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Waziristan, Kashmir, Afghanistan, Srilanka, Bosnia, Gaza, Iraq, Syria, Iran, Lebanon, and the list goes on of countries and cities where Muslims are struggling to lead a normal life, free of fear, oppression and a life of peace. It is either Muslims killing Muslims or non-Muslims killing Muslims, bottom line being that no matter what nationality, it is a Muslim child, father,

brother, mother or husband who is losing their life.

Gone are the days of glories, when Muslim rulers ruled the world under the umbrella of Shariah. The might and strength of the Muslims would have the enemies of Islam shaking with fear. Now the so called prominent Muslims of the first world nation are insulted on their faces at events held in their honour,

and yet they remain silent and simmer in silence but do not react.

The question arises why?

A question which unfortunately many Muslims have even stopped asking now, as life goes on as per routine for many.

The answer is very simple. As Allah c said in the Quran centuries ago,

forgotten who we are, what we are, why we are here and where we are heading to. We have been humiliated under the boots of many invaders and have fallen to the intrigues of our enemies.

This however does not mean that since it is written we will suffer for our mistakes. The Ayat clearly states that Allah c the All Merciful, also overlooks many of our mistakes. He also forgives. But forgiveness will only be give to those who seek forgiveness. Unfortunately, now we have come to a point that we commit sins and yet do not seek forgiveness because we do not even realize that a sin has been committed.

We do not even have to look far. If we just look around us, in our own homes, there are so many little things that have become a part of our lifestyles that our eyes just sweep over such sins and life goes on.

A newspaper lying on the coffee table featuring ads with models is part of many urban Muslim households, and we do not even think to cover the image whereas Islam states that angles do not enter the house which has pictures in it. A television set is now to be found in even the poor colonies. A haram that has become a norm.

Instead of praying at the sacred times of Sehri and Iftar, many Muslims spend their time in front of TV claiming they are gaining Islamic knowledge. Islamic knowledge infused with music, belittling games and challenges, and sin of the eyes by looking at non-Mehrams. No repentance is made as this is not even considered a sin anymore.

Sehri and iftaar deals are have become a part of parcel of Ramadan. Despite what is happening in Gaza, Muslims across the globe, did not pace down on their Eid shopping or iftaar spreads. But, yes, when it comes to donation for funds, or giving out Zakat, it can always wait, after all have the whole year ahead.

It is very easy to blame our rulers for our plight. Blame them for not taking any actions against the secretariat killing. Blame the ones in power for the load shedding, for the rising prices, for the lawlessness, for not raising their voice against the plight of Muslims in Gaza.

Of course, after all it was the Government that forced you to step out of the house to buy matching shoes for your Eid dress in the last Ashra and miss your taraweeh.

It is the Government that made you have a lavish buffet dinner at the five

star hotel, and have you neglect the payment of your Zakat.

It was the Government that made the you stay in the five star hotel closest to Masjid-e-Haram and have you go through a shopping mall (Hazrat Muhammad SAW declared shopping malls and bazaars as Allah's SWT most despised places) for prayers.

We all claim to be Muslims, but the truth is that we are far from true practices of Quran and Sunnah.

We mock the youth with beard and hijab, and are quick to judge those as non practicing Muslims who do not donn hijab and beard.

Alcohol is served and consumed in Muslim countries by the Muslims blatantly.

Our financial systems are based on interest.

Corruptions at all levels in terms of lose ethics, bribery and morals have become an accepted part of the system.

Our education systems are based on Western ideologies and systems.

Our traditions and cultures are pagan adopted.

The truth is that as Allah c says in the Quran ,

'Allah c does not change the condition of people unless they change

themselves.' (Quran 13:11)

How sincerely have we exerted our efforts to make this a reality?

The answer is clearly demonstrated by our present state. This is the first and immediate problem one meets when he looks into our current affairs. A second point touches the way of life of each Muslim individually, or indeed each man in this earthly life. If we look truly into our inner feelings, we will most probably find immediate worldly problems have the strongest claim on our thoughts. Family problems, business activities, employment requirements, ambitions for a higher standard of living, a better rank in society, material wealth and other worldly desires are the source of our sufferings, and regulate our trends, our psychology and our plans.

It is a fact that most people today are occupied with their own worldly projects and preoccupied by their limitless needs and increasing requirements, and rarely think of death, or the Hereafter, or the Day of Reckoning and Judgment, or the plight of the millions of impoverished Muslims, or Islam and its concerns. This feature has continued in our lives

until a separation has been established between the basic pillars of Islam.

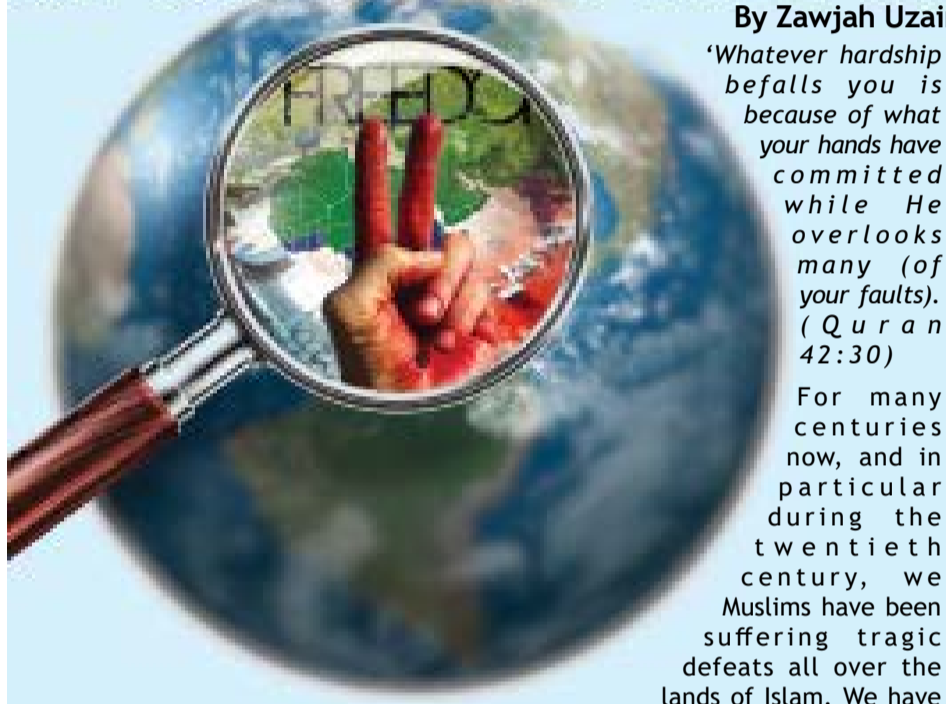
We are poor and weak in spite of the billion three hundred and fifty million Muslims. As Muslims, we have failed to introduce Islam to the world, Islam which they ignore and fight against. They fight against it out of ignorance. It is the foremost duty of each and every Muslim to present Allah's c religion to all nations, to individuals and leaders. Theoretically and practically, and present the true pattern of it, at least in our relations: clean, frank and true, with dignity and independence.

But Islam cannot be extinguished,

Islam is neither aggressive nor oppressive, Islamic ideology is alive and this is having an unbearable effect on the enemies of Islam, who are slowly but surely being driven to despair. It is the foremost duty of each and every Muslim to march on and strive without fear, sacrificing everything to regain our lost heritage and grant us success as Allah c has promised in the Holy Quran

'O you who believe, be patient, compete with each other in patience, and guard your frontiers and fear Allah, so that you may be successful.' (Quran 3:200)

Plight of Muslims around the World



By Zawjah Uzair

'Whatever hardship befalls you is because of what your hands have committed while He overlooks many (of your faults). (Quran 42:30)

For many centuries now, and in particular during the twentieth century, we Muslims have been suffering tragic defeats all over the lands of Islam. We have

Time flies so quickly. It seems like yesterday only that Ramadan preps were at an optimum, and then came the blessed month, and now its Shawwal! Alhamdulillah Allah c graced us with the month of Ramadan and may He accept the ibaadats we performed in this month and have us enter this month again next year in good health and faith. Ameen

But what now?

With the end of Ramadan, is it time to get back to our lives as they were pre-Ramadan? Time to switch on the TV again, after all cannot miss those Eid shows?

Long timings at work, who has time to recite the Quran?

Oh, not waking up for Sehri anymore, hence Fajr prayers get missed out!

Is that what we will fall back to? Insha'Allah No.

Ramadan in fact should be taken as the month to set the tone for the rest of the year. A year for resolutions and replacement of bad habits with goods ones, so that the coming months are spent living the life Allah c has prescribed for us.

Below are some helpful

Post Ramadan Reflections



tips that can help us maintain our good deeds of Ramadan for the rest of the year too:

1. Continue Fasting

Abu Ayyun al-Ansari h narrated that the Prophet Mohammad s said that:

"He who observed the fast of Ramadan and then followed it with six (fasts) of Shawwal would be as if he fasted perpetually." (Sahih Muslim)

It is learned from the Sunnah of our beloved Prophet s that he used to observe fast on Mondays and Thursdays, and also on the 13-15th of every lunar month. We should try to adapt these Sunnahs to the best of our abilities.

2. Increase in Deeds

During Ramadan, we find ourselves increasing in good deeds: donating to charities, reading Quran and committing ourselves to optional prayers. When Ramadan ends, we slow ourselves in these actions, or even cease to perform them. Certainly, we know that good deeds are multiplied during the Blessed Month, but they are still deeds that carry a great reward throughout the year. The wisdom behind establishing these good deeds is not just to obtain their reward during the Ramadan, but to develop them into habit throughout the year. Ramadan gave us a perfect time to establish them in consistency, we now just need to keep the momentum going throughout the year. After

all, good deeds bring nothing but reward.

3. Continue Being Punctual in Prayers

In Ramadan prayers automatically become more punctual as office and meal timings revolve around prayers. Keep the routine going. Do not change your alarm timings. Let the sehri alarm ring so that you wake up for Tahajjud and also make it to the Fajr prayers.

Leave work before Magrib if possible so that prayers are not miss, and take ten minutes out of your lunch break for Zuhar.

Ultimately in Ramadan, we withheld ourselves from the physiological desires of food, drink and intimate relations with our spouses. We sacrificed sleep to stand in prayer. We substituted futile actions for those which benefit. But what were we truly aspiring for?

Allahc revealed in the

Quran:

'O you who believe, the fasts have been enjoined upon you as they were enjoined upon those before you, so that you may be God-fearing.' (Quran2:183)

Taqwa is an essential aspect of our faith. Allah c has prescribed fasting for us to gain Taqwa and Alhamdulillah every year we have an opportunity to grow closer to Him, which we should not forgo.

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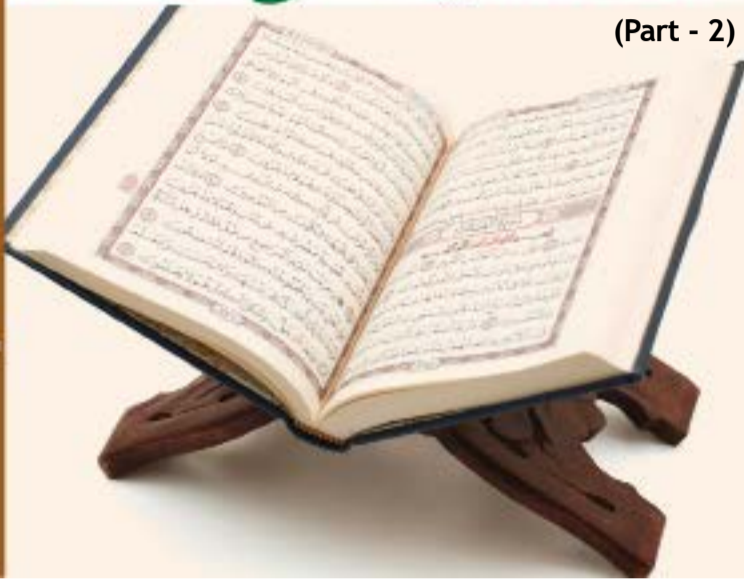
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Facts, Events & Beliefs

Miracles of the Holy Quran

(Part - 2)



Centuries ago, Allah sent down the Quran to mankind as a book of guidance. He called upon people to be guided to the truth by adhering to this book. From the day of its revelation to the Day of Judgment, this last divine book will remain the sole guide for humanity.

The matchless style of the Quran and the superior wisdom in it are definite evidence that it is the word of Allah. In addition, the Qur'an has many miraculous attributes proving that it is a revelation from a Supreme Being. One of these attributes is the fact that a number of scientific truths that we have only been able to uncover by the technology of the 20th century were stated in the Qur'an 1,400 years ago.

Orbits

Two stalls were prominently placed outside the Bait-us-Salam mosque and Alhamdulillah they received an overwhelming response from the people

While referring to the Sun and the Moon in the Quran, it is emphasized that each moves in a definite orbit.

'He is the One who has created the night and the day, and the sun and the moon, each floating in an orbit.' (Quran 21:33)

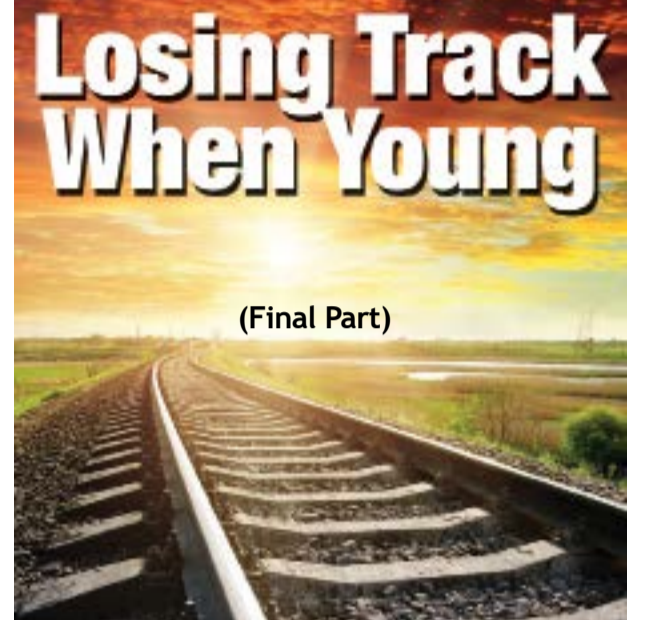
These facts communicated in the Quran have been discovered by astronomical observations in our age. According to the calculations of experts on astronomy, the Sun is traveling at the enormous speed of 720,000 kilometers an hour in the direction of the star Vega in a particular orbit called the Solar Apex. This means that the sun travels roughly 17,280,000 kilometers a day. Along with the Sun, and all planets and satellites within the gravitational system of the Sun also travel the same

It was so easy to just sit down and refuse to budge. Just close your eyes, and not think.

But you were on a mission, and you could not stop. For even if you wanted to, the road under you kept moving. And if you did not make a decision soon, you would be swerved one way in any case and you could not afford to be lost anymore.

You remembered something from one of

Path you chose was steep. All the while, they pulled. There was little sleep, little talk, and little food. The craving was there, but you had to see where this path led. There was a stumble, and you lost ground. Despair advanced, pushed. Silently, you prayed. Older temptations played in your mind, snaked across your heart. Maybe the journey was too much trouble? It seemed you walked alone now. Vision blurry, you looked



Losing Track When Young

(Final Part)

Outstanding Performance of Jami Bait-us-Salam Students in Wifaq-ul-Madaris Al-Arabia Examination:

37 students sat for the examination held under Wifaq-ul-Madaris Al-Arabia this year from Jamia Bait-us-Salam, Karachi and Alhamdulillah their performance was



outstanding.

One student achieved first position in the whole of Pakistan, while 10 students gained more than 80% marks. 23 students gained more than 70% marks and 4 gained more than 60%.

Indus Hospital sets up a Blood

NEWS: Attacks on Muslims in Asian States Denounced

The attack on Muslims in Sri Lanka, China and Myanmar by extremist Buddhists and religious fanatics backed by governments is a matter of "serious concern" for the Muslim world.



Lanka, which account for nine percent of the country's 20 million population, are being subjected to attacks by unruly mobs of Buddhist extremists. A number of Muslims were killed and hundreds of people seriously injured by anti-Muslim militias in southern Sri Lankan coastal towns in the last few weeks.

In Myanmar, inter-religious violence is taking place throughout the country. At least 300 Muslims have been killed and more than 150,000 displaced since the June 2012 religious unrest. Most of the victims have been members of Myanmar's Muslim minority, estimated to be about five percent of the population.

In China, the authorities had imposed restrictions on Uighur Muslims during the month of Ramadan, banning government employees and schoolchildren from fasting, in what rights groups say has become an annual attempt at systematically erasing the region's Islamic identity.

NEWS: Gaza Conflict

Donation Camp Outside Bait-us-Salam Mosque in Ramadan:

Indus Hospital, in



coordination with the Bait-us-Salam Trust's team, set-up a one day blood donation camp outside the Bait-us-Salam mosque in Ramadan. The camp got a very good response from the people



visiting the mosque for

Treaty of Hudaibiya, Hazrat Usman h was sent to the Quraish of Makkah to negotiate. When three days passed and he did not return, a rumour got afloat that he had been killed by the Quraish. Hazrat Umar h donned his arms and sought permission from the Holy Prophet g to seek revenge for Hazrat Usman's h blood saying that the Muslims would fight till the end to take their revenge. The Holy Prophet g asked all his companions to gather around him and one by one they all took the oath to launch jihad against the mighty Quraish of Makkah.

This was regardless of the fact that they were smaller in number. Allah c liked this gesture so much that this oath came to be known as 'Bait-ul-Rizwan,' the oath that pleased Allah c.

Muslims now though, remain unmoved by the ordeals of innocent Muslims across the world. Basic rights of living in peace and observing religious obligations are being taken and not a single voice is raised in concern.

Muslims than were so strengthened by their unity, that non-believers hesitated and were scared of doing wrong to a Muslim. Unfortunately now Muslims are being marginalized all over the world because the non-Muslims know that they will not face any strong reaction or resistance despite Muslims being a sizeable number of the population.

NEWS: Gaza Conflict

The latest cycle of violence in Gaza was basically triggered after the death of three Israeli teenagers which was blamed on the Hamas and the retaliatory death of a Palestinian teenager by the

prayers and was held in a very professional manner. Around 70 bottles of blood was donated.

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Bait-us-Salam Updates

Publications' Team Actively Promotes its Magazines, through Various Marketing Activities in the Last Ashra of Ramadan:

The last Ashra of Ramadan saw a frenzy of activities from the Fahmedeen Publications team as they set about the task of promoting the various magazines that fall under the Fahmedeen Publications umbrella.



Israeli forces and the beating of his cousin by them.

This led to rockets being launched by Hamas in the Israeli borders in protest and a full on assault by the Israeli forces in return.

With the ground assault followed by the airstrikes, in 17 days of fighting nearly 800 Palestinians have been killed and over 6000 injured, which include women and children and 29 Israelis, largely soldiers, have been killed.



Hospitals and civilians are being bombed mercilessly leaving the Palestinians of Gaza and the infrastructure there in shambles. With all borders controlled by the Israeli forces except one, refugees are also finding it difficult to evacuate despite Israeli so called warnings. It is the basic weapons versus the supreme technology of Israeli force.

Since 2005, when Israel put up blockades in Gaza, life for the many of the 1.5 million Palestinians who live in the Gaza Strip is difficult.

Israel controls its coastline and all the entry and exit crossings into Israel. There is another crossing point into

the Clifton and Defence mosques.

Stalls were also put up outside mosques in areas of Karachi apart from DHA. Stalls were also put outside the major mosques of the 6 districts of Karachi.

May Allah c accept their efforts. Ameen

BSWT-Food Packages Distributed to The IDPS:

Food packages containing various staple food items

humanity.

NEWS AND VIEWS

NEWS: It is indeed very sorrowful to see the leaders of the Islamic states remaining quite and not making any strong protest against the open genocide being conducted in Gaza. Children and women are also being openly murdered amongst innocent civilians and hospitals and schools are being bombarded whereby Muslims, by large remain unvocal and go about their routine life. Muslims now have stopped feeling the pain of their brothers. We the Muslims have become apathetic to the sufferings around us and the world consumes us. The context of a Hadith of our Beloved Prophet g, the lowest form of imaan for a Muslim

is that if you cannot stop or raise your voice against bad from happening than at least consider it and bad in your heart and repent from Allah c .

We as Muslims should do whatever it is that we can to show solidarity with Palestinians. We can use the social media, the power of strength and numbers to

voice and launch our protest. We can pray hard for our Muslim brothers of Gaza and Insha'Allah Muslims if show unity, will prevail.

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You reached the end of the Path. It was the edge of a cliff. The binds had reached their breaking point, the tug was never stronger. You wiped your incessant tears, and jumped.

The ocean of the Mercy of Allah c awaited and at long last, there was Light.

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