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The month of Rabiul-Awwal is known to one and all as being the month in which Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) was born. With the onset of Rabiul-Awwal, programmes and functions to commemorate the noble birth abound. These programmes and functions stem from the love for Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). However, let us examine these programmes from another perspective.

The Ummah of every Messenger of Allah Ta'ala passed through two stages. The first was that period of time when the Ummah was living a life in total accordance to the teachings of their Nabi (Alaihis Salaam). Every action displayed their love and devotion for their Nabi (Alaihis Salaam). Hence they had no need to fix any special occasions wherein this love could be expressed.

The next stage came when the Ummah had abandoned the practical example of their Guide and Prophet. Instead they had adopted a way of life which had little or no resemblance to the way of the Prophet (Alaihis Salaam). Nevertheless, the love for their prophet still existed in their hearts to some degree but there was no practical expression of this love. As a result they began to observe certain special occasions in which this love could be expressed.

The Ummah of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) has also passed through the first stage. The Sahaaba (R.A.) displayed their total love for Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) in every aspect of their lives. Hence no special occasion in the entire year was ever observed by them to commemorate anything in order to express their love. However, with the passing of time the Ummah abandoned the Sunnah and adopted in its place the way of the enemies of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). Often one can not even distinguish a Muslim from a disbeliever. Hence Special occasions are now observed in order to express the love for Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). This obviously can never be a substitute for the Sunnah way of life. Therefore the only solution is to practically adopt the Sunnah totally and express the true love for Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) in every action of our lives. G

SEERAH

To know Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) is more important than even knowing ourselves. Allah Ta'ala declares: "The Nabi is closer to the Believers than their souls..." (Surah Ahzaab Verse 6). The very foundation of our Imaan lies upon knowing Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). It is impossible to fulfil the commands of Allah Ta'ala without the knowledge of the *Seerah* of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). From our acts of worship to the mundane daily activities, the method and pattern of the Beloved of Allah Ta'ala will have to be followed. This is the one and only road to gain the love of Allah Ta'ala as explained in the words of the Qur'an: "Say (O Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam)) If you love Allah Ta'ala follow me, Allah will love you and forgive your sins." (S.3 V.31) Therefore a Believer should be well aware of the details of the life of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). Hereunder, glimpses from the *Seerah* of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) are discussed. This is merely to create the thirst within us to undertake a detail study of the *Seerah* of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam).

PHYSICAL EXCELLENCE

The height of perfection was granted to Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) even in his physical self. Many narrations contain the description of the physical excellence of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). In one narration it is mentioned that the noble face of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) would shine like the full moon.

Hazrath Jaabir (R.A.) says: "I once saw Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) on a moonlit night. At times I looked at the full moon and at times I looked at Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). Indeed I concluded that Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) was more handsome than the moon". (Shamaa'il Tirmizi pg. 16) Regarding the palm of the Nabi of Allah Ta'ala (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), Hazrath Anas (R.A.) says: "I have never touched any fine silk which was softer than the palm of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) nor did I smell any fragrance better than the (natural) fragrance (of the body of) Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam)." Hazrath Ayesha (R.A.) reports that if the women who cut their hands when they saw Yusuf (Alaihis Salaam) had to see Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), they would have cut out their hearts.

These are just some of the many narrations that explain the physical beauty and excellence of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). A couplet of Hazrath Hassaan bin Thabith (R.A.) sums it all up. He says: "*More handsome than you my eye has not seen; More beautiful than you no woman has given birth to; You have been created free from every blemish; As if you were created just as you had wished.*"

CHARACTER

A concise description of the character of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) is found in the words of Hazrath Ayesha (R.A.) who said: "His character was the Qur'an." The incidents pertaining to his noble character are numerous. Hazrath Anas (R.A.) says: "I remained in the service of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) for ten years. He never once told me 'oof.' When I did something, he never asked me: 'Why did you do so?'. If I did not do a certain task, he never asked me as to why I had not done so?" (Shamaa'il Tirmizi pg.362) In another narration Hazrath Ayesha (R.A.) says: "It was not the nature of Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) to talk indecently, nor did he engage himself in the use of

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obscene language. He would not
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shout and talk in the bazaars (which is against dignity). He did not avenge a bad deed with a bad one, but forgave it. Thereafter he would not even mention it." (Shamaa'il pg.364)

Hazrath Jaabir (R.A.) reports that Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) never said 'no' to the request of a person.

HUMBLENESS

Thousands of examples of the humbleness of Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) are to be found in the books of Ahadith. Hazrath Anas (R.A.) reports: "Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) attended invitations where bread made of barley and stale fat a few days old was served (i.e. without any hesitation he accepted these invitations.)" (Shamaa'il pg.344)

It is reported in some narrations that Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) would also do the modest tasks at home such as mending his shoes, milking the goat, mending his clothing as well as other household chores. (Shamaa'il pg.352) What more can be said about the simplicity and humbleness of the Leader of all mankind, the Mercy unto the worlds and the most beloved of Allah Ta'ala?

DA'WAH

The greatest amount of hardship was undertaken by Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) in the path of calling the people towards Allah Ta'ala. At Ta'if he was stoned to the extent that his shoes became filled with his mubarak blood. One Sahaabi (R.A.) narrates: "I saw Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) in the times of *Jahiliyah* (referring here to the early days of Islam). He was inviting the people and saying: 'O people, say *áÇ ÇáÇ ÇáÇ ÇáÇ* and you will be successful.' There were those who then spat in his face, there were those who threw sand upon him and others swore at him. This continued until midday." (Hayyatus Sahaaba V.1 pg 266) Despite all the difficulties and hardships that he had to bear, Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) continued to invite towards the One Allah Ta'ala. His worry and concern for the Ummah would not let him rest.

IBAADAH (WORSHIP)

The sinless Messenger of Allah Ta'ala exerted himself in the worship of his Creator to an extremely great extent. It

is reported that Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) would perform such lengthy *nafl Salaah* that his *mubaarak* feet would become swollen. When asked as to why he exerted himself to this extent whereas Allah Ta'ala had forgiven his past and future sins, Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) replied: "Should I not be a grateful servant?" Numerous other incidents of this nature are to be found regarding the *Ibaadah* of Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam).

NATURAL TENDENCY

Though the few incidents above are only tiny droplets from the oceans of the excellent qualities of Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), they convey to us clearly the message that Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) was a perfect person in all respects. Hence it is only natural that one should be totally attracted to Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). This is a natural tendency observed in people that they are attracted by beauty and perfection. Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) was the pinnacle of all beauty.

EMULATION

When one is attracted and drawn towards some person, this attraction kindles love for that person. If this love is genuine, it automatically propels one towards emulating that person. This is witnessed daily in people who are attracted by film stars (*falling stars*). They begin emulating and following these people to the last detail — including the ridiculous hairstyles and outrageous clothing. When we have been drawn towards Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) and have truly loved him, this must propel us to follow him in every aspect of his perfect life. His *Ibaadah*, *da'wah*, generosity, tolerance and humbleness has to be followed. Likewise a true lover will emulate him in the manner of eating and drinking, in the manner of sleeping, in attire and appearance and every other aspect. This is the dictates of true love for Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). Yet when these latter aspects are discussed, one hears voices in the wilderness blabbering: "The sum total of the Deen of these people is the length of the beard and the length of the pants." Most definitely these two aspects are

LIBERATED WOMAN ?

"The philosophy of the new civilization is indeed strange. According to this philosophy, if a woman has to remain at home and serve her husband and children, she is retrogressive and old-fashioned. However if the same woman becomes an air hostess and serves hundreds of people who look at her with lewd and lustful glances, she is now progressive and advanced. If a woman remains at home and does the house keeping for her parents, brothers and sisters and other family members, she is living the life of a prisoner. Yet if she becomes a sales girl at a shop and with her smiles entices customers to buy, or she works in some office and bears the whims of her superiors, she is free, independent and respectable???"

(*Islaahi Khutubaat* pg. 134 — Mufti Taqi Usmaani Saheb)

TWO HABITS

Suhail (R.A.) reports: "Once Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) mentioned Khuraim Asadi (R.A.) and said: 'He is a good man except for two habits. The first is that he keeps the hair of his head too long. The other is that he allows his *izaar* to go below his ankles'. When Khuraim (R.A.) learnt of this he immediately cut his hair and raised his *izaar* above his

not the entire *Deen*. However they are part of the entire *Deen*. They are aspects that Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) showed concern for. It does not behove of a true lover to show indifference towards what his beloved was concerned about.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the true love for Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) and enable us to emulate him in every aspect. Aameen. C

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Many requests are being received for AL-HAADI to have a questions and answers column. If you wish you may send your question to AL-HAADI. A reply address must be furnished. Only questions of general benefit requiring short answers would be published.



SENT TO DESTROY



Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) was sent as a mercy unto the worlds. Among his functions as a mercy unto the worlds was to save mankind from all things that are harmful to them. In this regard Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) is reported to have said: “Verily Allah Ta’ala has sent me as a mercy and a guide unto the worlds. **Allah Ta’ala has (thus) sent me to DESTROY objects of futile entertainment and musical instruments.**” (*Ahmad — Mishkaat V.2 pg. 318*)

In what stronger terms could the harm of musical instruments and music be expressed? The most beloved of Allah, the Mercy unto the worlds exclaims that the Creator of the universe - Allah Ta’ala - has sent him to destroy something. There can be absolutely no doubt in the mind of a sane *Mu’min* (Believer) that what Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) was sent to destroy must most definitely be extremely detrimental to our Imaan as well as our bodies. **One** aspect of the destructive nature of music has been described in the following Hadith wherein Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) is reported to have said: “Verily music causes hypocrisy to grow in the heart just as water causes the crop to grow.” (*Baihaqi — Mishkaat V.2 pg. 411*)

Music is then most certainly the deadly poison of a venomous snake... YET...

↳ This venomous snake assaults one at the businesses of people who hope to receive *barakah* (blessings) (?) by playing music to attract customers.

↳ This music shocks one at the weddings of those who are hoping for a blissful marriage.

↳ It deafens and frightens one in the cars of drivers who are hoping for a safe journey. (Remember! Many have died in accidents while music blasted in their ears — unfortunately not having the chance to recite the Kalima of salvation)

↳ It surprises one in the houses of those who hope to receive blessings, have the company of the angels and be saved

To add insult to injury, the names of Allah Ta’ala and His Beloved Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) are joined to music (and innocently called *Qawwali*). What answer will one have on the Day of Judgement for having joined the name of Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) with the very thing that he was SENT TO DESTROY???

Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) has even forbidden the income of music. Hazrath Abu Hurairah (R.A.) reports that Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) forbade the income earned by the flute.” (*Sharhus Sunnah — Mishkaat V.2 pg. 242*)

Yes! Let us stop. Let us shun what Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) has forbidden. Let us DESTROY from our lives what Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) was SENT TO DESTROY! May Allah Ta’ala enable us to do so. *Aameen.* ☪

ADVICE WITH WISDOM

Abu Umama (R.A.) reports that a youth came to Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) and said: “O Prophet of Allah, grant me the permission to commit *zina* (fornication).” The Sahaaba (R.A.) began rebuking the boy for asking such a question and they said to him: “Be quiet.” Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) asked the youngster to come closer to him. The boy came closer and sat down. Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) then asked the youth: “Would you like such an action to be committed with your mother?” The youngster replied: “May I be sacrificed for you O Prophet of Allah, most definitely not.” “Nor does anyone else like such an action to be committed with their mothers” said Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). “Would you like such an action to be committed with your sister?” asked the Prophet of Allah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). “By Allah, most definitely not” replied the boy.” “Nor does anyone else like such an action to be committed with their sisters” said Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) then asked him the same question with regards to his daughters, aunts, etc.. Each time the youth replied: “May I be sacrificed for you, most definitely not.” Rasulallah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) then placed his hand on the boy and prayed: “O Allah, forgive his sins, purify his heart and make him chaste.”

Thereafter the youngster would

“There is no limit to what a person can do as long as he does not care who gets the



FAQIHUL UMMAH

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* (self-reformation). Hereunder is a reply to a letter seeking guidance to a spiritual disease.

ANGER OVER HUMILIATION

LETTER:

Hazrath Mufti Saheb

ÇáÓáÇā ÚáíBā æÑíāÉ Çááá æÈÑBÇÊâ

I am suffering from a (spiritual) illness. Whenever anybody belittles or humiliates me, I become enraged. Please remedy this weakness in me.

REPLY:

Beloved Brother

ÇáÓáÇā ÚáíBā æÑíāÉ Çááá æÈÑBÇÊâ

The remedy is extremely easy provided that you have the courage. Whenever anybody belittles or humiliates you, immediately ponder thus: “ I have committed various other sins. My character is also poor. I carry much impurity within my body all the time. Hence if somebody belittles or humiliates me, SO WHAT? He has not even come close to the reality (of my evils).

Furthermore, whatever happens in this world is first sanctioned from *above* (by Allah Ta’ala). Only then does it become apparent here. My being humiliated was also sanctioned from *above*, hence it has occurred. Why then do I become angry ???

Besides this, whatever occurrence upsets me takes place as a compensation for my sins. I should therefore be grateful to the one humiliating me that as a result of this my sins are being forgiven.”

(Maktoobat Faqihul Ummah V.1 pg. 53)

TWO HUNGRY WOLVES

Ka’ab bin Maalik (R.A.) reports that Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) said: “ Two hungry wolves let loose upon a flock of sheep **can not** inflict as much harm as the destruction **greed for wealth and position can inflict upon the Deen of a person.**” (Tirmizi — Faizul Qadeer V.5 pg. 445)

This Hadith makes it evident that greed and lust for wealth and position are **not** two hungry wolves— they are far more dangerous and destructive than hungry wolves.

The greed for wealth and position would lead one to acquire the world by any means whatsoever, even if such means are prohibited by the Sustainer and Nourisher — Allah Ta’ala. This insatiable desire for the glitter and glamour of this temporary abode would

cause a “respectable” person to lie, hide the fault of the merchandise, commit fraud and a host of other HARAAM acts. This greed would make a wealthy person **invoke the curse of Allah Ta’ala upon himself** by involving himself in such transactions wherein the taking OR giving of interest occurs. This he would do merely so that he also could live like a millionaire. It is only the sand of the grave that will fill this hunger and arrest it in its tracks. However, it will then be too late to make amends.

Let us sit for a moment and ponder whether or not these cancers are within us. If they are there, immediate steps must be taken to treat and eventually eradicate these deadly diseases. May Allah Ta’ala purify us from them.

Abu Hurairah (R.A.) reports that Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) said: “I wish I could ask the boys to collect a huge quantity of firewood for me. **I would then go around and set fire to the dwellings of those who perform their Salaah at their own houses without any**

REJECTED CRY

Abu Hurairah (R.A.) reports that Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) said: “Allah Ta’ala is Pure. He only accepts what is pure. He has commanded the Believers with the same injunction that He had given to the Messengers: “O Messengers! Eat of the pure things and perform righteous actions.” Likewise Allah Ta’ala has mentioned: “O you who Believe, eat from the pure things that We have provided for you.”

Thereafter Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) mentioned the example of a person who had undertaken a lengthy journey. He was (thus) laden with dust and unkempt. He raises his hands towards the skies and cries (in this pitiful condition): ‘O my *Rabb*, O my *Rabb* (Sustainer)’, whereas his **food** is HARAAM, his **drink** is HARAAM, his **clothing** is HARAAM and he has been nourished by HARAAM. **HOW THEN CAN HIS DUAS BE ACCEPTED???**

NOTE: Many people often wonder why their duas are not being answered. One of the main reasons for the non-acceptance of Duas has been mentioned in this Hadith. One must therefore be extremely careful with regard to his earnings. ☪

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