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FASTING IS ORDAINED FOR YOU,
AS IT WAS ORDAINED FOR THOSE
BEFORE YOU**

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Editorial

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Dear friends!

A thousand years ago, the Indian subcontinent was seeing Muslims' horses running over it, subduing the elite ruling class at that time which claimed itself to be born out of the head of Brahma. History can never forget the Muslim conquest of this subcontinent from that time. It was obvious that this defeated class could not digest its overthrow easily and it reappeared in many forms like Prithviraj Chauhan, Shivaji - again to be defeated badly.

These setbacks were written in their fate since they didn't have the qualities and characteristics to run the state and were too much incompetent and lethargic as compared to Muslim rulers at that time. When their physical strength couldn't match the Muslim might, they tried to attain positions in Muslim Royal Courts to overthrow them. They succeeded a little bit at the time of Akbar but all of their efforts went in vain when Aurangzeb defeated Dara Shikoh, who was prepared by this subdued elite class as their forerunner.

We could easily infer now from these historical facts that how much anger and grudge this class is keeping against Muslims and this hatred is now taking a new direction that they have started attacking the beloved Prophet of Islam ﷺ. Although anyone barking at the sun cannot diminish its light, just like Allah

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SWT has expressed in the Holy Qur'an:

They want to extinguish the light of Allah with their mouths, but Allah refuses except to perfect His light, although the disbelievers dislike it.
(Qur'an 9:32)

The recent incident of blasphemy at the Press Club of India, which is also too shameful for the club, speaks in volumes the hatred and jealousy of these low lives against Islam. They have fallen to a much low level that they are levying allegations that were not even done by the staunch enemies of Prophet ﷺ during his blessed life.

But let us introspect where we, the Muslims of India are standing today. The enemies of Islam know very well that what it means to speak against the Prophet of Islam ﷺ. If they are knowingly committing such heinous crimes this means that they don't see the Muslims as something which could go against them anyhow. Although the Muslim, as Allah SWT has commanded are the torchbearers of justice on this earth and cannot let any kind of injustice flourish on the earth:

You are the best of peoples, evolved for mankind, enjoining what is right, forbidding what is wrong, and believing in Allah.
(Qur'an 3:110)

It is one of the grave injustice or we can say the biggest crime to ridicule or abuse the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. If the Muslim is unable to stop this mischief on the land, what else can then be expected from him? When Iman Malik was asked by Caliph Haroon Rashid about blasphemy he replied saying that if a blaspheme is alive then the Ummah should be dead.

Not a day passes when the beloved Prophet of Islam is ridiculed or abused but the Ummah still sleeps waiting for others to condemn it. It is a serious concern for anyone who believes in Allah, his beloved Messenger ﷺ and the hereafter. If these issues don't make one's blood boils then he needs to introspect his faith.



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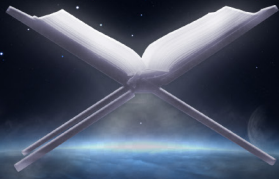
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CREATOR'S CALL

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ



O You who Believe! Fasting is ordained for you, as it was ordained for those before you

al-Baqarah 2:183

This is a verse of Surah Baqarah, Surah Baqarah is a Madani Surah and was revealed at the very beginning. This verse commands fasting. Fasting is one of the five basic pillars of Islam and practicing it is obliged to the entire Muslim Ummah during the month of Ramadan.

In this verse, Allah Almighty has declared the obligation of fasting. Addressing the believers He says:

O you who believe, If you are sincere and conscious in your faith, then make fasting compulsory.

Fasting (Siyam, صيام) is derived from the word Saum (صوم). The literal meaning of fasting is to abstain from something and to give it up. 'Sam al-fars soma' (صام الفرس صوم) means the horse did not eat fodder. The Arabs regularly trained their horses and camels by keeping them hungry and thirsty, to make them accustomed to hunger and thirst, so that in difficult times the horse should not be discouraged and exhausted by hunger and thirst, especially during the war. In the same way, Allah Almighty has made fasting obligatory on Muslims so that they can prepare themselves for other acts of worship in the remaining eleven months of the year. Especially for the difficulties and challenges that arise in the field of Jihad, fasting is just like training for this act. Since the command of jihad was about to come in this Surah and the battle of Islam and Kufr was about to start in Madinah, the command for fasting is being revealed before it so that the Muslims can prepare themselves for every situation.

In Shari'ah, fasting is the name of abstaining from eating and drinking and from the marital relationship from dawn to dusk.

There are many virtues of fasting which are described in the ahadith. The greatest virtue of fasting is that Allah Almighty Himself will give the reward for it. From this, the importance of fasting can be understood.

Fasting was not only obligatory on the Prophet Muhammad's followers ﷺ, but on all the follower of earlier Prophets that have preceded him. Proof of this is the practice of fasting in one form or another still exists today in all religions.

At the end of this verse, the purpose of fasting is to state that one should be pious. Taqwa is the name of avoiding disobedience to Allah and fearing Allah. Fear of God is the only thing that protects man from sins and the love of Allah is that which motivates a man to good deeds. The spirit of all worship is piety (Taqwa), and if the heart is devoid of piety (Taqwa), then worship is just soulless and lifeless. Therefore, the purpose of fasting is to create piety. That is, fasting is an act of worship that instils piety in the heart. The reason for this is that all acts of worship other than fasting have the possibility of showing off, but fasting is an act of worship in which there is no possibility of showing off. A Muslim fasts only in the fear of God Almighty and in the love of God Almighty, and this is the ascension of piety and its highest standard. We ask Allah to help us all to fast and to nourish piety in our hearts.

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RAMZAN : A BLESSING

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The biggest gift to us is the conversion of Ramzan into a sacred month by ordering us to fast in it so that we can strengthen our bond with our creator. Although this month was already pious due to the revelation of the only book of guidance, this order raised its importance to the highest level.



Historical Importance

Fasting was not just obligated on us but all previous Ummahs were blessed with it
(Quran 2:183).



Why fasting?

We can also see this in all the religions of the world. Fasting is a part of every religion in one form or another. The medical benefits of fasting are known to everyone as they're widely shared by Muslims on social media, to prove their religion's righteousness. (Maybe such people try to convince themselves that they are following a nice & good faith). **The purpose of the Creator is that we can become fearful & cautious.** This training of one month is given to us every year so that we can live every moment in the whole year fearing Allah, become

cautious of our each & every step, and whether it is taken as per the wishes of our Lord or not.



Practical Implications

We live on an empty stomach just to make our Lord happy. If we ponder upon this, we would come to know that it is a high standard of worship. We can eat anything anywhere in our life. But we don't do so just for the sake of Allah. Otherwise, we would have stormed the ice cream parlors or cold drink bars to get rid of the summer heat & thirst. Or had a visit to coffee lounges to fight the cold of winter. But we don't do so. Further, what our leader Prophet Muhammad ﷺ asked us was to stay away from not just food but also from wrongdoings & evil acts. He told us that if we don't leave our bad habits, wrongdoings, unjust & evil acts, then our Lord does not need our empty stomach and will not reward us for our hunger. (The only reward we can get is a delicious iftar).



How to take maximum benefit?

We have now understood the purpose of this blessing. The better the training in this month, the better is the result in upcoming eleven months. For this, I would like to suggest a few steps:

(1) Talluq Billah -

We must try to strengthen our bond with Allah by every possible means. Some of them are:

- **Tilawat (Recitation):** Since this month also has its high status because of the revelation of the Qur'an, so we must do its recitation daily and try to complete it, at least once, in this month.
- **Translation & Tafseer:** The Quran is in Arabic, so we must read the translation of the Quran completely, at least once, this month. Further, we must try to dive into it through the tafaseers of learned scholars so that we can come across what our Lord has guided us towards.
- **Obligatory worships:** We must try to

perform obligatory worships with utmost dedication & affection.

(2) Talluq Bil Rasool -

As we know, without Prophet Muhammad ﷺ there is no Islam, so we must try to build the strongest possible relationship with him by:

- **Performing Sunnah Acts:** We must try to follow all the Sunnahs as much as possible.
- **Read Ahadees:** We must try to read the Ahadees and also try to read its understandings by the learned scholars of the Ummah.
- **Seerah:** We must try to read a book of seerah this month. The Qur'an was revealed part by part in the Prophet's life ﷺ, so to understand it in a better way, a quick revision of the Prophet's life must be done ﷺ.

(3) Observing special occasions -

This holy month has some very very special days and nights. We must try to observe them in the best possible manner. Some of them are below:

- **Youm ul Furqan (Battle of al-Badr) :** 17th of Ramzan.
- **Youm ul Fatah (Victory of Makkah) :** 21st of Ramzan.
- **Laylatul Qadr:** The blessed odd nights of last ten days.

(4) **Spending** - Spending in the causes, which Allah has told us, is also a means to come close to Allah and lead a cautious life. We should try to do:

- Sadaqah
- Infaq
- Zakaat (if applicable).
- Sadqa e Fitr (it will bring happiness of Eid in the life of the deprived ones)

(5) Nafil Worships -

Obligatory & Sunnah worships constitutes the primary structure of Islam. For its beauty, Nawafil plays a crucial role. The closeness of Allah will also be achieved by them, especially at night. We should try to perform more & more nawafil.

Last but not least - Compassion - Our Lord is the most compassionate. Our leader, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is and will be the most compassionate creation of the Creator forever. Islam is compassion. So, we must try to be compassionate for ourselves, our family, relatives, friends, poor, needy, deprived, oppressed, and the whole of humanity in general. We will do everything for their well-being not only in this world but also for their life Hereafter.



FASTING & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Hasan ul Banna Khan

Humans are a combination of physical, intellectual, and spiritual instincts. The physical instincts consist of the actions taken by the human body, which in turn are guided by the mind. However, it is the spirit or the soul that truly humanizes our actions. We pretty much understand the physical and intellectual aspects of our body and also work on strengthening them, but what about the soul? With a bit of contemplation, we realize that an imbalance of spirituality leads humans astray. Individuals devoid of soul resemble animals in the way they lead their lives, as mentioned in the Qur'an:

“As for the unbelievers, they enjoy the pleasures of this transient life and eat as cattle eat” (47:12),

whereas too much of it, and people go into monkhood.

Islam has provided us with the correct means of spiritual guidance through faith in Allah. Faith is the basis of responsible actions in this world by mankind. If not for faith, humans are nothing but a mere tool in the hands of their psyche, constantly in danger of getting driven by the infinite evil forces in the world. It is the faith that brings them back and directs them towards As Siraat al Mustaqeem (the right path). However, we live in a crooked world, and as humans, we are bound to make mistakes. Every time we make a mistake, our faith takes a hit. Hence, our faith is in continuous need of replenishment. Allah has provided us with the ways of constant spiritual upliftment through prayers i.e., **Salah, Zakah, Sawm, and Hajj.**

All these acts of worship are a means to get closer to Allah, but none of them is more effective than fasting. Its sole purpose is for the believers to become God-fearing, as Allah says in the Qur'an:

“O believers! Fasting is prescribed for you, as it was for those before you, so you will become God-fearing” (2:183).

Apart from fasting, the rest of the acts involve some degree of external movements, whereas fasting is a completely private form of worship. A person abstains from food, drink as well as carnal desires and acts which are deemed lawful. Nobody other than Allah would come to know if he were to indulge in any of these deeds, but still, the person stops himself from doing so, with the sole purpose of pleasing Allah. This is the reason that Allah says in a Hadith e Qudsi:

“Fasting is for me, and I will reward it.”
(Bukhari, Muslim).

This obligation of fasting is repeated daily for a month, during the blessed month of Ramadan, thus ensuring a sustained spiritual training exercise for the entire Ummah. This leads to an increase in the levels of their piety, which is stated to be a pre-requisite for a righteous life, as stated in the Qur'an:

“This is the Book of Allah, there is no doubt in it; it is a guidance for the pious” (Qur'an 2:2).

Ramadan also helps in reviving the relationship with the book of Allah, as it is the month in which it was revealed:

“The month of Ramadan is the one in which the Qur'an was revealed as guidance for mankind, and as clear signs that show the right way and distinguish between right and wrong.”
(Qur'an 2:185),

resulting in a rejuvenation of spirit through the strengthening of this connection.

The prolonged training in refraining from otherwise permissible activities results in gaining tremendous control of the human psyche. The person is in a much better position to refrain from all the desires and

actions that are forbidden by Allah, and which destroy the spiritual existence of the human body. It also prepares a person to practice what is obligated by the Almighty, i.e., the essentials of spiritual development. Thus, fasting during Ramadan leads a person's will into complete submission of Allah's demands, a necessary trait for spiritual development. During the fast, when the body experiences hunger, it infuses the heart with empathy for those who are downtrodden and marginalized and struggle to fulfill their basic food requirement. On the one hand, this motivates the person to then serve these communities in any which way possible, whereas, on the other it makes him feel content with whatever resources he has got. As a result, a critical step for spiritual development is achieved as the person is empowered to not become a slave of his never-ending desire for material wealth and rather encouraged to spend it in the path of Allah. Ramadan also gives a chance for a person to repent for the sins that he had committed and ask for forgiveness, as Prophet (ﷺ) has stated: **“Whoever fasted the month of Ramadan out of sincere Faith (i.e. belief) and hoping for a reward from Allah, then all his past sins will be forgiven”** (Bukhari). Repentance and forgiveness from Allah is a necessary attribute for spiritual development, as it gives a chance for the soul to mend its scars that are in place because of sinning and reinstate its lost vigor.

Thus, at the end of the training cycle of Ramadan, having fulfilled its requirements, the person stands battle-ready to face the unlimited vices of the world, with a reinvigorated soul, renewed spirit, and the batteries of his faith recharged for the rest of the year. This surely is the apex of spiritual development, a precedent for which cannot be found.



IQBALIC COUPLETS

Poem: March 1907

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This poem is from the collection of Allama's poems in which he predicted the future. It was written in 1907 while he was staying in Europe. He lived in Europe, and well understood the situation, that the arrival of a very great revolution in the east and west is on the way and he described these thoughts in the manner of a poem.

کیا میرا تذکرہ جو ساقی نے بادہ خواروں کی انجمن میں
تو پیرے خانہ سن کے کہنے لگا کہ منہ پھٹ ہے خوار ہوگا

kiyā mirā tazkira jo saaqī ne bāda-ḵhvarōñ kī anjuman meñ
to piir mai-ḵhāna sun ke kahne lagā ki muñh phaT hai ḵhaar hogā

When the leaders of the nation mentioned to me in the meetings of the national workers that Iqbal is also ready to serve the nation, the elders of the nation (who have good experience in the world) heard this and said that since Iqbal is a naked sword, he speaks the truth and makes everyone unhappy. Therefore, in the eyes of both the people and the gentry, he will be humiliated, that close one will be angry and strangers will be unhappy, that is, the nation will be angry and the government will be angry.

دیار مغرب کے رہنے والوں کی باستی دکان نہیں ہے
کھرا جے تم سمجھ رہے ہو وہ اب زر کم عیار ہوگا

dayār maḡhrib ke rahne vaalo ḵhudā kī bastī dukāñ nahīñ hai
kharā hai jise tum samajh rahe ho vo ab zar kam-ayār hogā

O people of the West! This world is the world anyway and it is inhabited by God's creatures. It is not a shop or a commercial establishment that you can take possession of or on which your rule can be enforced. Be aware that the civilization you are claiming to be useful to the people of the world will soon become a nightmare for them. Zar kam-ayār means counterfeit gold.

تمہاری تہذیب اپنے خنجر سے آپ ہی خودکشی کرے گی
جو شاخ نازک پہ اشیانہ بنے گا ناپائیدار ہوگا

tumhāri tahzīb apne ḵhanjar se aap hī ḵhud-kushī karegī
jo shāḵh-e-nāzuk pe āshiyāna banegā nā-pā.edār hogā

It seems to me that this civilization of yours, of which you are so proud of, will soon be destroyed, and with it, you too will perish. The bird that builds its nest on a weak branch will surely break under its weight and the nest along with the branch will also be ruined.

سفینہ برگ گل بنالے گا قافلہ مور ناتواں کا
ہزار موجوں کی ہوشکاش مگر یہ دریا سے پار ہوگا

safina-e-barg-e-gul banā legā qāfila mor-e-nā-tavañ kā
hazār maujoñ kī ho kashākash magar ye dariyā se paar hogā

mor-e-nā-tavañ (weak ant) refers to the Muslim nation. Maujoñ (Waves) refers to misery and hardship. Insha'Allah, although the Muslim nation is weak, it will build a boat of rose petals and although it will face a hundred difficulties, it will overcome them all. Safina-e-barg-e-gul refers to a very low standard of living and lack of equipment.

چمن میں لالہ دکھاتا پھرتا ہے داغ اپنا کلی کلی کو
یہ جانتا ہے کہ اس دکھاوے سے دل جلوں میں شمار ہوگا

chaman meñ laala dikhātā phirtā hai daaḡh apnā kalī kalī ko
ye jāntā hai kī is dikhāve se dil jaloñ meñ shumār hogā

the situation today is that the preachers of the nation, to establish their prestige in every assembly, keep telling the people the stories of their friendliness for the nation. They think that in this way by only spending their verbal deposit they will be counted among the national servants.

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THE MODERN WORLD AND ISLAM

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There is pain and sorrow everywhere in the present world because the present civilization which is imposed on all of us was born and brought up in the cradle of materialism. Sciences, be it conceptual or applied were laid on the wrong foundations. Natural sciences, philosophy, ethics, sociology, economics, politics, and all other fields of knowledge and applications were developed on erroneous foundations.

It all began in the 18th century in the heart of Europe, which was devoid of any divine guidance. Under the influence of the Papacy; religious leaders had no wisdom and principles needed to walk the road of progress and development. All they could do is to become the hurdle in the path of innovation. The Church and its dogmas criticized every new scientific idea and didn't dare to look beyond the horizon. Furthermore, to strangulate the voices of dissent, the church suppressed and tortured new thinkers and ideologues who challenged their irrational and static ways. But they couldn't suppress the young mind full of passion and enthusiasm. Soon a time came when the flood gates opened and the waves of so-called 'Rationalism and Enlightenment' targeted the religion and took it as their primary enemy. Therefore, after the fall of the church; a new secular civilization was developed by these people who abhorred all religious contents and divine guidance. They revered and relied only on observations, experiments, hypotheses, and deductions. These tools were then used only to fulfill the animalistic desire of man as they couldn't comprehend anything beyond the material world. As a result, the social system was reoriented with new principles of success where Power is the truth, cut-throat competition is the motivation, and exploitation of weaker sections formed its core. Racism and

Nationalism not only divided humanity but also stirred up bloodthirsty animosity among them. Capitalism exploited the poor and widened the gap between haves and have-nots; whereas, Communism destroyed man's spirituality and snatched his freedom to think and to live ethically. Feminism destroyed families, which is the foundation of any community and Democracy exploited the minorities. All other western ideologies have many loopholes; this is because of a lack of accountability to an omnipotent God and a vacuum of divine guidance.

Today, people are well-aware of the ugly and inhuman outcomes of this civilization, but as a reformative step they are only focusing on particularity which further deteriorates the condition, but the main problem lies in the foundations. If at all someone can detect this, he cannot make any difference, because the majority had turned away from divine guidance and specifically Islam because of the hatred they garnered owing to ignorant priests of the dark ages. Now, the time has come when everyone is seriously looking for remedies, and it is high time for us to put forward the system of life guided by Allah, which is balanced and a solution to all sorrows, gives justice, and doesn't differentiate on basis of caste, creed, color. No one is greater or small in the eyes of Allah except for piety. Islam protects minorities and weaker sections by providing a balanced socio-economic and political system where a person in authority is not the owner of the land but a servant of Allah who is accountable for his deeds.

But one can say that this virtue of Islam cannot be seen anywhere today. To this, we say that there is no practical Islam present today, as Muslim nations have been trapped by their whimsical desires on one hand and western ideologies on the other; they have thrown Islam behind their backs. The problems of Muslim nations and others are of course different, but the solution is the same.

The circumstances in which Muslim nations clashed with others in last two centuries is much different from that of earlier one. In the earlier era when Islamic boundaries were expanding they had the power to destroy evil and propagate piety and had progressive thinking and knowledge that was unprecedented at that time. At that time, civilization after civilization had either lost their individuality and diffused in Islam or at least were inspired to an extent that they changed their principles somewhat according to Islam. If Islam had to take any good thing from the outside world then it was put to the test of Islamic principles and then accepted. It doesn't seem to be happening so these days. Our bicentenary old leaders were unable to predict the rising storm of the west and were lost in the blind and irrational obedience of their respective schools of thought.

Millennium old mujtahids are not prophets to know the problems of the upcoming era and our spiritual leaders are putting Islam in such a way that people are unable to distinguish between good and evil of modern challenges and have abandoned it in its entirety. They had forbidden progressive thinking and were searching for modern problems in millennium-old human books instead of eternal speech of God, they disregarded any new intellectual endeavor and technological invention. Consequently, The Ummah was bifurcated into orthodox Islam followers and modern Islam followers, the latter having no relationship with the religion. Now the Ummah is controlled by the one who doesn't have any relationship with Islam because our orthodox leaders have vacated the ground for them. After darkness there exists new dawn, still, it's not too late to return towards Islam and put forward the solutions of modern problems based on the Quran and Sunnah. We can surely wipe away the darkness and enlighten the flame of peace, prosperity, and knowledge
In sha Allah.

ACROSS THE GLOBE

Israeli army says it targeted ' Hamas military sites' in Gaza

Israeli military claims it targeted 'weapons manufacturing site', while Palestinian media say agricultural lands also came under attack. (16 Apr 2021)

Saudi Arabia to allow only 'immunised' pilgrims to Mecca

The Ministry of Hajj and Umrah says only 'immunised people' will be granted permits to perform prayers and Umrah in the Grand Mosque in Mecca. (5 Apr 2021)

Iran 'almost' ready for 60% uranium enrichment: UN nuclear agency

European signatories to Iran's nuclear deal express 'grave concern' over Iran's decision to boost uranium enrichment to 60 percent, its highest level ever. (14 Apr 2021)

Biden to withdraw US troops from Afghanistan by September 11

The US will not meet the May 1 deadline agreed upon by the Trump administration and the Taliban. (13 Apr 2021)

Pakistan PM calls for West to criminalise blasphemy against Islam

PM Imran Khan calls on Western governments to treat insult against Islam's prophet as it does the Holocaust. (19 Apr 2021)

India, Pakistan held secret talks on Kashmir in January: Reuters

Top intelligence officers from the two nuclear-armed nations met in Dubai in bid to calm tension over the disputed Himalayan region, report says. (15 Apr 2021)

'Law against Islam': French vote in favour of hijab ban condemned

As part of the 'anti-separatism' bill, the French Senate has voted for outlawing the headscarf for minors in public. (9 Apr 2021)

Sri Lanka bans Muslim groups before Easter attacks anniversary

Muslim organisations, including the ISIL and al-Qaeda, banned before the second anniversary of the Easter Sunday attacks. (14 Apr 2021)



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SEALED NECTAR

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Translated by Issam Diab

As-Salah (the Prayer)

Muqatil bin Sulaiman said: "Salah (prayer) was established as an obligatory ritual at an early stage of the Islamic Call, a two rak'ah (unit of prayer) Salah in the morning and the same in the evening:

"And glorify the praises of your Lord in the 'Ashi (i.e. the period after the mid-noon till sunset) and the Ibkar (i.e. the period from early morning or sunrise till before mid-noon)."

[Al-Qur'an 40:55]

Ibn Hijr said: "Definitely the Prophet ﷺ used to pray before 'The Night Journey' but it remains a matter of controversy whether or not the prayer was established as an obligatory ritual before imposing the rules of the usual five prayers a day. It is related that obligatory prayer was established twice a day, in the morning before sunrise and after sunset. It is reported through a chain of narrators that when the Prophet ﷺ received the first Revelation, Gabriel - the angel, proceeded and taught him how to observe Wudu (ablution). When the Prophet ﷺ had finished, he took a handful of water and sprinkled it on his loins.

Ibn Hisham reported that when it was time for prayers, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and his Companions went into a mountain valley to pray secretly. Abu Talib once saw the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and Ali praying, he asked them what they were up to. When he got to know that it was obligatory prayer, he told them to stay constant in their practice.

The Quraishites learn about the Call

This stage of the Call, even though conducted in a clandestine manner and on an individual basis, its news leaked out and assumed public interest all over Makkah.

In the beginning, the Makkan leaders did not care much about Muhammad ﷺ and took no heed of his teachings. At first, they thought that Muhammad ﷺ was merely a religious philosopher like Omaiyah bin Abi As-Salt, Quss bin Sa'idah, 'Amr bin Nufail and their ilk who used to philosophize on godship and religious obligations. But this attitude of indifference soon changed into real apprehension. The polytheists of Quraish began to watch Muhammad's movements closely ﷺ and anxiously for fear of spreading his Call and producing a change in the prevalent mentality. For three underground years of activism, a group of believers emerged stamped by a spirit of fraternity and cooperation with one definite objective in their mind: propagating and deeply establishing the call unto Islam. For full three years, Muhammad ﷺ had been content to teach within a rather narrow circle. The time had, however, come to preach the faith of the Lord openly. The angel Gabriel had brought him down a further Revelation of Allah's Will to confront his people, invalidate their falsehood, and crush down their idolatrous practices.

To be continued.....