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The war between the mosque and the temple has heated up the new front. The controversy over Gyan Vapi Mosque and Kashi Vishwanath Temple has resurfaced. Power is pursuing its anti-Islamic agenda with utmost sincerity. Their plan is so clear and their preparation so solid that it seems that no obstacle is in their way to achieve their goal. It is obvious that there is no immediate action behind the ease and success in their mission. On the contrary, through long-term planning and silent efforts, preparations for this work have been going on for decades. These measures are not only raising a few miscellaneous issues but also presenting a new statements, like: **Muslims entered this country as invaders and they oppressed and abused its people and their religion, morals, civilization; and imposed its culture on traditions, food and way of life. Demolished temples and aashrams; and built mosques, madrassas, tombs and khanquahs in their place. In the process, millions of locals were massacred.** The statement concludes that the majority of Muslims in the country have converted to Islam as a result of forced conversions. Therefore, they should re-adopt Hindu Dharma through the process of 'ghar waapsi'. Furthermore, whatever is against Hindu Dharma in Islamic civilization, Muslims should renounce it, such as cow slaughter, hijab, etc. Muslims should renounce Shariah observance even to the extent of personal law and adopt Hindu culture in their personal life through uniform civil code. The temples and aashrams which were demolished by the Muslim rulers should be rebuilt.


The name of the said mosque in Gyan Vapi area of Banaras is Alamgiri Mosque. Due to the suitability of the area, it has come to be known as Gyan Vapi Mosque. Evil elements claim that

the foundation of this mosque has been laid by destroying a part of Kashi Vishwanath temple.

From some relics and evidences it seems more close to the opinion that this mosque was built by Sultan Hussain Shah Sharqi of East Jaunpur in 1458. In 1585, on the orders of Akbar, Raja Man Singh established the center of the Akbar's religion 'deen-e-Ilahi', adjacent to this mosque. This mosque was the center for the local Muslims at the time of Akbar. The flowers and other symbols on the ancient wall adjoining the mosque, known as the wall of the ancient Vishwanath temple, are related to the religion of Akbar. **Aurangzeb demolished this center in 1669 to eradicate the fitnah of 'deen-e-Ilahi' and rebuilt the mosque.** Therefore, this mosque was named as Alamgiri Mosque. All other traditions related to this mosque are fabricated by the British. The most ridiculous thing about this is that the imaginary sketch of the ancient temple on the basis of which the mosque is claimed to have been built was prepared by a British man named James Princip on the verbal claims of the local Pandits.

One claim is that the statue of a cow adjacent to the mosque, called 'Nandi', faces the mosque, indicates that there is a 'Shiv Ling' in the mosque. However, the fact of this 'Nandi' is that it was installed here by the Raja of Nepal in 1858. Even then the Muslims opposed it but they did not succeed.

While the matter was under discussion, the issue of EidGah of Mathura also came to the fore. Similar claims were made about Qutb Minar, Taj Mahal, Jama Masjid Delhi, Telawali Masjid Lucknow, Tipu Sultan Mosque Mysore as well as about ten other mosques. This is not going to stop because the Sangh had long ago published a list of 30,000 mosques, madrassas and monasteries in its magazine 'Rashtra Dharma' which are claimed to have Hindu relics under them. And they are trying to get them.



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Now what do we do in these situations? Our main task is to collect and bring to light the authentic history of the places that are being disputed, so that our future generations will not regret the distorted picture of our history. Furthermore, we have to continue the fight for the protection and rehabilitation of these places by using all available means. At the same time, we have to respond to the statements being made about these issues. Our people should be aware that the Muslim rulers, in spite of all their evil deeds, have never forcibly imposed Islamic traditions on their non-Muslim subjects. On the contrary, the crime of some of them is that they have turned their backs on Islamic rules for gaining the sympathy of their subjects.

The biggest secret of the vastness of the Muslim rule is that they generally made justice their basic principle. That is why during this period people embraced Islam on a large scale and helped Islam to establish its strong foundations in this country.

The legal battle over the issue continues, although the outcome is clear. Still, Muslims should do their best and trust in Allah Almighty.

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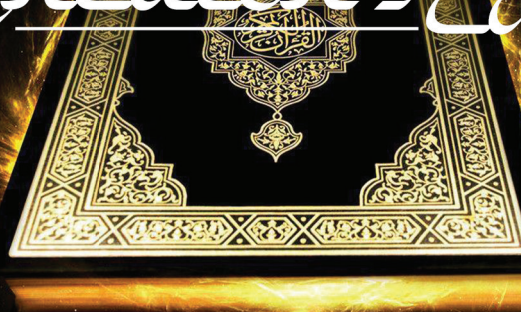
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Creator's Call



Tafheem ul Qur'an
Surah Baqarah
Verse 211 - 212

سَلِّ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ كَمْ آتَيْنَاهُمْ مِّنْ آيَةٍ بَّيِّنَةٍ ۖ وَمَنْ يُبَدِّلْ
نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَتْهُ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ

Translation:

Ask the Children of Israel how many Clear Signs We gave them! And when a people tamper with Allah's bounty after it has been bestowed on them – then indeed Allah is severe in punishment.

Commentary:

There are two reasons why this query is addressed to the Children of Israel. In the first place, a group of living human beings provide a better source of instruction and admonition than mute archaeological findings. In the second place, the Israelites were a people who, having been endowed with Scripture and prophethood, were entrusted with the leadership of the world. By falling prey to worldliness, hypocrisy and other errors of belief and conduct they subsequently lost God's favour. A people entrusted with the task of universal leadership could derive no better lesson from another people than this one.

رُئِيَ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا وَيَسْخَرُونَ مِنَ الَّذِينَ
آمَنُوا ۗ وَالَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا فَوْقَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَرْزُقُ
مَنْ يَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ

Translation:

Worldly life has been made attractive to those who have denied the Truth. Such men deride the men of faith, but the

pious shall rank higher than them on the Day of Resurrection. As for worldly livelihood, Allah grants it to whomsoever He wills without measure.

فَبَعَثَ اللَّهُ النَّبِيِّنَ مُبَشِّرِينَ ۖ كَانَ النَّاسُ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً
وَأَنْزَلَ مَعَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَ ۙ وَمُنذِرِينَ
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أَوْتُوهُ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَتْهُمُ الْبَيِّنَاتُ بَغْيًا ۚ بَيَّنَّهُمْ قَهْدَى اللَّهُ
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يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

Translation:

In the beginning mankind followed one single way. (Later on this state ended and differences arose.) Then Allah sent forth Prophets as heralds of good tidings for the righteous and as warners against the consequences of evil-doing. He sent down with them the Book embodying the Truth so that it might judge among people in their disputes. And those who innovated divergent ways rather than follow the Truth were none other than those who had received the knowledge of the Truth and clear guidance; and they did so to commit excesses against each other. So by His leave Allah directed the believers to the Right Way in matters on which they disagreed. Allah guides whomsoever He wills onto a Straight Way.

Commentary:

When ignorant people attempt to trace the history of 'religion' they tend to the view that man began his life in the darkness of polytheism and that in the course of time, corresponding to man's progress, this darkness gradually receded and light increased till man arrived at monotheism.

The Qur'anic version, however, proclaims that man began his life in full light of the Truth. God revealed this Truth to the very first man He created, one to whom He intimated the right way of life for man. Thereafter the human race remained on the Right Way for some time and lived as one community. Later, however, people invented deviating ways. This did not happen because Truth had not been communicated to them. The cause was rather that some people wilfully sought to acquire privileges, benefits and advantages beyond their legitimate limits, and thus subjected others to injustices. It was in order to enable people to overcome this corruption that God sent His Prophets. These Prophets were not sent to found separate religions in their own names and bring new religious communities into existence. Rather the purpose of the Prophets was to illuminate before people the Truth which they had allowed to be lost, and once again make them into one community.

LGBTQ+ MOVEMENT

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Many of you might have come across this striped flag. You might have seen some social media page or a celebrity promoting it. If you had dug a little deeper you would have found that it is the symbol of homosexuality or LGBTQ+. Further, you may have wondered “hey what’s the big deal, why is this thing being promoted everywhere?” You would have also looked at the Islamic stance on homosexuality and understood that this is a perversion and surely against Islam. You might also have come across some liberal Muslims who will say “let’s say this is against Islam, but let us fight for the rights of LGBTQ people”. These are some of the various thoughts that prevail in present times that a normal person is acquainted with. But what is the root cause of this LGBTQ movement and how long does it aims to affect our lives, let’s have a sneak peek into it.

Name:

The terms LGBTQ+ consist of the various orientation of males and females that are different from the natural orientation i.e. male to female or vice versa. The “+” symbol denotes that there are other orientations and as time passes, it will keep on evolving.

History:

It was in the 1970s that the concept of homosexuality was introduced in American society. At that time, the term gay was known only. Afterward, new orientations (or more precisely-perversions) evolved and the LGBTQ movement gained momentum in the 1990s.

What is LGBTQ movement:

The LGBTQ movement, from its inception, demands its acceptance in modern society. It demands that countries must accept their gender(s) as official terms and further protects them from discrimination.

Consequences of the LGBTQ movement:

The perversion of males attracted to males or females to females was considered a bad thing in traditional society. In the major religions of the world, it was a sin to commit such an act. However, the LGBTQ foot soldiers give historical records of these perversions to prove that these things are not new. They claim that these “orientations” existed before. First of all, if they existed in history, they were rarely seen. Secondly, in their rare occurrence too, they were treated as a bad thing or a sin.

Further, since modern society sees everything through the lens of science, there is no strong base to support the existence of a third gender except male and female.

But since science is seen as a torchlight to fend away all the darkness, there are desperate attempts to prove the existence of a third gender. Common people are generally confused in this regard since some people are born with different sexual organs about their gender. They are called hermaphrodites or “hijra”, especially in the Asian subcontinent. These people are not having different gender on their own but due to their birth defects as compared to LGBTQ who seek to introduce genders based on desires.

Now let's us look into the basic idea of LGBTQ with regards to their orientation. As discussed above, the determination of gender identity is based on what a person thinks of himself. If a woman thinks that she is a male, then it is so, if a male thinks he is a female then it is so. If one is confused, then he/she will keep exploring. If one thinks that he or she is not having a gender then it is so. This doesn't stop even here. If one thinks, he/she is a cat then it is so, if one thinks he/she is a dog then it is so. Some of you might be laughing at it but these things are happening in reality.

There is also a desperate attempt by the torch-bearers of LGBTQ in the west that a child born at birth must not be assigned a gender at all. He/she will assign it manually according to their concept of orientation. Many of these LGBTQ elements are being talked about/discussed at primary level schools in the west. **Imagine your son or daughter coming home from school one day and saying that from now onwards I belong to this gender, or I am a cat or I am an elephant.** These examples are increasingly becoming common in the west. May Allah save us from this fitnah.

LGBTQ and its major arsenal:

To understand it, we need to understand that corporates need customers and this is where business starts. It will be an easy meal for corporates to have a target customer who purchases everything it tries to sell. Now preying on LGBTQ, a customer group that is so delusional that it cannot even determine its gender, it is easy to sell their products easily.

This is, however, one of the reasons that corporates support LGBTQ. If we dig deeper we find that the crony capitalists who seek to change the world order or try to manipulate it, get their maximum benefit from it.

If applied wholly to society, it would be the vilest of all. Some of its serious problems have started appearing. **Recently in Argentina, a man declared himself as a woman to get early retirement and a good pension.** In athletics, since they are slowly removing foundations for LGBTQ people, males, who register as females, outperform their co-participants easily.

This is just the beginning of the problem. Only Allah knows how much this perversion will ruin the whole world. We will talk about its effects on the Muslim world and solutions later on inshallah.

ROLE OF YOUTH IN CURRENT SITUATION

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Youth is the backbone of any nation as this is the stage when all kinds of strengths and abilities begin to flourish in a person. They play an important role in the development and degradation of any nation. When the youth of the nation are talented and use their talents for the welfare of the nation, how is it possible that the nation becomes degraded?

At the same time, they play an important role in every small and big change in society and the nation. In the past, we realize that whenever a nation has found its way to development, the youth have played an important role.

We see many places in the Quran where Allah informs about the previous nation and their youth.

It is We who relate to you, [O Muḥammad ﷺ], their story in truth. Indeed, they were youths who believed in their Lord, and We increased them in guidance. (Al-Kahf:13)

The Qur'an guides us that when you are oppressed and the land is constricted on you from all sides, you still have to glorify Allah and not bow down to falsehood. The Qur'an addresses the youth by saying that they were only a few who believed in Allah and refused to accept the customs of their people and society; and denied the greatness of falsehood and proclaimed falsehood by following the guidance of Allah.

Allah further says:

But no one believed Musa, except [some] youths among his people, for fear of Pharaoh and his establishment that they would persecute them. And indeed, Pharaoh was haughty within the land, and indeed, he was of the transgressors. (Al-Yunus:83)

When Musa (A.S) proclaimed the message of Allah, some of the youth accepted it and refused to follow the path of the disbelievers. They were young men who stood up for the truth, despite Pharaoh's tyranny, and believed in Allah. At the time of the Prophet ﷺ, many young people accepted Islam. Musab ibn Umayr (رض), was a young man who belonged to a rich family, when he accepted Islam, his family stripped him of his clothes and forced him to return to his ancestral religion. Similarly, Ammar bin Yasir (رض), Khabab (رض), and Bilal (رض) were also persecuted by the people of Makkah but they failed to turn them away from the truth.

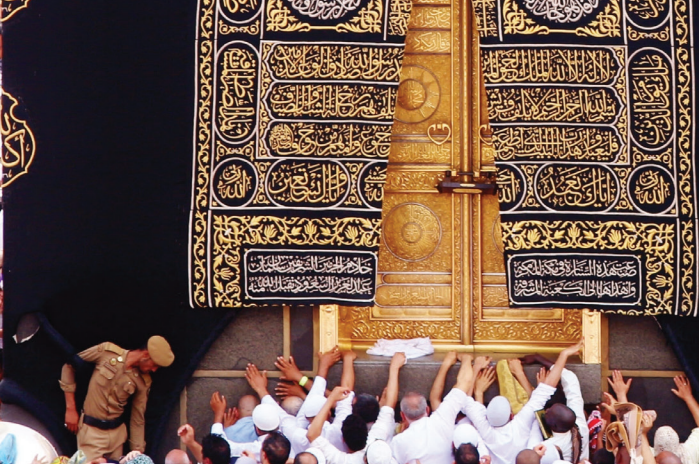
Alhamdulillah, if there is a nation in the world today that has a large number of youth, then it is no other nation but the Muslim Ummah. Allah has empowered the Ummah in this age through these young people but there is a need for these young people to know and recognize their mission and follow it and become a source of encouragement and strength to the Ummah.

The situation that is prevailing at the national level today is that **falsehood is trying its best to defeat Islam** in some way and at the same time they are using every possible means to mislead the

youth of this Ummah and turn them away from Islam. We see that many young people of the Ummah are still suffering from distraction and they are not finding the right path. Many young people are suffering from drug addiction and have been dragged on this path.



In these circumstances, **youths are highly expected to make every possible effort to improve the condition of the nation again.** Come forward and work on a systematic way to stop the atrocities and violence against the Ummah. **The youth of the ummah are the victims of misguidance, trapped in the shackles of atheism, involved in evils, drug-addicted, and those who have been led astray from the way of Allah.** There is an urgent need to bring them closer to Islam and Allah. Because these young people are the future of the Ummah. The youths of the Ummah are urged to become practicing Muslims and spread the word of Allah in the world. Become a good person and a good Muslim and guide the nation in facing the current situation and dealing with it.



ISLAM

& the nurture of collective consciousness

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Collectivity is an essential part of human existence. The smallest community in the world is formed through marriage and its largest form is government. Islamic teachings not only ignite this human nature and make it more useful to the people by making it collective, but also works to eliminate and suppress individualism from within because individualism results in destruction.

Islam gives its believers a universal mission. This mission can only be accomplished through collective thinking. That is why its spirit is seen everywhere in the Islamic injunctions. Let's try to understand with a few examples:

01 UNIFORMITY OF BELIEF:

On witnessing kalima-e-shahadat a man/woman becomes a Muslim and joins a group of Muslims from all over the world. All of these eloquent individuals unite on Islam by eliminating linguistic, regional, ethnic, and class identities, and then Islamic rights become intertwined and a strong spiritual bond is established between them. In the Holy Hadith, this condition is described as like the body that if one part of the body is harmed then the whole body feels pain.

02 WORSHIP:

The first practical manifestation of faith is salaah (Namaz). In this regard, the congregational prayer has its own glory. It has been emphasized so much that those who pray in the congregation are 27 times better than those who pray alone. Salaah is offered under the leadership of an Imam indicating collective consciousness.

If we look at fasting, it seems to be a unique system of the community. All the believers together go through the same religious

obligations. Everyone has to follow the same rules. The same spirit is seen in Zakat that a fixed percentage of wealth should be obtained from the relatively wealthy Muslims and it should be spent on strengthening the society and the state. Then every year a universal gathering is held in the form of Hajj in which believers of different colors and races from all over the world in the same clothes go through the same condition for a certain period. All these acts of worship, in addition to fulfilling their duties and earning rewards, also serve to awaken and maintain a collective consciousness among Muslims.

03 SOCIAL LIFE AND THE SPIRIT OF COLLECTIVITY:

The largest institution and metaphor of collectivism is the governmental structure. From the election of the ruler to the affairs of the government, the spirit of collectivity is seen everywhere. The Caliph will be chosen by consultation, but after the election, his obedience is like obedience to the Prophet ﷺ (But sinful deeds will not be obeyed). The ruler of the time will follow the advice to maintain the spirit of collectivity and will promote it to carry out the affairs of the state smoothly because taking consultation is a divine command:

“And take counsel from them in matters of importance.” (Al-Imran) مشاورهم في الامر

The spirit of unity among the Companions was so strong that after the demise of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, the first priority in the Ummah became the election of the ruler even before his burial. The burial wasn't held until the Caliph was elected. Because in his training the allegiance to the leader and his obedience was included as an important duty.

This spirit of unity in the Ummah persisted for centuries until the end of the Ottoman Caliphate. Today a century has passed,

but the great collectivity has not been re-established, but tens of thousands of prejudices that have eroded this spirit have gripped the Ummah, with the result that it faces humiliation and disgrace at every level. All forms of collectivism have been decimated and almost all of them have become house fairies.

Let's look at the basic worships. Salaah is the most basic means of cultivating collective thinking. But the position of imam in masjid, who used to lead the local community in all of their affairs has been reduced to merely lead the prayer only.

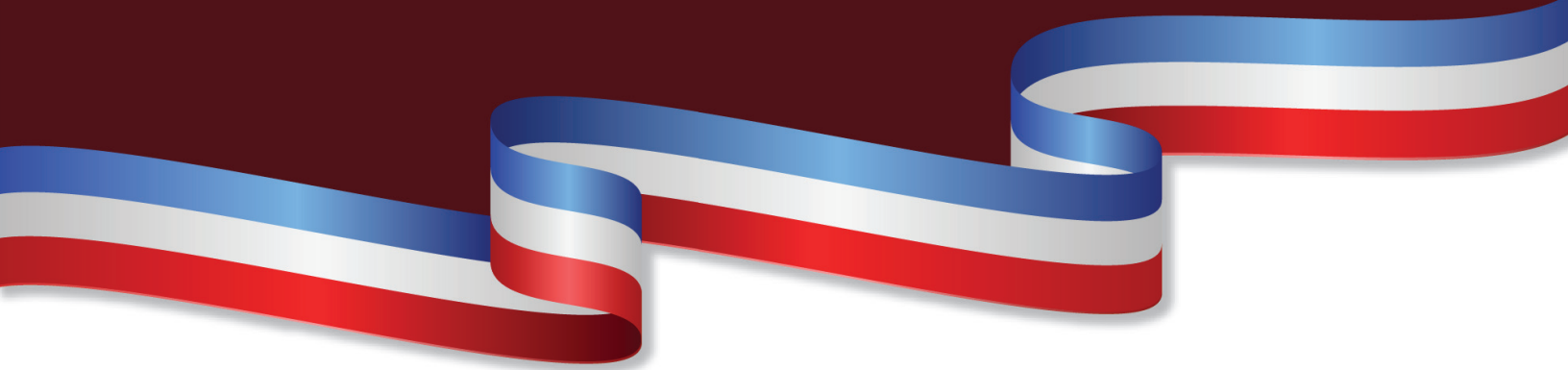
The situation with Zakat is even worse. In a country like India where Muslims are the second largest majority, there is no collective system.

Similarly, for fasting, how much trouble the nation suffers in connection with Taraweeh, Eid prayers, and sighting of the crescent, every aching heart feels it.

Hajj has almost lost its usefulness. In the past, people from all over the world would gather in Makkah to get acquainted with each other's problems and strategies would be worked out for their resolution, but such gatherings were made impossible under the pretext of the ongoing war on terror against Islam.

The most dangerous situation is at the political level. Despite being the second largest population in the world, this Ummah has been divided in different ways. The collective consciousness of Muslims needs to be fully awakened. Let them be free from all kinds of ignorance. Every effort should be made to give practical shape to the Ummah and Islamic concepts. The most important means for this is salaah. The masjid is the greatest means by which the collective spirit can be breathed into the nation again and this nation can once again be in a position to serve and guide human being.

THE MYSTERY OF A NOT SO MYSTERIOUS COLOR COMBINATION



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Recently, there has been an increase in things of everyday use with certain marks of Blue, White, and Red stripes or colors (Sometimes Black, White, and Red). These color combinations can be found on things like shirts, jackets, slippers, shoes, spectacles, bikes, etc. One may be wondering why he is seeing this sign and some may even be assigning some special importance to this sign. Let's try to learn in this article what this sign means and why are some companies (of course) promoting this.

First of all, let me tell you that these 3 stripes are used in the flag of France. The color combination is found also in the UK Flag, American Flag, Russian Flag, Pepsi logo, Tommy Hilfiger Logo, Captain America's Shield, etc. This can thus be generalized as a symbol of the West. An interesting thing to note here is that France was the place where Modern western ideologies started spreading out.

BUT WHY?

These signs are being promoted (generally) by western companies in their merchandise. They are promoting such things in the public so that it becomes popular. This is advertising the west.

SIGN OF ACCEPTANCE

One other thing that I want to bring to

your notice is that we have T-Shirts, Caps, etc. with things written on them like 'US Army', 'New York', 'Paris', etc. Just imagine if someone walks in a street in India with something written on his shirt like 'Chinese Army' or 'Islamabad', will he be able to wear it? No! But did he suddenly start to belong to the Chinese Army or come from Islamabad? Again no! The thing is that we do not want to even think about the things we don't like.

COLOURS MATTER

The color codes in themselves are quite interesting to note. Red Green and Blue are the basic colors from which all other colors can be made. Green is an Islamic color. It is not included in the flags and signs signifying the absence of Islam. Green is the color of Nature; it signifies naturalness. It is also interesting to note that green comes in the middle of the visible light spectrum whereas red and blue come near the ends of the spectrum of visible light. Thus green also signifies balance i.e. not diverging towards the two extremes.

ADVANTAGES

There are many advantages of doing it this way for the companies. Some are:-

1. Advertisement by your money:

Generally when you see some poster advertisement on some walls, the advertiser's money is spent on that. If you don't like it and tear it, then it leads to damage to his money and the

advertisement is lost. But that shirt with mysterious signs that you or someone else bought is your own money and you cannot just tear it apart when you realize it.

2. Lack of communicability:

Even when you may realize what it stands for, you may still be hesitant to tell others because you may fear that they will tell you that you are paranoid or just a fool. This prevents collective action against the signs by the people.

LASTLY

It is now up to us what we want to accept and reject. I hope that I have conveyed the point as clearly as can be understood by a common person. If you ignore these signs then, know that these signs will become bigger and clearer. Then you would not be able to object as it will be said- "If you knew, then why didn't you oppose it before?". It should become clear to us that if we can't oppose the signs of the Anti-Christ then how can we oppose him when he comes?

Well in fact these are signs from Allah that he is showing us to warn us. Let us not be like those for whom it will be said:-

"Yes indeed! But My Signs came to you and you rejected them as lies, and waxed arrogant and were among those who disbelieved."

Surah Az'Zumar : 59

Sealed Nectar

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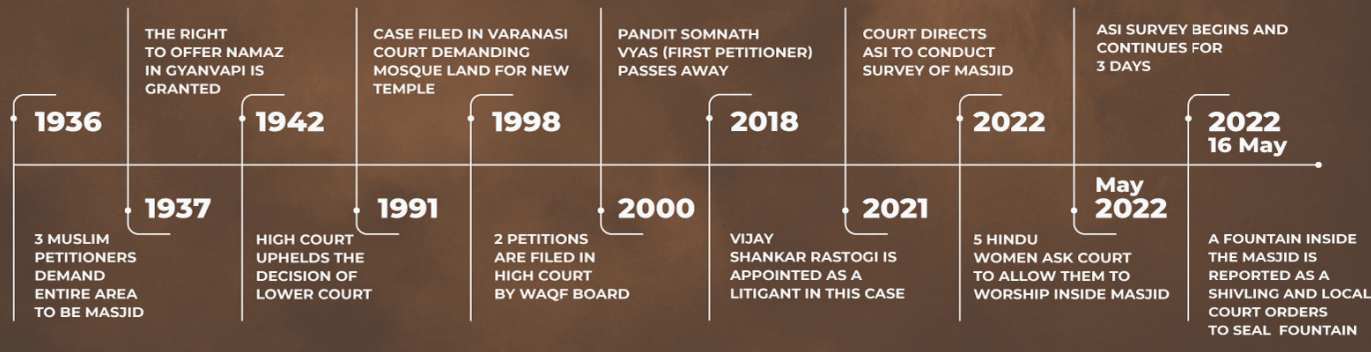
‘Umar then left for a house in Safa where Muhammad (ﷺ) had been holding secret meetings along with his Companions. ‘Umar reached that place with the sword swinging by his arm. He knocked at the door. The Companions of the Prophet (ﷺ) turned to see who the intruder was. One of them peeped through a chink in the door and reeled back exclaiming: “It is ‘Umar with his sword.” Hamzah, dispelling the fears of his friends, said: “Let him in. As a friend he is welcome. As a foe, he will have his head cut off with his own sword.” The Prophet (ﷺ) asked his Companions to open the door. In came the son of Khattab. The Prophet (ﷺ) advanced to receive the dreadful visitor, caught him by his garment and scabbard, and asked him the reason of his visit. At that ‘Umar replied: “O Messenger of Allāh (ﷺ), I come to you in order to believe in Allāh and his Messenger and that which he has brought from his Lord.” Filled with delight, Muhammad (ﷺ) together with his Companions, cried aloud: ‘Allāhu Akbar ‘ (Allāh is Great).

The conversion of ‘Umar was a real triumph for the cause of Islam. So great and instant was the effect of his conversion on the situation that the believers who had hitherto worshipped Allāh within their four walls in secret now assembled and performed their rites of worship openly in the Holy Sanctuary itself. This and performed their

rites of worship openly in the Holy Sanctuary itself. This raised their spirits, and dread and uneasiness began to seize Quraish. Ibn Ishaq narrated on the authority of ‘Umar (May Allah be pleased), “When I embraced Islam, I remembered the arch-enemy of Muhammad (ﷺ), i.e. Abu Jahl. I set out, and knocked at his door. When he came out to see me, I told him directly that I had embraced Islam. He immediately slammed the door repulsively denouncing my move as infamous and my face as ugly.” In fact, ‘Umar’s conversion created a great deal of stir in Makkah that some people denounced him as an apostate, yet he would never waver in Faith, on the contrary, he persisted in his stance even at the peril of his life. The polytheists of Quraish marched towards his house with the intention of killing him. ‘Abdullah bin ‘Umar (May Allah be pleased with him) narrated: While ‘Umar was at home in a state of fear, there came Al-‘As bin Wa’il As-Sahmy Abu ‘Amr, wearing an embroidered cloak and a shirt having silk hems. He was from the tribe of Bani Sahl who were our allies during the pre-Islamic period of ignorance. Al-‘As said to ‘Umar: What’s wrong with you? He said: Your people claim that they will kill me if I become a Muslim. Al-‘As said: Nobody will harm you after I have given protection to you. So Al-‘As went out and met the people streaming in the whole valley. He said: Where are you going? They replied: We want son of

Al- Khattab who has embraced Islam. Al-‘As said: There is no way for anybody to touch him. So the people retreated. With respect to the Muslims in Makkah, ‘Umar’s conversion had a different tremendous impact. Mujahid, on the authority of Ibn Al-‘Abbas (May Allah be pleased with him) related that he had asked ‘Umar bin Al-Khattab why he had been given the epithet of Al-Farouque (he who distinguishes truth from falsehood), he replied: After I had embraced Islam, I asked the Prophet (ﷺ): ‘Aren’t we on the right path here and Hereafter?’ The Prophet (ﷺ) answered: ‘Of course you are! I swear by Allāh in Whose Hand my soul is, that you are right in this world and in the hereafter.’ I, therefore, asked the Prophet (ﷺ) ‘Why we then had to conduct clandestine activism. I swear by Allāh Who has sent you with the Truth, that we will leave our concealment and proclaim our noble cause publicly.’ We then went out in two groups, Hamzah leading one and I the other. We headed for the Mosque in broad daylight when the polytheists of Quraish saw us, their faces went pale and got incredibly depressed and resentful. On that very occasion, the Prophet (ﷺ) attached to me the epithet of Al-Farouque. Ibn Mas’ud (May Allah be pleased with him) related that they (the Muslims) had never been able to observe their religious rites inside the Holy Sanctuary except when ‘Umar embraced Islam. Suhaib bin Sinan (May Allah be pleased with him), in the same context, said that it was only after ‘Umar’s conversion, that we started to proclaim our Call, assemble around and circumambulate the Sacred House freely. We even dared retaliate against some of the injustices done to harm us. In the same context, Ibn Mas’ud said: We have been strengthened a lot since ‘Umar embraced Islam.

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