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“HELPING MANKIND FIND ETERNAL PEACE AND SALVATION”

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CALL IT “SEERATUN NABI” OR “MELAADUN NABI” (S.A.W)

“Say (O Muhammad (S.A.W) to mankind): "If you (really) love Allah then follow Me (Nabi S.A.W), Allah will love you and forgive you of your sins. And Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful." (Sura Aale Imran verse 31)

Once again do we find ourselves in the month of Rabiul Awwal and once again do we see a large amount of Muslims celebrating the “Seera” and “Maulood” of Nabi (S.A.W). These programmes are mistakenly assumed to be bringing people closer to the Prophet (S.A.W), however people are been misguided and sinning without even realising. This is with no doubt an act which people feel that they are performing a righteous deed in the hope of attaining blessings but are actually sinning without realising it. People in their attempt to be guided are been misguided.

Allah has sent Nabi (S.A.W) with the complete deen for us to obey and practice. Allah mentions in the Quraan **“This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion” (Sura 5 Aayat 3)**. Let us ask ourselves the following questions: Do we have the authority to change the deen and the practice of Nabi (S.A.W)? If we certainly and truly love Nabi (S.A.W) then he should be remembered every day and not just once a year. Are we a nation who practices the deen on a day to day basis or do we wake up once a year to remember Nabi (S.A.W)? Did Nabi (S.A.W) celebrate his birthday or did the Sahaba celebrate the birth of Nabi (S.A.W)? There is certainly no doubt that after the rank of the Prophets (A.S) the companions of the Prophet (S.A.W) hold the highest position. However if we have to study their lives we will come to a conclusion that they had the most love for the Prophet (S.A.W) and this came through accepting and practising the Sunnah of Nabi (S.A.W).

There is not a single Quranic injunction or Hadeeth of Nabi (S.A.W) which promotes the idea of “Seeratun Nabi” or “Melaadun Nabi” (S.A.W) celebrations in the month of Rabiul Awwal. Rather Islam requires us to bring in our lives the total and complete deen. **“O you who believe! Enter perfectly in Islam (by obeying all the rules and regulations of the Islamic religion) and follow not the footsteps of Shaitan (Satan). Verily! He is to you a plain enemy”.** (Sura Baqara verse 208)

May Allah grant us all the true love of his deen and His Nabi (S.A.W). People should refrain and abstain from participating in these so called celebrations. Rather as true followers of the Prophet (S.A.W) we should adhere to the Sunnah as this will certainly bring us closer to Allah and His Rasool (A.S), and Insha’Allah we will be quenched from the well of Al-Kawther with the Mubarak hands of Nabi (S.A.W) by following the sunnah.

“Indeed in the Messenger of Allah (Muhammad S.A.W) you have a good example to follow for him who hopes in (the Meeting with) Allah and the Last Day and remembers Allah much”. (Aayat 21 Sura 33)

“Be content with that which Allah has given you and you will be the richest of people”

Wealth, appearance, children, house, and talents - you must be content with your share in these things: (So hold that which I have given you and be of the grateful.) (Qur'an 7: 144)

Most Islamic scholars and pious Muslims of the early generations of Islam were poor; needless it is to say, then, that they did not have beautiful houses or nice cars. Yet, despite these disadvantages, they led fruitful lives, and they benefited humankind, not by some miracle, but because they used all that they were given, and spent their time in the correct way. Hence they were blessed in their lives, their time, and their talents.

On the contrary, there are many people who have been bestowed with wealth, children, and all forms of blessings, yet these blessings have been the very reason for their misery and ruin. They deviated from what their inborn instincts were telling them, namely, that material things are not everything. Look at those that have obtained degrees from world-renowned universities, and yet they are paragons of obscurity. Their talents and abilities remain unused.

Meanwhile, others who are limited in the scope of their knowledge have managed to make mountains out of what they have been given, benefiting both themselves and society. If you are a seeker of happiness, be satisfied with the looks Allah has favoured you with, with your family situation, with the sound of your voice, with the level of your understanding, and with the amount of your salary. Certain educators go further than this by saying that you should imagine being contented with even less than you actually have now.

Here for you is a list of those who have shone from our Islamic heritage despite each being challenged by various disadvantages:

* 'Ataa ibn Rabah was a world-renowned scholar of his time. He was not only a freed slave and snub-nosed, but he was also paralyzed.

* Al-Ahnaf ibn Qays was famous among the Arabs for his singular level of patience. He achieved that fame despite being emaciated, humpbacked and had crooked legs.

* Al-A'mash was among the most famous scholars of Hadith in his time. He was a freed slave, he had bad eyesight, and he was poor. His clothes were ripped, his appearance was dishevelled, and he lived in straitened circumstances.

In fact, every Prophet was at one time or another shepherd. Dawood AS (David) was a blacksmith, Zakariah AS (Zacharia) a carpenter, and Idrees AS (Enoch) a tailor; and yet they were the best of humankind.

Therefore your value is in your abilities, good deeds, manners, and contributions to society. Do not feel grief, then, over that which has passed you by in life in terms of good looks, wealth, or family; and be content with what Allah has allotted for you. (We Who portion out between them their livelihood in this world.) (Qur 'an 43: 32)

Remind yourself of Paradise, which is as wide as are the Heavens and the Earth. If you are hungry in this world, if you are sad, ill or oppressed, remember the eternal bliss of Paradise. If you do this, then your losses are really profits and the hardships you face are really gifts. The most wise of people are those that work for the Hereafter, because it is better and everlasting. And the most foolish of mankind are those that see this world as their eternal abode - in it reside all of their hopes. You will find such people to be the most grief-stricken of all when faced with calamity. They will be the most affected by worldly loss simply because they see nothing beyond the insignificant lives that they lead. They see and think only of this impermanent life. They wish for nothing to spoil them in their state of felicity.

Were they to remove the veil of ignorance from their eyes, they would commune with themselves about the eternal abode - its bliss, pleasures, and castles. They would listen attentively when they are informed through the Qur'an and the Sunnah about its description. Indeed, that is the abode that deserves our attention and merits our striving and our toiling, so that we may achieve the best of it.

Have we reflected at length about the description of the inhabitants of Paradise? Illness does not befall them, grief does not come near them, they die not, they remain young, and their attire remains both perfect and clean. They are in a beautiful home. In Paradise is found that which no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human mind has imagined. The rider travels under a tree in Paradise for one hundred years and yet he still does not reach its end. The length of a tent in Paradise is sixty miles. Its rivers are constant, its castles are lofty, and its fruits are not only close-by, but are also easily picked.

(Therein shall be a running spring, Therein will be thrones raised high, and cups set at hand, and cushions set in rows, and rich carpets all spread out.) (Qur'an 88: 12-16)

The happiness of Paradise will be absolute. So why do we not contemplate this fact? If Paradise is our final destination - and we ask Allah for Paradise - then the hardships of this world are less heavy than they may seem, so let the hearts of the afflicted ones find solace. O' you who live in poverty, or are afflicted with calamity, work righteous deeds so that you shall live in Allah's Paradise. *(Peace be upon you, because you persevered in patience! Excellent indeed is the final home!) (Quran 13: 24).* (Sheikh Aa'idh-Al-Qarni)

Q. I am in a very strange situation at a critical time of my life. I have a one year old girl and Inshā Allah will be having another baby in January 2012. My elder brother doesn't have any children yet after six years of marriage. So my parents want this new baby to be given to my elder brother and I don't have any problems with it. But wife is not agreeing to give away the baby. So what does Shariah say about this. As a son, am I ready to give and listen to my parents order. Should I give without my wife's approval or does my wife have more rights on the baby?

A. According to Shariah, the mother is the first and natural guardian of the child. It is also the right of the child that he/she be taken care of by the mother. There is no one more close to the child than the mother. No one can serve the child as good as the mother. Hence, to hand over the guardianship of the child to someone else is depriving the mother and the child of their first and natural right. However, if the mother forfeits her right of guardianship over the child in favor of any person, that is her right.

Q. Is it permissible to put out green flags and green lights during the month of Rabiul Awwal?

A. This act is not permissible. Certainly it goes against the Sunnah of Nabi (S.A.W)

Q. Was Nabi (S.A.W) born on the 12th Of Rabiul Awwal?

A. Many historians have differed on the date on which Nabi (S.A.W) was born. The exact date is not known. We can deduce from that had the Shahba celebrated the

birth of Nabi (S.A.W) then certainly the exact date would have been known.

Q. What is the well of Al-Kawthar?

A. The Prophet (S.A.W) asked the Sahaabaha: "Do you all know what is Al-Kawthar?" They said, 'Allah and His Messenger know best.' He said, [Verily, it is a river that my Lord, the Mighty and Majestic, has promised me and it has abundant goodness. It is a pond where my Ummah will be brought to on the Day of Judgement. Its containers are as numerous as the stars in the sky. Then a servant of Allah from among them will be (prevented from it) and I will say: "O Lord! Verily, he is from my Ummah (followers)." Then He (Allah) will say: "Verily, you do not know what he introduced (or innovated) after you.)" (Muslim)

Q. Does Rasullullah Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam act according to his own will or by Allah's Subhanahu Wa Ta'alā's will? If there is a proof in the Quran or the Hadith, can you please give me that as well?

A. The speech and conduct of Rasullullah Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam is according to the orders of Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'alā. Allah mentions in the Quran: *"Nor does he speak from (his own) desire. It is not but a revelation revealed (to him)."* (Najm 3-4)

Q. Is it permissible for a lady to enter the Masjid during her menses?

A. It is not permissible for her to enter the Masjid.

SMILE

An Imam was selling his horse in the market. An interested buyer came to him and requested if he could get a test ride. The Imam told the man that this horse is unique.

In order to make it walk, you'll have to say Subhanallah. To make it run, you'll have to say Alhamdulillah, and to make it stop, you'll have to say Allahu Akbar.

The man sat on the horse and said Subhanallah. The horse started to walk. Then he said Alhamdulillah, and it started to run. He kept saying Alhamdulillah, and the horse started running faster, and faster. All of a sudden the man noticed that the horse is running towards the edge of the hill that he was riding on. Being overly fearful, he forgot how to stop the horse. He kept saying all these words out of confusion.

When the horse was just near the edge, he remembered, and said it loud "ALLAHU AKBAR".

The horse stopped just one step away from the edge.

The man took a deep breath, looked up towards the sky, and said "Alhamdulillah"..."

HADEETH

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard Messenger of Allah (Peace Be Upon Him) saying, "Whosoever visits an ailing (ill) person or a brother of his to seek the Pleasure of Allah, an announcer (angel) calls out: `May you be happy, may your walking be blessed, and may you be awarded a dignified position in Jannah". [At-Tirmidhi]

HADEETH

Anas bin Malik (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: Messenger of Allah (Peace Be Upon Him) said, "If a young man honours an older person on account of his age, Allah appoints someone to show reverence to him in his old age." [At-Tirmidhi]

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DUAA

May Allah Ta'ala guide the Ummah and grant us all the true understanding of deen. (Aameen)

A HOLE IN THE FENCE

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His Father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence....

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The day passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence.

The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there."