

The Muslim Ummah

In a few days time the month of Rabi-ul-Awwal will once again dawn upon us. It is the month wherein the greatest birth occurred — the birth of the benefactor of mankind, Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). It is also the month of the saddest demise of all time — the demise of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) who passed away on 12 Rabi-ul-Awwal. Among the many things that this month makes us reflect upon is what Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) left behind the day he left this mortal world.

FIRMLY ROOTED

One of the greatest things that Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) left behind was an *Ummah*, a nation, a community of Believers who fulfilled their responsibility of being the *Ummah* of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). They were firmly rooted in the Qur'an and Sunnah and never wavered from this path. This nation continued with the mission of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) and spread Islam far and wide. The *Ummah* of the Companions of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) protected and passed on the Qur'an and Sunnah in their pristine purity. This was the *Ummah* that Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) left behind.

ONE BODY

This *Ummah* had embedded within themselves the teachings of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). Thus they had implemented the lessons of love, mercy, forbearance, forgiveness, justice and compassion. This united them into one body; the Body of Believers. They fitted the description of the Hadith: "The Believers are like one body. If the eye aches, the entire body suffers. If the head pains, the entire body suffers." They could not sit contentedly while another Muslim suffered. They were thus an *Ummah*.

Allah Ta'ala also describes the Ummah of the Sahaaba (R.A.) in these glowing terms: "Muhammad, the Rasul of Allah, and those with him (Sahaaba) are hard against the **Kuffaar and Merciful among themselves**. You see them bowing and prostrating, seeking the bounty from Allah and His Pleasure." (48:29)

History is witness to the excellent calibre of the Ummah that succeeded Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) upon his demise. *That was then*. What is the plight of the *Ummah now*.

That is perhaps the most painful question for any Muslim to answer in this present day and age.

"RE-INTERPRETATION"

While the attempt to decimate the *Ummah* by the gruesome and murderous policy of "ethnic cleansing" becomes more intense, the brutal attacks on the Deen of the Ummah are also increasing. To rub salt into the wounds, these attacks are carried out by those who actually claim to be Muslim. In the name of "re-interpretation" and "re-thinking" the Imaan of unwary and weak Believers is being bled away with heretical ideologies. The Ummah has long ago been warned of the likes of these "re-interpreters." Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) is reported to have said: "Towards the latter part of the time **there will be deceivers and liars** who will say to you such things (pertaining to Deen) which neither you nor your forefathers ever heard. Save yourself and beware of them. **Do not let them mislead you or engulf you in fitna.**" (Muslim)

DIVORCE

Among the alien and absurd

ideologies that are being injected into the Ummah is the kufr "re-interpretation" of *Imaan* and *Kufr*, the crux of which is that it is not necessary to be a Muslim to go to *Jannah* (May Allah save us from such kufr beliefs). Interest is also being "legalised" by modernised "Muslims". The Qur'anic injunctions with regards to divorce are being openly rejected in the name of "women's rights." A host of other such heretical ideas are being fed to the unwary. As a result a large segment of the Ummah is now left with only the name of Islam due to having adopted such views.

As if this was not enough, much of the Muslim Ummah has become so engrossed in the acquisition of the perishing world and other futile activities, it does not bother them of what happens to this Ummah of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam).

UNTIRING EFFORTS

Merely lamenting the heart-rending state of affairs will not solve anything. These aspects are only mentioned to jolt us, the Muslim *Ummah*, into taking notice of what is really happening. To rectify the situation requires untiring efforts by one and all to protect Islam from the attempted distortions from within and without. It is time that we curtail worldly pursuits to the extent necessary and devote ourselves to improving the quality of our own Imaan and that of the *Ummah*. It is only an extremely strong Imaan that will enable us to build a nation which has some sort of resemblance to the Sahaaba (R.A.).

May Allah Ta'ala remove the difficulties of Muslims worldwide and make us once more into a true *Ummah*.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q Recently I have received several pamphlets and have heard several talks wherein Imaam Khomeini's personality and Shias generally have been attacked. Why is this propaganda going on? It only serves to further divide our already fragmented Ummah. In this manner we are serving the purpose of the West. Is Imaam Khomeini's bold stand in issuing the Fatwa against Rushdi not sufficient proof of his love for our Prophet (P.B.U.H.) and for Islam?

A You have raised a question which is the burning issue of the time. As such this requires some detail. It is, however, absolutely necessary that you first cast aside any prejudice and read this answer with an honest intention to find the truth.

Firstly, you have raised the issue of unity. This is extremely important. Allah Ta'ala says: "And hold fast onto the rope of Allah together and do not become divided"(3:103). Hence to be united and avoid any division is an injunction of the Qur'an. However, there has to be some concrete basis upon which all the people should unite. It is impossible to unite two people if they are on divergent lines just as it is impossible to unite two trains travelling in the opposite directions. Therefore, what is this basis upon which these divisions and dissensions could be avoided? The answer is in the very *aayah* quoted above. This basis is "the rope of Allah," the Qur'an and the Sunnah. All those who hold on firmly to them will remain forever united. Those who contradict the Qur'an and Sunnah, or deviate from its teachings will become disunited from the main body of the Ummah. The responsibility for the dissention and division will lie on them, not on those who are holding on firmly to the "rope of Allah."

Having understood this, it must now be determined as to who is holding on firmly to the Qur'an and Sunnah and who is not. As a test case, let us consider one aspect — the aspect of the personalities of the great Sahaba (R.A.). Allah Ta'ala declares with regard to these faithful Companions of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam): "Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with

Him." Allah Ta'ala Himself accords the title of "Companion" to Sayyidina Abu Bakr (R.A.) in the *aayah*: "... when the two of them (Rasulullah [Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam] and Abu Bakr [R.A.]) were in the cave and he (Rasulullah [Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam]) said to his COMPANION: "Do not fear, Allah is with US." As a result it is incumbent upon all Muslims to honour and respect all the Sahaaba (R.A.). However the Shias revile and slander the Sahaaba (R.A.) in terms which are difficult to

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even quote. Let alone literature of bygone times which is filled with such sacrilege, Shias locally are distributing new books which they have recently printed that contain the same balderdash. For instance, Shias right on our doorstep are distributing a book by some al-Tijaani wherein he has repeatedly slandered the Sahaaba (R.A.). He distorts a Hadith totally to slander Abu Bakr (R.A.). (refer to Al-Haadi vol 2, issue 4 for details). He writes with regards to the Sahaaba (*the hand shivers even to merely relate what has been written*): **"What kind of Companions were these people! They were not afraid of changing the tradition of the Messenger of Allah, or even the laws of Allah, in order to reach their wicked and low objectives and to satisfy their sinister desires."** Read the above quotation

once more carefully. The Sahaaba (R.A.) are being accused of changing the the laws of Allah Ta'ala and Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), of having *wicked* and low objectives and *sinister* desires. He writes that Abu Hurayrah (R.A.) "fabricated Hadith" and that Ayesha (R.A.) had "bad manners." Much more could be quoted but it is extremely painful to even relate these slanders. Now you be the judge. Who is creating the disunity? Can Muslims ever unite with those who write in this shocking manner? This is being distributed widely by LOCAL shias. How on earth can Muslims ever be expected to unite with such people?

As for Khomeini, let the facts speak for themselves. Let us hear it "from the horses mouth" as to what respect Khomeini had for the Prophets in general and for Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). The following is a quotation from a Friday Khutba delivered by Khomeini that was translated into Urdu and published by the Iranian Embassy in Multan, Pakistan. The translation of the Urdu follows hereunder. Khomeini says: "All Prophets came to establish justice on the earth. Their aim was also this that they may establish justice on earth, **BUT THEY WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL**. Finally the Seal of all Prophets (Rasulullah Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) came to reform people, to establish justice on earth and to nurture (train) people, **BUT HE ALSO WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN HIS TIME.**" (*Iti'had wa-yak-jihati*, p.15)

Ponder over what is being said. According to Khomeini, Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) was unsuccessful in establishing justice on the earth, he failed in reforming

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people and he was unsuccessful in training people (Allah forbid!). What is your judgement about the person who claims that Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) was **UNSUCCESSFUL** and that he **FAILED** (May Allah save us!)? Allah Ta'ala has hailed the success of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) in several places in the Qur'an, but Khomeini believes he **FAILED!**

Can you imagine that if all the Prophets, from the first to the last, had failed, just who was successful? (Khomeini and his followers???) Consider the implications of Khomeini's blasphemous statement. **Since Prophets are divinely appointed, it tantamounts to saying that even Allah Ta'ala failed in sending such Prophets who would be successful.**

Local Shias attempt to explain this statement (rather than denounce it) by saying that it is historically true that Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) did not convert the entire mankind to Islam in his lifetime. Thus this is the meaning of Khomeini's statement. However, a person is only regarded as unsuccessful if he fails to do what he was supposed to have done — if he fails to fulfil his duty. A student who achieved 100% in his History examination cannot be called unsuccessful simply because he did not do sewing or cookery. Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) was never commanded at any time to convert the entire mankind to Islam in his lifetime. Rather, Allah Ta'ala had informed him regarding certain people that they will **never** believe (Baqarah: 6). Hence is it ever possible to attribute the word "unsuccessful" to Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) in any sense? Indeed, it is downright vulgar and disrespectful in the extreme to attribute such a word to Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam).

As for Khomeini's fatwa against Rushdi, the abovementioned statement gives it away to be a cheap political strategy in order to gain the

sympathies and respect of Muslims all over the world. It worked well, but you cannot hide the truth all the time. Khomeini's statement has clarified his position with regards to just how much he respects Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam).

These are the facts of the issues you have raised. May Allah Ta'ala save us from the evil of the Kuffaar and keep us steadfast on Deen.

Aameen.

Q *A woman passed away. The property that belonged to her was usurped by the husband while her son was deprived of his inheritance. Rather than divide the estate according to the Shariah, the husband insisted on a distribution based on the Western laws of the country. What is the ruling of the Shariah in this matter?*

A To deprive an heir of his rightful share of inheritance is a grave sin. Many details of the laws of inheritance have been mentioned in the Qur'an itself. At the end of the discussion of the laws of inheritance, Allah Ta'ala says: "Those who disobey Allah and His Rasul (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) and transgress his bounds; He will enter them into the fire wherein they will dwell forever. And for them is a disgraceful punishment" (Surah 4). To ignore the laws of inheritance that have been mentioned in the Qur'an and to opt for any other law which contradicts it is an extremely serious matter. Allah Ta'ala says: "It does not behove of a Believing man and nor of a Believing woman that when Allah has decreed something in a matter, that they should have any choice in that matter."

Thus when Allah Ta'ala has decreed the laws of inheritance, a Believer will opt *only* for the law of Allah Ta'ala.

It should also be remembered that one can never get away with usurping the wealth and property of others. If it is not returned in this world, one would have to pay it back much more dearly in the Hereafter. It is therefore much wiser to settle the matter in this world —

**The Glorious Qur'an proclaims:
"Every soul will taste of death."**

One of the great distinguished personalities of our time, Hazrath Moulana In'amul Hassan Saheb (R.A.), departed into the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala on the tenth of Muharram 1416. *Inna lillahi wa-inna ilayhi raaji'oon*. Fondly known as *Hazrath Jee* by millions worldwide, Moulana In'amul Hassan Saheb (R.A.) was the Ameer of the *Jamaat* for the past thirty one years.

Hazrath Jee (R.A.) was involved in the work of *Da'wah* from his youth. At the age of nine, he was brought to Nizamuddin in Delhi where he studied under the guidance of Moulana Ilyas (R.A.). In 1965 he succeeded the then Amir, Moulana Yusuf (R.A.) and was ever since responsible for the affairs of the *Markaz* in Nizamuddin as well as for the activities of the *Jamaat* worldwide.

LEARNING DEEN

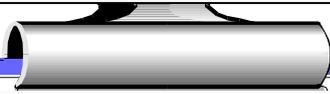
It was in the time of *Hazrath Jee* (R.A.) that the activities of the *Jamaat* spread far and wide covering almost every country in the world. *Jamaats* travelled throughout America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, the Middle East and other parts of the world learning Deen themselves and becoming a means of guidance to numerous people. By the grace of Allah Ta'ala, in its simple manner these *Jamaats* became the means of many thousands of errant Muslims reforming themselves while thousands of others have also accepted Islam at their hands.

Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) is reported to have said: "Allah Ta'ala does not take away knowledge from the world by snatching it from the hearts of people. Rather he removes knowledge by taking away the Ulama (by means of their demise)." (Mishkaat). Thus in these latter times when great Ulama are fast leaving this world, it is even more important for one to hold on firmly to the Qur'an and Sunnah.

May Allah Ta'ala grant *Hazrath Jee* (R.A.) a lofty rank in the Hereafter and enable us to follow his example in conveying the message of Allah Ta'ala in the way of His Rasul (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). Aameen



The sterling advice of Faqihul Ummah Hazrath Mufti Mahmood Saheb (*Daamat Barakaatuhum*) has helped thousands of people to overcome many problems and difficulties — especially in the line of *Islahun Nafs* (inner-self reformation). Hereunder is a reply to a letter seeking guidance.



DESPISING OTHERS

SUMMARY OF LETTER:

Respected Mufti Saheb

Whenever I notice anybody doing something against the Shariah, such as swearing, etc., I immediately begin despising the person. My *nafs* then says to me: “You are much better than him. Others beside you are all despicable.” I humbly request Hazrath to help me remedy this situation.

REPLY:

Respected Brother

To despise a person upon observing him committing a sin is itself a serious crime (only the sin should be despised — never despise the person). At such a time one should consider his own sins. He should address himself thus: “There are numerous vices in me which I am fully aware of. How absolutely despicable I have become due to these sins! On the day of Qiyamah, I will be questioned about my own sins, not about the vices of others. Allah Ta’ala says: “You are not responsible for what I (Rasulullah Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) do and I am not responsible for what you do.” To despise anyone is a sin on its own — and a very serious one too. It is NOT a trivial matter. Allah Ta’ala will question me on the day of Judgement: “If my servants committed any wrong, what right did you have to despise them?” (What will I then answer?)”

Ponder over this regularly. *Insha-Allah*, you will benefit from it.

It is reported from Anas (R.A.) that Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) said to Abu Ayyub: “Should I not show you a BUSINESS?” “Please do so,” he replied. Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) said: “Join ties of friendship between people when their friendship breaks down, and bring them close together when they become distanced from each other (in their relationship).”

(*Wasaayar Rasool vol. 3 pg.583*)

Yes indeed! This is a business. However, it is not a business which merely earns some rands and cents in this world. Rather it is a business which earns perpetual rewards in the Hereafter where no rands and cents will be of any benefit. It is such a rewarding action that it even supercedes the rewards of *Nafil* (optional) salaah and fasts. It is reported that Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) once asked the Sahaaba (R.A.): “Should I not inform you of an action which is greater in status than (*nafil*) fasting, salaah, and charity?” “Please do so,” they replied. Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) said: “Making peace (reconciling) between people (is greater) for verily dissention (conflict) between people is a destroyer.” (*Tirmizi*)

THE FASTEST

Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) is reported to have said: “The noble deeds that bring down rewards fastest are righteousness and joining of family ties. The evil deeds that bring down punishment most quickly are rebellion and cutting off of family

GOT A CONTACT ???

Abdullah ibn Abbas (R.A.) narrates that Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) said: “Protect the boundaries of Allah Ta’ala (by fulfilling His commands and refraining from what He has forbidden), you will find Him in front of you (at your assistance). **Become acquainted with Allah** (i.e. become close to Him and **develop a contact with Him** by means of His obedience and constant remembrance) **in ease, He will recognise you in times of difficulties.** Know well that what you do not receive was never meant to reach you at all, and what has come to you could never escape you. Know

well that help comes with patience and after distress comes comfort, and with difficulty comes ease. (*Tirmizi*)
 Whenever a problem arises, a person always tries to find a CONTACT in “high places” to help him out of that difficulty. Allah Ta’ala, the Most High, is *the* Contact and He alone can remove all difficulties. The biggest problem is that we have not **developed our contact** with Him, nor have we learnt to ask from Him. **To develop this contact** one will have to join the company of the pious, learned ones and **LEARN** the obedience and love

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