

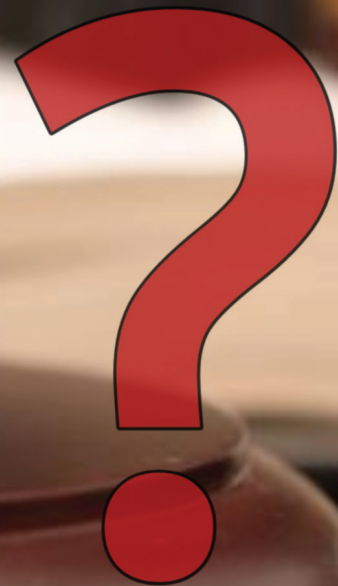
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# EDITORIAL

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Following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement, the government has indicated that it is seriously considering the implementation of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) and is going to draft it soon. Therefore, the Law Commission of India has also asked people's opinion regarding UCC. All these news have re-started the debate on Uniform Civil Code in the country. **Representing the Muslim position, the All India Muslim Personal Law Board clearly stated that the change in the Muslim Personal Laws is an act of abrogation of the Islamic Shariat because these laws are derived from the Qur'an and Sunnah.** Although it is very difficult to prevent personal laws from being followed, it depends on how the law will be made. After this narrative came out, the argument from the opposition camp was also released in the media that Muslims have abandoned all Sharia laws and want to follow only the part of Sharia that is against women. A debate was also started as to why when changes were made in Hindu Personal Laws, Muslim Personal Laws could not be changed. Some of the intellectuals of the government presented a very modern theory of the history of the evolution of Muslim Personal Laws while publicizing their enthusiasm. However, this narrative, adorned with intellectual tricks, is not something new, but it is a copy of the narrative of Westernized Orientalists. According to this narrative, the implementation of UCC is not a negation of the Islamic mood, because Muslim personal law has always undergone a process of change in history, so even today it can be changed anew. Come on! Consider these questions.

**Personal laws or family laws are those which deal with personal and family matters of every person.** It is a short part of civil laws. Personal laws has to be done by an individual or family members themselves. There is no role of the government in its implementation. While the law enforcement of military rule etc. is done by the government, it cannot be implemented by the people individually. Therefore,

those ignorant people who are talking that Muslims are demanding only a part of the Sharia law, they should understand that only the Islamic government can implement the Criminal Laws. To demand this from a non-Islamic government is to make a mockery of Islamic Sharia. **Therefore, since the end of Muslim rule in India, all Islamic laws were repealed, but Muslim personal laws continued to be practiced. Because the Muslims knew that a Muslim government was necessary for the implementation of all laws except personal laws.**

**Muslims have always protested against the abrogation of personal law because they believe that it is not legally permissible to withdraw from any part of the Sharia that we can follow.** And whenever there is an opportunity to follow the complete Islamic Shari'ah, a practicing Muslim will never avoid it. The faith of the Muslims is that whenever there is a limitation in any part of the earth, Allah Ta'ala opens the treasures of blessings in it. So, when the children of Israel abandoned the implementation of the Shariat, Allah Ta'ala commanded them to return to it, saying, **"I wish they had established the Torah and the Bible and the other books that were sent down to them from their Lord. If they had done so, sustenance would have rained down for them from above and boiled from below"** (*Al-Ma'idah*). That is, for a group that has divine commandments, the implementation of Allah's limits is a guarantee of the work of this world and the hereafter. It is evident that the reason for the prosperity and development of the Islamic society in the early centuries was that there was complete rule of the Qur'an. And those people were not ready to deviate even an inch from it. But as soon as the Muslims compromised with this attitude, the Ummah continued to decline.

Therefore, if the Muslims abandon personal laws today, it will lead to their further decline. Today, any part of the Islamic Sharia is enforced in the Muslim countries, it has become a source of blessings. Afghanistan is a great example of this. The current Afghan government has implemented full Sharia law there. And their trend suggests that they are slowly making progress towards a modern Islamic state. Although this government has only been in office for a short time, but in such a short period of time, Afghanistan has

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started to turn around. During the NATO government, Afghanistan was completely dependent on foreign aid. As soon as NATO left, it seemed that Afghanistan's economy would collapse. But the current statistics show that Afghanistan's imports and exports have increased. The Taliban has also started oil extraction projects through Chinese companies. Another welcome news came recently is that Afghanistan has one of the largest reserves of lithium, which will lead to further economic prosperity. Those countries of the world who understand that these people are strong in character are actively participating in development projects in Afghanistan. All these news shows that the days of economic misery in Afghanistan are numbered. How did all these things come about? The main reason for this is that the government has implemented complete Sharia law. Due to the return of Zakat and Ushar system and the almost elimination of malfeasance, the government has overcome the economic crisis to a great extent. Therefore, it seems that the promise made by Allah Ta'ala in the above mentioned verses is proving to be true in Afghanistan. And if those people continue to move forward with the same spirit, then their country and the whole world will be blessed by them. **We pray that after seeing the blessings of Islam in practice, the eyes of its critics may be opened.** And they can benefit from the unborn shore of Islam. Ameen.

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يُسَبِّحُ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ الْمَلِكِ الْقُدُّوسِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَكِيمِ  
هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي الْأُمِّيِّينَ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيزَكِّيهِمْ وَ يَعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ  
وَ الْحِكْمَةَ \* وَ إِن كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ❁

“Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth is exalting Allah, the Sovereign, the Pure, the Exalted in Might, the Wise. It is He who has sent among the unlettered a Messenger from themselves reciting to them His verses and purifying them and teaching them the Book and wisdom - although they were before in clear error”.

( Surat No. 62 - Verse 01 and 02)

In these verses, it has been explained that what was the purpose of Prophet Muhammad's mission and what was the fundamental methodology to achieve this noble cause. The Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) is appointed to meet the demands of attributes of Allah (SWT), enlisted in the verse mentioned above and the blessed verse explains the three underlying “principle elements” of Prophet's (PBUH) call, to serve a purpose of his (PBUH) appointment as a prophet.

- 1) Recitation of book (Quran)
- 2) Purification of soul (Tazkiya)
- 3) Teaching the wisdom (Taleem e Hikmat)

In this verse the underlying principle and complete methodology to provide cadre for the desired revolution (Islam) is explained. When Prophet (PBUH) started his Dawah, dignified people quickly or afterwards attracted towards Quran and accepted it. As milk is skimmed to get butter from it, same way dignified people were picked out of Mecca's population by following the way of recitation of verses of Quran, throughout the period of 12 years. Their *Tazkiya* was also done by same way. As Quran started to make deep roots in their heart it healed them from all spiritual diseases of heart. There are countless spiritual diseases of heart which can be named as “Hubbud Duniya (Love of this world)

which is mentioned as a root of every evil حب الدنيا رأس كل خطيئة and to leave it is a key to reach eminence. The love of the world leaving the heart and the love of Allah sinks in the heart is a sign of a perfect believer. Therefore, through the teaching of the Qur'an, the views of these people were corrected, so all the internal diseases including materialistic desires were cut off from the root and all their evil deeds and virtues were vanished just like leaves of a tree in autumn.

**Teaching of wisdom (Taleem e Hikmat) doesn't belong to ordinary people, it is area of specialization of rophet's (PBUH) education and training, and not everyone can become expert in that field.**

يُؤْتِي الْحِكْمَةَ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۗ وَمَنْ يُؤْتَ الْحِكْمَةَ فَقَدْ أُوتِيَ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا ۗ وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُ إِلَّا أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

**“He gives wisdom to whom He wills, and whoever has been given wisdom has certainly been given much good. And none will remember except those of understanding”.**

The verse makes clear to us the truth that the Quran was the tool for dawah and for revolution in the Prophet's doctrine of revolution was the Qur'an.

**Hence if we are convenor of prophet's (PBUH) mission and want to implement law of Allah in this world then we should also use Qur'an for dawah. Then whosoever accepts Islam, their and our “Tazkiya” should also be done by Qur'an. We should rely on Qur'an for their character building and training also.**

# MOTTO / VISION

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We all know very well about the conditions that are prevailing around the world today and the direction in which the world is moving rapidly. We are witnessing the changing conditions of the world with our own eyes. **In today's materialistic era, from a small town to a village and from a village to a city and then from country to country, people from all sides have become enemies of Islam and the lives of Muslims. In some places Muslims are being oppressed and in some places Muslims are being imprisoned.** The world and the majority of the population living here want to eliminate Muslims or to take away all their rights and make them their slaves. Muslims are seeing all these situations changing. If you look at the population of the world, you will come to know that today there are about two billion Muslims living in the world and this is not a small population. **Today, if any community has the most youth, then it is only the Muslim community.** But what is the reason that even though we are so numerous today, the enemy has broken down on us? If you study the life of the prophet Muhammad (SAW), you will find the hadith of the Prophet (SAW) regarding the coming time and the coming era.

*It is narrated by Hazrat Thawban, may Allah be please with him, that the Messenger of Allah peace and blessings be upon him, said; "the people will soon summon one another to attack you as people when eating invite others to share their dish." Someone asked, will it be because of our shortage these days? The Prophet replied: "No, you will be numerous at that time, but you will be foam/scum and rubbish like that carried down by a torrent, and Allah will take fear of you from the breasts of your enemy and last enervation {WAHN} into your hearts. Someone asked; What is wahn? Messenger of Allah replied; "love of the world and dislike of death."*

Today, if we as a Muslim community examine ourselves and reflect on our situation, we will understand that **we and our community as a whole have forgotten the purpose and mission with which Allah(SWT) created**

**us.** And in the current materialistic era, we are also engaged in beautifying our world like other people, we have forgotten death and the sense of answering the hereafter. If we study the Holy Qura'an, the Qura'an makes clear the purpose and ideals for our Ummah at many places. First of all, as human beings, we should know the purpose of our existence and being created in the world and try to find it.

## OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS AN INDIVIDUAL

*Remember when your Lord said to the angels, "I am going to place a successive human authority on earth." They asked Allah, "Will you place in it someone who will spread corruption there and shed blood while we glorify Your praises and proclaim Your holiness?" Allah responded, "I know what you do not know." [Al-Baqarah : 30]*

**Allah has sent man as his vicegerent and caliph in this world so that we can live according to His command, pray Him according to His commands and follow the principles given by Him. A caliph is a not a ruler but a deputy of a king or a ruler.** Man has been sent as the vicegerent of a god, so he should save his soul and precious time of his life from the works of atheism and spend it in the service of Allah. He should spread god's message in the world and try to be a good servant of the god so that he doesn't have to repent before god in the hereafter and avoid his grace their. As an individual, try to spread the word of Allah in the world on your own.

## OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A COMMUNITY

**You are the best community ever raised for humanity; you order good, forbid evil and believe in Allah.** [Ale Imran : 110]

**As an Ummah, Allah Almighty has given us a great responsibility to order people to do good and prevent them from doing evil. Other communities of the world live for themselves. In front of them, they have their progress, their improvement, their well-being and their honor and greatness**

**in the world, but muslims are the best community that has been sent to guide the people. The purpose of a Muslim's life is to call as many people to guidance as possible and to try to save them from the hell fire.**

*Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said, "It is the quality of someone's Islam that he get rid of useless work and get engage completely in useful work; and the work that is to be done permanently is to order good and forbid from evil."*

Indeed, we have forgotten the purpose with which Allah (SWT) created us. With the ups and downs of this era and with the changing materialistic era, we have also turned our faith and Islam away from our goal by facing these ups and downs. **We left behind the book which is the source of guidance for us. Wrapping the Qura'an in the cover and keeping it in a high place in the house is only understood as respect/ sanctity.** We are so convinced of the modern gadgets and material that our faith in Allah has weakened. **If we study the seerah, we will know that in the period when the companions did not have bread to eat, they used to go hungry for days, even then, Islam has gained the ascendancy and at the time when Rome and Persia were at the feet of Islam and they could not find anyone to take the people's zakat, even that time, Islam was exalted.**

Today, this situation is because we have limited the word of Allah to ourselves only since we think that this work is someone else's responsibility. So remember, if we will not exalt the word of Allah, if we will not try to spread it in the world and make it common, then it will not make any difference to Allah, Allah will soon raise another nation that will follow his religion, will work hard for the exaltation of it and it will be better than the past nations.

**But if you turn away, I have already delivered to you what I have been sent with. My Lord will replace you with others. You are not harming Him in the least. Indeed, my Lord is a vigilant keeper over all things.** [Hud : 57]

# READING BOOKS

Reading books daily can be a rewarding habit that helps broaden your knowledge, enhance your vocabulary, and improve your overall cognitive abilities. Here are some tips to help you establish a daily reading routine:



## SET A SPECIFIC TIME

Allocate a dedicated time slot in your daily schedule for reading. It could be early morning, during lunch breaks, or before bedtime. Consistency is key to building a habit.



## START WITH ACHIEVABLE GOALS

Begin with a realistic target, such as reading for 15 minutes each day. Gradually increase the duration as you become more comfortable with the habit.



## CHOOSE BOOKS YOU ENJOY

Select books that genuinely interest you. Whether it's fiction, non-fiction, self-help, or any other genre, reading material that captures your attention will make it easier to stay motivated.

## Track Your PROGRESS

### TRACK YOUR PROGRESS

Keep a reading log or use a reading tracking app to record the books you've read. It allows you to reflect on your reading journey and provides a sense of accomplishment.



## EXPERIMENT WITH DIFFERENT FORMATS

Besides traditional books, consider exploring audiobooks or e-books. Audiobooks are ideal for multitasking, while e-books offer convenience and portability.



## LIMIT SCREEN TIME

Reduce time spent on electronic devices, such as smartphones, tablets, or television, and replace it with reading. Allocate a portion of your leisure time to reading instead of passive screen activities.

**Remember, the key to establishing a daily reading habit is consistency. Start small, be patient, and gradually increase your reading time. Over time, reading will become a cherished part of your routine.**

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This transformative experience allows us to reassess our values, beliefs, and actions, shedding the layers of societal conditioning and aligning ourselves with the profound wisdom bestowed upon us. It is a journey of self-discovery, gratitude, and purpose, allowing us to cultivate a deep connection with our creator and find contentment in our lives.

As we engage with those who impart wisdom, let us approach this process with an open heart and mind, seeking knowledge and engaging in self-reflection. Let us appreciate their sincere dedication in guiding us towards a deeper connection with our Creator. May this journey inspire positive change, strengthen our faith, and foster unity among us as we navigate the path of personal and spiritual growth.

# MUSLIM? **WHY ARE YOU**

Why are you a Muslim? This question is directed towards my fellow Muslim brothers. **Take a moment to reflect and ask yourself, why have you chosen to embrace Islam? What factors have shaped your beliefs and convictions? It is important to contemplate the changes that have occurred within us. Why have we become complacent and passive? Why is there a lack of curiosity and inquisitiveness among us?** Let us examine our motivations and actions. Let us reflect on the reasons why we continue to follow the path of Islam. Engage in self-reflection and seek a deeper understanding.

Gaining a profound understanding of our creator holds tremendous significance in our faith journey. It is essential to delve deep into their nature and unravel the mysteries of their capabilities. **By seeking knowledge about our creator, we develop a stronger connection and appreciation for their uniqueness.** Our focus should be on comprehending the one we worship.

Reflect on your beliefs and how they manifest during prayer. **As I humbly bow my head in prostration, I acknowledge my insignificance in the presence of the Almighty.** A profound sense of reverence and awe fills my heart as I contemplate the magnificence of our creator. Consider the words we utter during specific movements in prayer, such as the phrase "**subhana rabbial azeem**" spoken during the act of bowing. This simple phrase, meaning "glory be to God, the Great," encapsulates the grandeur and majesty of our creator.

Similarly, ponder the significance of saying "**subhana rabbial alah,**" which signifies "glory be to God, the Most High." With each bow and prostration, we are reminded of the lofty position of our creator. It is a humbling and awe-

inspiring experience to acknowledge and declare their exalted status.

To truly embody the essence of these words, it is vital to understand their meanings and feel their impact sincerely. Let your belief in the magnificence and supremacy of our creator permeate every aspect of your prayer. Whether bowing or prostrating, let the genuine sincerity in your heart resonate with the words you speak, fully embracing the idea that our creator deserves all praise and glory.

**As we strive for a deeper connection with our creator, let us continually seek to understand and embody the significance of these profound words. Through our devoted actions, may our heartfelt belief in the greatness of the one we worship strengthen our faith and foster a profound spiritual connection.**

I often observe Muslims making jokes about their own religion, but it is important not to tolerate or encourage jokes made by others about our faith. Some individuals claim to be "liberal Muslims," but it is important to clarify that the concept of a "liberal Muslim" is contradictory. Islam upholds certain principles and teachings that cannot be compromised. If one identifies as a "liberal Muslim" while endorsing the LGBTQ community or engaging in practices that deviate from Islamic teachings, it contradicts the essence of being a Muslim. Such actions venture into the realm of shirk, which is a violation of Islamic beliefs. It is crucial to understand and adhere to the teachings of Islam without distorting its principles in the name of liberalism.

I provided these examples because some individuals may lack knowledge about Islam, which can weaken their faith. One crucial factor contributing to this lack of

knowledge is the perception of parents who may not consider it as important as other aspects of life. However, it is essential to recognize the significance of seeking a deeper understanding of our creator and the teachings of Islam. By taking the initiative to gain knowledge and wisdom through learning from scholars, you can fortify your belief and free your mind from any misleading influences.

In the pursuit of knowledge, it is beneficial to surround yourself with like-minded individuals who share your commitment to prioritizing religious values. By fostering connections within a supportive and religious community, you create an environment that not only encourages spiritual growth but also acts as a shield against negative influences. In such a community, you can engage in meaningful discussions, seek guidance, and draw inspiration from others who share your devotion to Islam.

Furthermore, consider the profound impact that parental influence can have on our religious journey. While some parents may not emphasize the importance of Islamic education, it is within our power to seek knowledge independently and take responsibility for our own spiritual development. By proactively seeking out reliable sources of information, attending Islamic classes or lectures, and engaging in scholarly discussions, we can bridge the knowledge gap and deepen our understanding of Islam.

Imagine this journey as a gentle yet profound cleansing of the mind, purging it from accumulated negativity and filth. Through the guidance of those who impart knowledge, we gain a renewed understanding of our purpose and the beauty that lies within the teachings of our creator. It is an invitation to embrace a new beginning, free from the burdens that weigh us down, and embark on a path of personal growth and spiritual fulfillment.

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# Marriage

## A DIVINE BLESSING FOR SOCIETY

**ISLAM! ISLAM HAS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT SYSTEM THAT MEETS ALL HUMAN NEEDS; FULFILS ALL THE NATURAL RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE**



Marriage is a sacred institution and a blessing from Allah that fosters love, companionship, responsibility, and procreation within a lawful and harmonious relationship. *Allah states in the Quran, "And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed, in that are signs for a people who give thought"* (Quran 30:21). This verse highlights the divine wisdom behind marriage, emphasizing the bond of love, compassion, and harmony that it brings to individuals and society as a whole.

However, in the modern world, we are often bombarded with messages promoting the idea of complete independence. We are told to be self-sufficient, self-reliant, and to strive for individual success without needing anyone else. We now live in a hyper-independent society that is highly individualistic, teaching us that only our own feelings matter. So, why even maintain a "relationship" when you could

satisfy your primal urges through short-term sexual "adventures" such as promiscuity, adultery, or live-in relationships? If it's all just about you and you alone, why even "bother" committing to a long-term relationship? This condition of society is due to the prevailing system.

The system that exists in today's secular countries is a liberal system. It promotes liberalism, which maximizes personal liberty, freedom, and equality. In other words, it worships the self, being completely consumed with the individual at the expense of all else. Everything in a secular, liberal society revolves around the individual and the individual alone. The entire system is built on a foundation of selfishness, atomization, and isolation, leading to men separating from women and parents being separated from their children. The natural ties between people are severed, organic bonds are broken, and normal relationships that are supposed to exist between human beings are destroyed.

An example prevalent in today's society is that of the *"single mother."* According to the U.S. Census Bureau, out of about 10 million single-parent families with children under the age of 18, almost 80 percent are headed by single mothers. Today, 1 in 5 children under the age of 18 — a total of about 15.7 million — are being raised without a father (around half of single mothers have never married). There are many other examples, such as an increase in rape, drug addiction, and the list goes on. What is the result of all these "rights," hyper-focused on only the individual and their own momentary pleasures? The rights of others are trampled underfoot. Children suffer and are abandoned, marriages suffer and die, families suffer and break down, society weakens, and civilizations collapse.

But what's the alternatives? ISLAM! Islam has an entirely different system that meets all human needs; fulfils all the natural rights of all people; and

organizes society in a way that beautifully aligns with our inherent human nature and does not destroy it. Islam deepens our intuitive love for our loved ones and nurtures our organic human relationships. But how? By creating an institution i.e. 'Marriage'. Abdullah ibn Umar narrates that the Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم said: **"Each of you is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock. A ruler who rules over people is a shepherd and is responsible for them. The man is a shepherd over his family and is responsible for them. The woman is a shepherd over her husband's home and children and is responsible for them"**. Islam clearly defines the role and responsibility such as gender roles (where the husband has financial obligations and the wife is free to be a mother at home with her children); *birr al-walidayn* (*excellence towards parents*), which ensures respect for parents from their children; *silat al-rahim* (maintaining the ties of kinship), which assures the safety net and support network of extended family and relatives and also maintains ancestry.

**Turning away from Allah's Law leads to causing corruption on the earth as well as destroying family ties. It is crucial to recognize and appreciate the divine wisdom behind this divine institution (Marriage) and strive to build strong, harmonious marriages in order to experience the blessings that come with it in individual and collective life.**

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that required urgent addressing.

The Muslims in Madinah consisted virtually of two parties: The first one already settled down in their abode, land and wealth, fully at ease, but seeds of discord amongst them were deeply seated and chronic enmity continually evoked; they were Al-Ansar (the Helpers). The second party were Al-Muhajirun (the Emigrants), homeless, jobless and penniless. Their number was not small, on the contrary, it was increasing day by day after the Prophet ﷺ had given them the green light to leave for Madinah whose economic structure, originally not that prosperous one, began to show signs of imbalance aggravated by the economic boycott that the anti-Islamic groups imposed and consequently imports diminished and living conditions worsened.

# Life in MADINAH



The Madinese era could be divided into three phases:

1. The first phase was characterized by too much trouble and discord, and too many obstacles from within coupled by a hostile wave from without aiming at total extermination of the rising faith. It ended with Al-Hudaibiyah Peace Treaty in Dhul Qa'da 6 A.H.
2. The second phase featured a truce with the pagan leadership and ended in the conquest of Makkah in Ramadan 8 A.H. It also witnessed the Prophet ﷺ inviting kings beyond Arabia to enter the fold of Islam.
3. In the third phase, people came to embrace Islam in hosts. Tribes and other folks arrived in Madinah to pay homage to the Prophet ﷺ. It ended at the death of the Prophet ﷺ in Rabi' Al-Awwal 11 A.H.

The First Phase: The Status Quo in Madinah at the Time of Emigration

Emigration to Madinah could never be attributable to attempts to escape from jeers and oppression only, but it also constituted a sort of cooperation with the aim of erecting the pillars of a new society in a secure place. Hence it was incumbent upon every capable Muslim to contribute to building this new homeland, immunizing it and holding up its prop. As a leader and spiritual guide, there was no doubt the Noble Messenger ﷺ, in whose hands exclusively all affairs would be resolved.

In Madinah, the Prophet ﷺ had to deal with three distinctively different categories of people with different respective problems:

1. His Companions, the noble and Allâh fearing elite [R]
2. Polytheists still detached from the Islam and were purely Madinese tribes.
3. The Jews.

As for his Companions, the conditions of life in Madinah were totally different from those they experienced in Makkah. There, in Makkah, they used to strive for one corporate target, but physically, they were scattered, overpowered and forsaken. They were helpless in terms of pursuing their new course of orientation. Their means, socially and materially, fell short of establishing a new Muslim community. In parallel lines, the Makkan Chapters of the Noble Qur'an were confined to delineating the Islamic precepts, enacting legislations pertaining to the believers individually and enjoining good and piety and forbidding evils and vices.

In Madinah, things were otherwise; here all the affairs of their life rested in their hands. Now, they were at ease and could quite confidently handle the challenges of civilization, construction, means of living, economics, politics, government administration, war and peace, codification of the questions of the allowed and prohibited, worship, ethics and

all the relevant issues. In a nutshell, they were in Madinah at full liberty to erect the pillars of a new Muslim community not only utterly different from that pre-Islamic code of life, but also distinctive in its features in the world at large. It was a society that could stand for the Islamic Call for whose sake the Muslims had been put to unspeakable tortures for 10 years. No doubt, the construction of a society that runs in line with this type of ethics cannot be accomplished overnight, within a month or a year. It requires a long time to build during which legislation and legalization will run gradually in a complementary process with mind cultivation, training and education. Allâh, the All-Knowing, of course undertook legislation and His Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, implementation and orientation:

"He it is Who sent among the unlettered ones a Messenger (Muhammad ﷺ) from among themselves, reciting to them His Verses, purifying them (from the filth of disbelief and polytheism), and teaching them the Book (this Qur'an, Islamic laws and Islamic Jurisprudence) and Al-Hikmah (As-Sunna: legal ways, orders, acts of worship, etc. of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ)." [Al-Qur'an 62:2]

The Prophet's Companions [R], rushed enthusiastically to assimilate these Qur'anic rules and fill their hearts joyfully with them:

"And when His Verses (this Qur'an) are recited unto them, they (i.e. the Verses) increase their Faith." [Al-Qur'an 8:2]

With respect to the Muslims, this task constituted the greatest challenge for the Messenger of Allâh ﷺ. In fact, this very purpose lay at the heart of the Islamic Call and the Muhammadan mission; it was never an incidental issue though there were the matters

## NEWS ROUNDUP

### Qur'an Burnt in Sweden & Denmark



On the auspicious occasion of Eid ul Adha, Salwan Momika, a 37-year-old far right Christian Iraqi refugee in Sweden burned the pages of Quran in front of Stockholm's largest mosque on June 28. This was followed by a series of such incidents in Stockholm and Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark. It triggered a reaction of angry protests, boycotts and severing of diplomatic relations with these countries across the Islamic world which include countries like Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Afghanistan, Indonesia etc.

These incidents are an addition in the continuous chain of Islamophobia witnessed time and time again across the world. Be it Qur'an burning, blasphemy against the Prophet (PBUH), attacks on the Ummahaat ul Momineen (Prophet's Wives) or disrespecting other Islamic symbols, the west goes to show the depths it can reach every time to counter Islam. They leave no stone unturned to hurt the sentiments of Muslims in

the name of 'free speech', which is painfully hypocritical. For e.g. if a person spews anti-semitism, racism, or disrespects the LGBTQ community, it would not be considered in the spirit of free speech. It would rather be considered as a criminal attack on the historically oppressed section of the society. Whereas, the narrative of free speech always comes up whenever there are Islamophobic incidents in countries like France, Sweden or Denmark etc. Such two faced policies have always begged a question: What is it about Islam that they can't digest or let it thrive? The answer has always been simple. Because the truth and falsehood can never tolerate each other. And hence, they will always try different ways to eradicate Islam. But to their frustration, the more they try to suppress it, the more it spreads. Whenever these incidents happen, we should always remember what Allah has said in the Qur'an "They wish to extinguish Allah's light with their mouths, but Allah will certainly perfect His light, even to the dismay of the disbelievers." (61:8)



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