Mouloud-un-Nabi are: The rejoicers of Mouloud-un-Nabi will enjoy peace and safety that year. He will receive glad tidings from ALLAH of the realization and fulfillment of his wishes and desires. (Majmuatul-Fatawa-Allama Abdul Hay Lucknowi, Page 286). To hold Mouloud Shareef is one of the great actions to attain nearness to ALLAH and this is obtained by feeding the people, reciting the Qur'an and by recitation of the praises of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ). (Resala Mouloud Page 224, Hassan Ibni Ali Azhari Mudabigui - Resala Hasnul-Maqсад fi Amalil-Maulud, Page 22 - Allama Jalaluddin Suyuti).

"The Holy Companions (on whom be peace) enlightened their gatherings with the remembrances of the

Great Prophet ﷺ. "Hazrat Bilal ؓ gathered the people on direction of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and talked to them about the Prophet's Birth. Shariat has permitted the celebration of the Prophet's Birthday and the establisher thereof is deserving of great rewards." (Majmua tul-Fatawa Vol. 2 Page 282)

Allama Maulana Abul-Khattab Maghribi (ALLAH's Mercy be upon him) one of the renowned Ulama, wrote the first book on Mouloud which he named 'Kitabul-Tanweer fi Moulod Basheerin-Nazeer', wherein, during the 7th Century Hijri, he writes this narration: "Hazrat Abdullah Ibni Abbas reported that one day at his home he was discussing with others the events of the Birth of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and the listeners were enhanced by what they heard, they thanked Allah and sent Durood upon the Holy Prophet ﷺ. At this time the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) came to them, suddenly, and said to them: My intercession for you is made accepted." (At-tanweer, Page 25).

It is reported by Hazrat Abu Darda ؓ that he accompanied the Holy Prophet ﷺ to the house of Hazrat Aamir Ansari ؓ where he was relating to his children and his tribe, whom he gathered, the events of the Birth of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and repeated: 'This is the day, this is the day.' The Holy Prophet ﷺ exclaimed: 'Definitely ALLAH has opened His doors of Mercy upon thee, and all the Angels Beseech ALLAH for thy forgiveness; He who follows your action (Establishes Meelad-un-Nabi) he shall enjoy acquittance'. (Kitabut-Tanweer fi Maulad Basheerin-Nazeer, Page 25). By the words: 'This day, this day', is understood that it was the special day of the celebration of the Holy Prophet's Birth, that is, the 12th of RABI'U AWWAL, and Hazrat Aamir (ALLAH be pleased with him) was reciting Mouloud Shareef with special feeling.

Eid Meeladun Nabi ﷺ to all readers of AL-Kausar.

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## UMMI

MOULANA EHSAN QADRI

There are several meanings for the Term "Ummi" yet the wobblers use this Term to call The Habeeb of Allah Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam as illiterate. Ma'azAllah.

Imam Baghavi narrates from Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Abbas RadiyAllahu Anhum about the word Ummi as the one who does not write, so isn't there a huge difference between cannot write and does not write?

Imam al-Sha'rawi writes that Ummi means 'not taught by humans, but by Allah directly.' Allah didn't want any human to take credit for the great wisdom and intellect of the Final Prophet.

Ummi has been referred to the One who has an illiterate community.

The Holy Qur'an uses the word Ummi to describe the Ummah of the Prophet:

[Juma`h 62:2] It is He Who has sent among the unlettered people a Noble Messenger from themselves, who recites His verses to them and purifies them, and bestows them the knowledge of the Book and wisdom; and indeed before this, they were in open error.

Shaykh Isma'il Haqqi said in Ruh al-Bayan, "The meaning of 'Ummi' is that he is the font (umm) of created beings and the source of all existents... Since he (Allah bless him and give him peace) was the first of all created beings and their source, he was named 'Ummi', just as [Mecca] was named 'Umm al-Qura' (The Source of all Villages) because it was the starting point and origin of all villages..."

Ummi is a reference to Umm al-Qura, namely Makkah. The Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam was Makkan born. The Prophet Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam was like a mother (Umm) in compassion and mercy.

Ummi means gentle. Namely, the Prophet did not belong to the descendants of the Jews.

Ummi used in The Holy Quran to describe The Perfect Messenger of Allah who is The Soul of Universe,

So to translate Ummi towards the Prophet as unlettered, illiterate or ignorant is to show their ignorance as well as the animosity towards Allah's Habeeb Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam.









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# CHARACTER OF MUHAMMAD ﷺ

The Prophet Muhammad taught love, kindness and compassion to his people, and was seen to be the most loving, kind, and compassionate of all of them. The Quran mentions his kind and gentle behavior in these words: "O Messenger of Allah! It is a great Mercy of God that you are gentle and kind towards them; for, had you been harsh and hard-hearted, they would all have broken away from you" (Quran 3:159).

There are many instances that show his kindness and gentleness, especially to the weak and the poor. Anas, who was his helper, said: "I served Allah's Messenger for ten years and he never said to me, 'Shame' or 'Why did you do such-and-such a thing?' or 'Why did you not do such-and-such a thing?'" (Bukhari, 2038).

Once he said to his wife: "O 'A'ishah! Never turn away any needy man from your door empty-handed. O 'A'ishah! Love the poor; bring them near to you and God will bring you near to Him on the Day of Resurrection". He also went much further on to say: "Seek me among your weak ones, for you are given provision, or you are given help only by reason of the presence of your weak ones". (Rahman, Encyclopedia of Seerah, VOL. VIII, p. 151) God Almighty is Kind, and the Prophet imitated Allah's example in its perfection by showing kindness to his servants and all creatures without any regard for their beliefs, color or nationality. The Prophet said: "God is kind and likes kindness in all things" (Bukhari, 6601).

He took a great interest in the welfare of all people and had great compassion for people in trouble. The Prophet Muhammad imitated the attributes of God par excellence and translated them into practice in the highest form possible for man. Kindness is an attribute of Allah, which has no limits. It is extensive and encompasses all things and all beings without discrimination. Likewise was the kindness of the Prophet. He extended it to all beings, both animate and inanimate and benefited all without measure. The Quranic words for the Prophet's kindness, *ra'ufun rahim* (Quran 9:128) are very intensive and comprehensive in meaning and convey the true nature and extent of the Prophet's kindness to people. The Prophet said: "One of the finest acts of kindness is for a man to treat his fathers' friends in a kindly way after he has departed" (Abu dawud, 5123)

The issue of treating friends well was also extended to include relations: "He who wishes to have his provision enlarged and his term of life prolonged should treat his relatives well" (Bukhari, 5985). He emphasized on this matter because he deeply held the view that "Only kindness prolongs life, and a person is deprived of provisions for the faults he commits" (Ibn Majah). Bahz b. Hakim, on his father's authority, said that his grandfather told him that he had asked Allah's Messenger to whom he should show kindness and that the Prophet had replied: "Your mother." He asked who came next and he replied: "Your mother." He asked who came next and he replied for the third time: "Your mother." He again asked who came next and he replied: "Your father, then your relatives in order of relationship" (Abu dawud, 5120). He dwelled on the issue of treating orphans humanely as he stated that "The best house among the Muslims is one which contains an orphan who is well treated, and the worst house among the Muslims is one which contains an orphan who is badly treated" (Ibn Majah, 3679). This means that the Prophet

cautioned his followers against general maltreatment of anyone regardless of his status. By extending good treatment from friends to relatives and now to neighbors, Prophet Muhammad was intent in making all humans interdependent as he emphasized in the following words: "All creatures are Allah's dependants, and those dearest to God are the ones who treat His dependants kindly" (Rahman, VOL VIII, p. 154). He emphasized the kind treatment of women again and again in his speeches:

Treat women kindly, since they are your helpers; . . . you have your rights upon your wives and they have their rights upon you. Your right is that they shall not allow anyone you dislike to enter your bed or your home, and their right is that you should treat them well. (from the Farewell Sermon of the Prophet)

Once a number of women complained to the Prophet's wives about their ill-treatment by their husbands. On hearing of this, the Prophet said: "Such persons among you are not good persons." (Abu Dawud, 1834). This condemnation by the Prophet himself was an indication that no one will be accepted before God who, while on earth, decided to be unkind to women. Another person said to the Prophet: "O Messenger of Allah! My relatives are such that although I cooperate with them, they cut me off; I am kind to them but they ill treat me." The Prophet said this in reply: "So long as you continue as you are, God will always help you and He will protect you against their mischief" (Muslim, 4640). This was not only a way of bringing comfort to the mind of the worried person but one of the communicative techniques of the Prophet to assure who ever found himself in that situation to look up to God to be consoled and protected. So it was pointless to preach vengeance to this kind of people suffering from this similar fate. Indeed, Prophet Muhammad was nothing short of a competent counselor.

He was always counseling people to be goodhearted regardless of their sex, age or gender. Once Asma bint Abu Bakr's mother, who was still an unbeliever, came to see her in Madinah. She told this to the Prophet and said: "My mother has come to see me and she is expecting something from me. May I oblige her?" The Prophet said: "Yes, be kind to your mother" (Muslim, 2195). This attitude of the Prophet was equally extended to Zainab as-Saqafia, the wife of Abdullah ibn Mas'ud and an Ansari woman. She went to see the Prophet and to inquire whether it would be a charity if they spent something on their husbands and on the orphans under their care. The Prophet said: "They will get a two-fold reward, one for kindness towards their relatives and the other for charity" (Bukhari, 1466).



# SA COULD BE COMPLICIT IN WAR CRIMES

BY SURAYA DADOO

Silence and complicity is the price tag attached to Saudi Arabian investments in South Africa.

South Africa's state-owned defence firm, Denel, is desperately short of funds, so, with recent news that Saudi Arabian Military Industries was considering an equity stake in Denel, officials at the department of public enterprises might have rejoiced at the thought of the cash injection. But what price tag has been attached to the Denel buy-in – and other Saudi investments in South Africa? Based on our government's recent conduct, it is silence and complicity in the face of possible war crimes by Saudi Arabia.

On September 28, South Africa abstained from voting on a UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) resolution calling for an international probe into human rights violations in Yemen. In the last three years, a Saudi-led coalition has bombed Yemen into famine, creating a drastic humanitarian crisis. Riyadh's campaign to restore the government of Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi has involved repeated violations of international law, including war crimes.

It's unlikely that officials at the department of international relations and cooperation (Dirco) were unaware of Saudi's actions in Yemen. The UN, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International have publicly documented the coalition's deliberate targeting of civilian institutions.

Dirco has issued just two statements about Yemen since Saudi Arabia launched its military campaign in 2015. The first, on November 8 last year, came in response to the firing of a missile towards Riyadh, which was intercepted, and there were no casualties. Bizarrely, Dirco considered an intercepted missile an "escalation" of the conflict – and not the 933 Yemeni civilians killed by the coalition.

On the death of former Yemeni president Ali Abdullah Saleh, Dirco's second statement, the following month, expressed concern about Yemen's humanitarian crisis – but not that the Saudi-led coalition was responsible for it.

South Africa's National Conventional Arms Control Committee (NCACC) – that regulates weapons companies and exports – has been lax in ensuring compliance by local arms dealers.

According to Zeenat Adam, a former diplomat and independent international relations strategist, in July 2015, a Denel drone was shot down over Yemen. When asked what our weapons were doing in Yemen,

NCACC boss, Jeff Radebe, pointed to a possible breach of end-user certificates, but didn't investigate. Last year, he agreed to provide a report on South Africa's arms sales to Saudi Arabia, but never did.

South Africa's National Conventional Arms Control Act No 41 of 2002 states that the NCACC must avoid transfers of arms to governments that violate human rights. Under the UN Arms Trade Treaty, our country has an obligation to halt the supply of weapons if their use will violate international human rights law. The NCACC is making a mockery of local and international statutes by continuing to arm Saudi Arabia, which is guilty of gross human rights violations in Yemen. Despite the humanitarian destruction, South African weapons companies sold R3 billion worth of weapons to Saudi Arabia and its coalition ally, the United Arab Emirates, between 2016 and 2017.

According to Adam, local companies don't want to just sell arms to Saudi Arabia – they want to help Riyadh develop its own arms industry. In 2016, former president Jacob Zuma inaugurated the Al Kharj military facility south of Riyadh. Built in collaboration with Rheinmetall Denel Munition, it is expected to produce 600 mortar projectiles daily, along with heavyweight aircraft bombs. Ivor Ichikowitz's Paramount Group is in talks with Saudi Arabia about transferring technology and establishing production plants.

"This is far more dangerous than merely selling weapons to Saudi Arabia. South African companies risk helping Saudi Arabia to establish munitions factories capable of creating internationally banned cluster munitions. Saudi Arabia is not a signatory to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, and has used cluster munitions in Yemen," explains Adam. So, the possibility of South African complicity in war crimes is very real.

While International Relations Minister Lindiwe Sisulu seems committed to human rights-based international relations, her colleagues at the department of defence and the NCACC have been arming Saudi Arabia.

A day after South Africa abstained on the UNHRC vote, Trade and Industry Minister Rob Davies co-chaired the South Africa-Saudi Arabia Joint Economic Commission, and followed up on Mohammed bin Salman's \$10 billion investment pledge made to Cyril Ramaphosa in July. South Africa must find a way to balance its economic priorities with our commitment to human rights and international law. Our legacy of internationalism and a just foreign policy must be protected.



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# BLESSINGS IN THE LIVING HAIR OF THE PROPHET ﷺ

It is narrated by Bukhari in his Sahih in the Book of Clothes, under the chapter "What is mentioned about gray hair", that Usman bin 'Abdullah bin Mawhab ؓ said, "my family sent me to Ummu Salamah ؓ with a cup of water. And Ummu Salamah ؓ brought out a silver bottle which contained one of the hairs of the Prophet ﷺ, and it used to be that if anyone came under the evil eye or ill health they used to send her a cup of water through she would pass this hair [for drinking] and we used to look into the silver bottle: I saw some reddish hairs."

Imam Hafiz ibn Hajar in Fath al-Baari, Volume 10, page 353, said, "they used to call the silver bottle in which the hair of the Prophet ﷺ was kept 'jiljalan' and that bottle was in the home of Ummu Salamah ؓ."

Imam al-'Ayni said, "Ummu Salamah ؓ had some of the hairs of the Prophet ﷺ in a silver bottle, and when some people got ill, they used to go and obtain blessings from these hairs and they would be healed by means of its blessings. They used to take the hair of the Prophet ﷺ and they used to pass it through a cup of water and they would immediately be healed. And this explanation of the hadith is mentioned in Bukhari."

It is said in 'um dat il-Qari, a section in Sharh Sahih al-Bukhari, volume 18, page 79, "If a person were struck by the evil eye or by any sickness, he would send his wife to Ummu Salamah ؓ with a mikhḍabba [i.e. cup of water] and she used to pass the hair through that water and then he would drink the water and he would be healed, after which they would return the hair to the 'jiljal'."

Muslim narrated in his Sahih that Anas ؓ related, "The Prophet ﷺ came to Mina and threw stones and then he came to his tent in Mina after he made the sacrifice, and he told the barber 'take my hair' and he pointed first to his right, then to his left. Then he began to distribute the hair to the Sahaba."

According to Muslim, in the same hadith, according to another narration by Hafs ؓ, "the Prophet ﷺ when he shaved his right side, began to distribute either one hair or two hairs to every Sahabi, then he did the same with the hairs from the left side."

In Musnad, Imam Ahmad said, transmitted by Anas ؓ, "when the Prophet ﷺ shaved his head in Mina, he gave me the hair of the right side and he said, 'O Anas! take it to Ummu Salim.' When the Sahaba saw what the Prophet ﷺ gave us, they began to compete to take the hair from the left side, and everyone was getting a share from that."

Imam Ahmad in his Musnad said, "from Ibn Sireen from Ubaydah Salmani that he said, 'O Allah! If only I would have a hair of the Prophet ﷺ which I could keep with me: that would be more precious to me than the white and the yellow and everything that is on the earth and what is inside it.'"

In 'Umdat il-Qari, a section of Sharh Sahih al-Bukhari, "Khalid bin Waleed used to keep in his clothes some hairs of the Prophet ﷺ and for that reason he was always victorious."

It is said in the same volume of the same book, "Khalid bin Waleed asked Abu Talhah to give him from the hair of the Prophet ﷺ when the Prophet ﷺ distributed his hair among the Sahaba ؓ. And he asked to give him from the front side of the head. And Abu Talhah gave him from the front side. And that is the reason he was always in the front."

There are many other hadith on this subject, such that it is impossible to mention them all here. May Allah give us the blessing of the Prophet ﷺ his family and his Sahaba.

"Whoever held enmity towards one hair from me held enmity to me and whoever held enmity to me Allah has become enemy to him."  
[Kunz al-Ummal, Haakim, ibn Majah, Ibn Hibban, Ahmad: authenticated by others as well]

"Verily, those who malign Allah and His Messenger -- Allah has cursed them in this world and in the Hereafter, and has prepared for them an abasing punishment."  
[Ahzab, 58]

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## Top 5 Reasons for Americans to Admire Prophet Muhammad

In his presidential campaign, Donald Trump notoriously said, "I think Islam hates us." As is usual with this erratic, fact-free president, the assertion is not true.

If we take Muslim-Americans, who at about 3.4 million persons constitute some 1.1 percent of Americans, over 90% say they are proud to be Americans. Does that sound like hatred to you?

The conviction that Muslims are intrinsically hostile to the US comes in part from a misconception of Islam as a religion. I have tried to put some of the myths to rest in my new book. *Muhammad: Prophet of Peace Amid the Clash of Empires*.

You can't generalize the world's Muslims, since there are 1.5 billion of them, and they don't have an over-all view of the United States. Some like American freedoms and principles but dislike US foreign policy toward issues such as Palestine. People in the eastern part of the Middle East have a negative view of the US under Trump. But a Muslim country like Senegal has a majority that views the US favorably and in Indonesia, the biggest Muslim country population-wise, the favorables are 48% to 43% unfavorable. France, Sweden, Germany and Spain are all more negative toward the US under Trump than are these two Muslim countries.

The fact is that Islam is an American religion. It has been on North American soil for centuries. Some of the emigrants to the New World from Spain in the 1500s forward were secret Muslims who had pro forma converted to escape persecution by the Inquisition. (Southern Spain was mostly Muslim for 800 years, but by 1492 the Castilian Catholics, having conquered all of the south, announced that Muslims and Jews would be expelled. Some managed to stay by an outward show of Catholic piety while they secretly practiced their original religion, becoming known as Moriscos).

Moreover, many of those enslaved and brought to the Americas by slavers were Muslim, in places like Brazil as well as in the United States. To the extent that the US was built in part by slave labor, it was built in part by Muslim labor.

From the 1880s, a significant emigration to the United States began in what is now Lebanon and Syria. Tens of thousands of Arabic-speakers came until the racist immigration law of 1924 stemmed the flow. About 10% of these immigrants were Muslim, and some founded mosques in the Midwest, in places like Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Dearborn, Michigan.

It is since 1965 that the Muslim-American community has grown to several million. The last 50 years of American history has seen substantial economic and cultural contributions to the US by Muslim-Americans. Just for an example, Elias Zerhouni served as head of the National Institutes of Health and presidential envoy for US scientific and medical exchanges with other countries. It is often forgotten just how many Muslim-American physicians there are, contributing mightily to the health and well-being of the nation.

The founder of the Muslim religion, the Prophet Muhammad, is someone whom you would think Americans would admire.

Here are five reasons why:

1. Muhammad was a businessman, a long distance merchant who went up from western Arabia for trade in the Near Eastern provinces of the Roman Empire, to Palestine, Transjordan and Syria. A quarter of Americans have thought about forming a business, and a majority view even big business favorably.

2. Muhammad encouraged people to practice spirituality. Here is what the Qur'an says about the subject: "Righteousness is not determined by facing East or West during prayer. Righteousness consists of the belief in God, the Day of Judgment, the angels, the Books of God, His Prophets;

to give money for the love of God to relatives, orphans, the destitute, and those who are on a journey and in urgent need of money, beggars; to set free slaves and to be steadfast in prayer, to pay the religious tax (zakat) to fulfill one's promises, and to exercise patience in poverty, in distress, and in times of war. Such people who do these are truly righteous and pious. (2:177 [Muhammad Sarwar]) Some 75% of Americans say they are spiritual.

3. Muhammad praised people of other religions as well as of his own. The Qur'an (7:159) says of Jews, "And among the people of Moses is a community which guides by truth and by it establishes justice." It says of Christians (5:82) "you will find the nearest of them in love to the believers [Muslims] those who say, 'We are Christians.'" That is because among them are priests and monks and because they are not arrogant." It could be critical of both communities for their political positions or what it sees as doctrinal lapses, but it also contains high praise for them. Americans have increasingly warm feelings toward members of other religions, and even their warmth toward Muslims has increased in recent years.

4. The Qur'an insists on freedom of belief and condemns coercion of conscience (which it terms 'fitna'). The chapter of Jonah 10:99 addresses a Prophet Muhammad who despaired of getting through with his monotheistic message to the pagans, saying "And had your Lord had willed, whoever is on earth would have believed, all of them, all together. Then, [O Muhammad], would you coerce the people such that they become believers?" Elsewhere, in the chapter of the Cow 2: 256, the Qur'an says, "There is no compulsion in religion. Certainly, right has become clearly distinct from wrong. Whoever rejects false idols and believes in God has taken hold of the unbreakable, firm handle. God is All-hearing and knowing." Famously, the First Amendment of the US Constitution forbids Congress from making any religion the official religion of the state and then imposing it on Americans, ensuring their freedom of conscience.

5. The Qur'an urges turning the other cheek and wishing peace on persecutors who orally harass the believers. The chapter of the Gilded Ornaments 43:89 says of the militant pagans who rejected the Prophet's message, "yet pardon them, and say, 'Peace!' Soon they will know." (Arberry). When, however, militant pagans launched aggressive war on the early community of believers in Medina, the Qur'an permitted them to defend themselves by taking up arms. But it warned against engaging in aggressive, expansionist warfare, holding that only defensive war is legitimate. The chapter of the Cow 2:190 says, "And fight in the way of God with those; who fight with you, but do not commit aggression: God does not love aggressors." A majority of Americans also feels that sometimes war is necessary but that it would be wrong to launch a war if the US were not first attacked by the other side (the Iraq War seems to have strengthened this sentiment).

1400 years of Christian polemics have demonized Muhammad, but a dispassionate consideration of his life and message makes it clear that there is much for contemporary Americans to admire in his life and teachings.

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# KASHOGI

BY FAIZEL KHAMKAR

The murder and decapitation of Jamal Kashogi allegedly by the Saudi Regime has caused an international outcry. This intense outcry which we are witnessing should be better placed on the Yemen humanitarian crisis. Taking into account that whispering in various corridors that this methodology is standard practice in the kingdom and that disappearance and captivity of any one perceived to be threat to the regime is dealt with brutally the question arises why this particular person? Are clerics, journalist, social activists and business people inconsequential?

In order to answer the above question we need to know who the Kashogi family are and who they represent. The uncle of Jamal Kashogi was a well known business person who traded on the international market and at one stage was regarded as being one of the richest person's on earth. He became infamous with the contra affair in what can be regarded as one the devilish tricks of the American government. He had also claimed to have Jewish ancestry and was comfortably placed in the corridors of power both in the United States as well as Saudi Arabia. Jamal Kashogi was his nephew and it appears that he was privileged to travel within the same corridors. This murder received heightened publicity because of these reasons. The second reason is that political plans in furthering neo colonialist agendas the Middle East may be jeopardised.

The war against Iran is not a matter of if but when? In order for that war to happen the good relationship between Saudi and America is crucial. Central to this good relationship is to ensure a cordial relationship with Israel. It is therefore little wonder that the murderous butcher Netanyahu is making courtesy calls to the allies of Saudi. The invasion of Iraq displayed the important role that Saudi played for their American masters and can play once more. Therefore this three way relationship plays a critical role for the grand heist of the resources of the populace of the Middle East as well as destabilising the region.

The reaction from America was mixed and its lack of decisiveness brings to the fore a lot of questions. There

was the certain expected rhetoric of condemnation but Trump made two statements of great interest. The first effectively was chiding Saudi for a poor cover up and the second his emphasis that the arms deal will go ahead irrespective. This callous approach is no surprise taking into account the parcel bombs which was sent to various people who are regarded as non friendly to Trump. This mixed reaction also indicates that this incident will be used as a bargaining chip to force through American driven agendas. Jared Kushner made a statement that the party involved was the custodian of the two Holy Mosques.

At the National Council on US-Arab Relations the former ambassador of Saudi Arabia, Turki Al Faisal Al Saud also effectively dismissed this orchestrated murder as insignificant in comparison to the relationship between the two countries. In his address he attacked Israel for the genocidal attacks on innocent Palestinian children as part of his defence of the atrocious attack and killing of Jamal Kashogi. Like Kushner he made the remark that Saudi is the focus of the entire Muslim world (in reference to the Qibla). This reflects the strain on the relationship necessary to attack Iran. In appealing for the normalisation of and possibly strengthening of this relationship he had miscalculated the importance of Saudi over Israel in American foreign policy. An amateur in assessing political events would have picked up that despite the expressions of nonchalance the relationship is strained at will negatively affect the plans of attacking Iran. The Syrian and Yemenis destructive war program may also end up being affected.

The references made by Kushner and Turki could only be a snide introduction to the intended formation of a NATO like alliance under the control of America (MESA) for the Arab world, but would require a buy in by members of the OIC. A number of OIC members have already snubbed the idea and the murder of Kashogi will further hamper that deal. The use of spiritual sentiment is not the ideal tool to use at the highest political level.

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS FOCUS

BY FAKIR HASSEN

Washington, USA - Anti-Muslim rhetoric has surged in the United States midterm election campaigns, a new study found, echoing the brash talk of President Donald Trump that apparently landed him his spot in the White House. As Americans headed to the polls on November 6, attempts to demonize immigrants and people of colour are a deep, consistent rallying point among candidates, the study commissioned by Muslim Advocates found. The report, which examined more than 80 nationwide campaigns that have openly targeted Muslims in the past two years, found more than a third of candidates said that the Muslim community is a significant threat to national security. According to a leading Muslim advocacy group, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the number of anti-Muslim hate crimes in the U.S. rose 91 percent in the first half of 2017, compared with the same period in 2016.

New Delhi, INDIA - A life sentence was imposed on 16 police officers for rounding up and massacring dozens of unarmed Muslims during riots in northern India decades ago. The officers were found guilty of shooting 42 men and tossing their bodies into canals, in one of the bloodiest moments of violent clashes between Muslims and Hindus in 1987. A lower court had acquitted the officers from a special branch of Uttar Pradesh's police force in 2015 for a lack of evidence. But a two-judge bench of the Delhi High Court overturned that decision, saying they conducted a "targeted killing of unarmed and defenceless people". The court found them guilty of criminal conspiracy, kidnapping, murder and the destruction of evidence. The policemen, all of

whom have since retired, have been asked to surrender to authorities before November 22.

Paris, FRANCE - A number of prominent French Muslim activists have called on President Emmanuel Macron to listen to more Muslim voices before finalizing plans for new rules for Islam in France. The Government of the French Republic needed to decide if it was "capable of treating 5 million of its citizens as grown-up, autonomous human beings," said the former Head of the Collective Against Islamophobia in France, Marwan Muhammad. French governments have for years puzzled over how to deal with the growing popularity of hard-line interpretations of Islam in poor suburbs with large populations of immigrant origins. France's strict law on the separation of church and state and the lack of any religious hierarchy in Islam have so far made it difficult to come up with any organization that could act as an Islamic religious authority.

Amman, JORDAN - The Jordanian Lower House of Parliament has called on Britain to apologize for the Palestinian people over the "notorious" Balfour Declaration of 1907, in terms of which the UK gave, without any right or consent from anyone, the land of Palestine to the Jewish community to form the state of Israel. "The infamous Balfour pledge unlocked the door for Jews refugees, which resulted in Palestinians' displacement, exorbitant taxes levied on farmers in order to force them out of their lands, as well as confiscation of thousands of acres of lands in favour of Zionism," a statement issued by the legislature said.

Tripoli, LIBYA - The Islamic

Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) has concluded a relief program for the children of Rohingya Muslim families in Bangladesh as well as at the refugee camps along the border with Myanmar. The relief campaign, launched on October 16-18, in close cooperation with the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, distributed a total of 4 000 baskets of foodstuffs and hygiene for children under six years of age.

London, UK - A new Islamic culture gallery at the world-famous British Museum has opened its doors to visitors. The gallery, spread over two rooms, tells the story of cultures of the Islamic world from a region that stretches from West Africa to Southeast Asia from the seventh century to the present day. The Albukhary Foundation Gallery provides an extraordinary opportunity for visitors to view artifacts presented in displays with themes such as science, calligraphy, fashion and storytelling. The collection includes archaeology, decorative arts, shadow puppets, textiles and contemporary art.

Istanbul, TURKEY - The Research Center for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA), an affiliate of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC), will accept applications for the 11th International Calligraphy Competition until December 31. IRCICA Director General Dr. Halit Eren said the Center has allocated \$156 000 for the current competition prizes, which is organized in the name of the Turkish calligrapher Mehmed Shawqi Efendi, who lived in the Ottoman era (1829-1887). Results will be announced in April next year.



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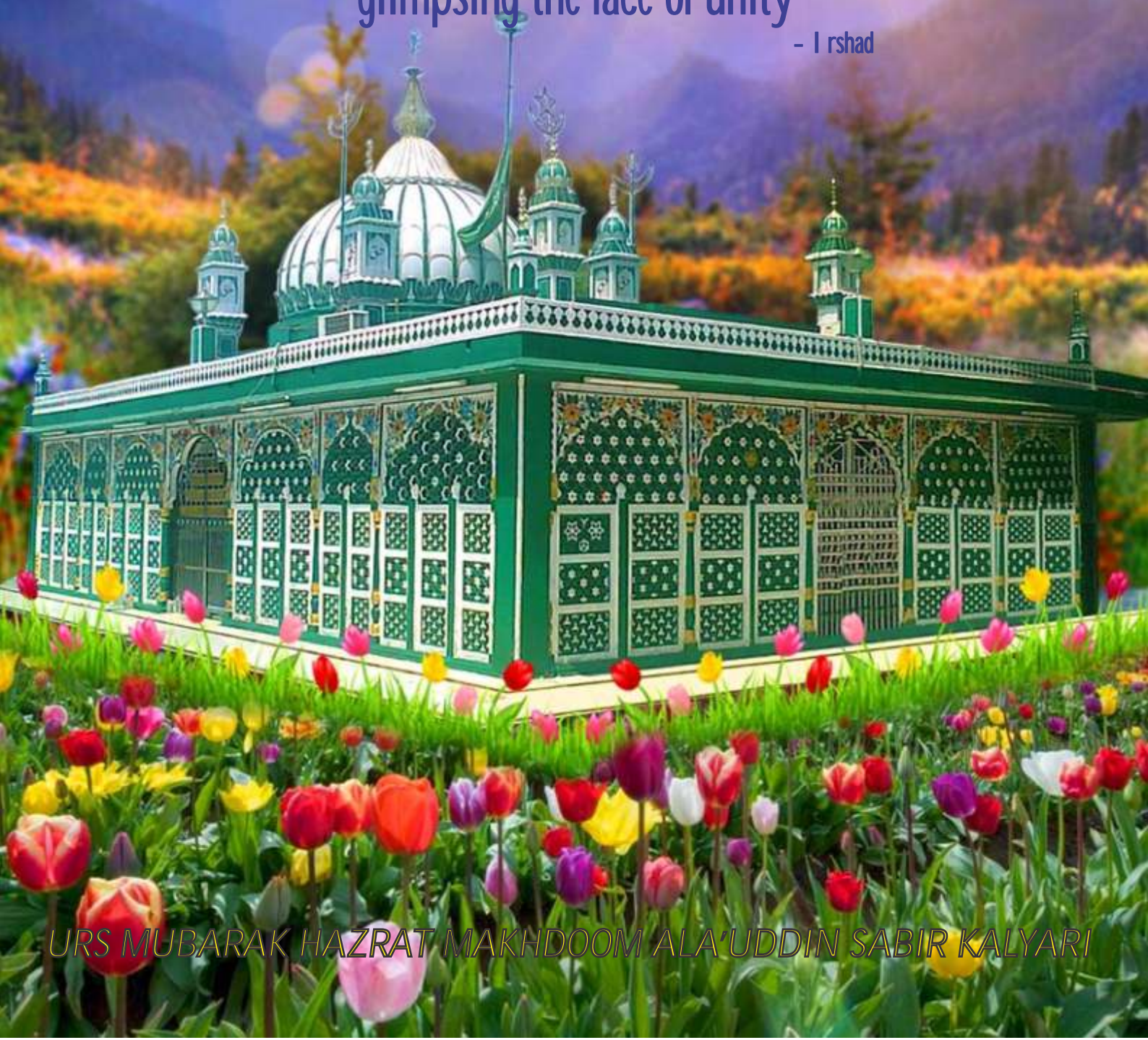


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