

THE JOURNEY OF A MAN

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(In the name of ALLAH, Ever Gracious, Ever Merciful.)

For man his life is a Journey. A human soul is on loan to him from his Creator. The Creator gave a soul to man when man was virtually nothing in his mother's womb. The same Creator takes back and collects that very soul when man breathes his last breath. That is because man's soul was given to him temporarily and it is HIS property.

The journey of a man has Four Stages. At each Stage there is a challenge for him. The First Stage is his mother's womb. The Second Stage is his life in this temporary world. The Third Stage is his grave. And, the fourth and Final Stage is Everlasting Life in the Hereafter— either in Heaven or in Hell. Everyone has to pass through each of these Stages. There is no escape. All men have to go through this journey. It is a blueprint of human destiny. It is a human soul's journey in time and space. The way this journey is traversed in this world is called a "Way of Life" or in other words following "a particular Religion."

Since the Creator of this World is One, and the humanity is one, and the life and death of all human beings is also similar, and the entire process through which all humanity has to go through is also similar therefore it is obvious that **the Religion of All Humanity should also have been One. Each soul is born with a Mission. But somewhere along the way one may forget what it is.**

Why? Because the Man is his own worst enemy. He devises new ways in his religion. He adds and subtracts, and modifies his religion according to his own whims and idiosyncracies. He interferes and changes the Revelations of his Creator. He deviates from the Commands and the Guidance of the Creator. He willfully entangles himself

into traps and deceits of *Shaytan*, (Satan) the accursed. Thus he deviates from the True Religion of One True God.

All religions lay down certain do's and don'ts. They give guidelines for human conduct. So there are similarities in religions, but there are also serious and major dissimilarities as well. If any religion or any man fails to address the fundamental issue of the existence of **One True GOD**, then that religion is not worthy of claiming to be a right religion.

A true religion of **One True GOD** adheres to the dictates of nature. The very innate nature of a human being obeys and follows all the Laws of Nature. The birds, the animals and all that exists in the universe they all abide by those Laws. Such a person who is in tune with nature is called a Muslim because he surrenders his complete self to the Will of his Creator. Those who believe in their Creator as the Supreme Power find contentment and satisfaction. They have peace within and they have peace without. They are satisfied with their existence. They do not complain. They live even longer.

But unlike birds and animals, man is an exception. He is a revolter and a rebel just because he has been given a Free Will by his Creator. This Free Will is a burden on human soul. It can take man either to Heaven or to Hell. Therefore man must use this gift of Free Will with care, caution, wisdom, and discretion.

In today's world, religions and religious books abound. But the integrity of some of these religious books, as mentioned earlier, is compromised by human manipulations. Human authors have modified them, amended them and even substituted some of the doctrinal matters. Sometimes in them the Divine Message is compromised or even entirely lost. As such these Religious Books lose their Divine status. They become merely religious Scriptures and they remain no more the Revelations from **One True GOD**.

And there is a great difference between a Scripture and a Divine Word from **One True GOD.**

Thus man falls into a trap in his religion. He then adopts man made laws and his own devised doctrines. And this is the saga of human history and of many world religions.

One such example of the trap is the Bible. In it there is no Gospel of Prophet Jesus. What church has today is the writings of Paul who was the first to write his Epistles say within twenty years of Jesus' departure. Many years after him, the unknown authors reduced to writing the memoirs of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John all from their failing memory. These four Gospels were reduced to writing some 40 to 80 years after the departure of Prophet Jesus. Since they were written much after Paul, therefore these four Gospels are heavily influenced by the doctrines and teachings of Paul. They all tow the line and the thought of Paul. After all, the Words of Gospels are human words. They are not the inspired Words of One True God. They are not the Divine Words. Human interpolation has heavily come in these writings. The original teachings of Jesus are thus either lost or highly misrepresented. Today any genuine Jewish or Christian Scholar would honestly accept that most of the Bible writings currently available are spurious, false, weak, and cooked up. Certainly, they are not the Divine Words.

So now, not only of Prophet Jesus', but of all the previous Prophets teachings are enshrined afresh correctly and truthfully in the Holy Qur'aan by ALLAH.

The Holy Quran says:- "The Jews say that the Christians are not on the right path, and the Christians say that the Jews are not on the right path. Yet, they both read the same Book." Ref. Holy Qur'aan Surah Baqarah 2:113. How strange it is?

Those who follow the Bible, cannot but make mistakes and errors in their man-made faith and religious doctrines. Therefore, the job of Holy Qur'aan is to correct the errors and mistakes of the Bible and of other Religions Scriptures and to act as an Arbiter. It was also for this very reason that finally, Muhammad (*Sal Lal Laahu Alai hi Wa Sallam*) was sent by the Creator as the Last Prophet, and Holy Qur'aan was revealed to him. It was reduced to writing verbatim immediately as and when a Message was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him). Holy Qur'aan consolidates all previous Messages but in correct perspective. It is free from errors, omissions, additions and deviations to Divine Message. Holy Qur'aan is the uncompromised word of ALLAH. It is for this reason that Holy Qur'aan supersedes all previous Scriptures in Truth and Certainty. Humanity has to go only to Holy Qur'aan for True Guidance.

There are many statements in the Bible about Prophet Abraham, Moses, David, Solomon, and Jesus etc. (Peace Be Upon all of them). Some of these statements are negated by Holy Qur'aan. Please keep in mind that by negating the Bible statements by Holy Qur'aan does not mean negating the real and the true message of those earlier Prophets. Only the record of those faulty writings is corrected, and it is set aright in the Holy Qur'aan by ALLAH to bring them in conformity with the TRUTH. If one wishes to look for a true and a correct version on any matter, he should turn only to the Holy Qur'aan. **Only in the Holy Qur'aan will he find the "TRUTH, and NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH."**

Holy Qur'aan appeals to human logic, to human wisdom, to his criterion of right and wrong, and to human judgment. The writings of Holy Qur'aan ever remain un-compromised by human hands. Only the Holy Qur'aan remains in its pure, original, intrinsic form. Not a single comma, letter or a word has yielded to human manipulation or change. It is

the ABSOLUTE TRUTH. It is for this reason that the Holy Qur'aan becomes a dominating force in one's thoughts and life. ALLAH in Holy Qur'aan says: **“These are the verses that make things clear.”** (Holy Qur'aan, Surah Yusuf, 12:1).

Those faithfuls who daily recite the Holy Qur'aan assert that the Holy Qur'aan will have their eyes overflowing with tears, because they recite the very words of their Creator. Because in the Holy Qur'aan they recognize the Absolute Truth about Man. Holy Qur'aan is the Word of ALLAH and not of any human being. The readers of the Holy Qur'aan perceive that they are in “one to ONE” conversation with their Creator. Qur'aanic words were revealed to Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), by inspiration through Angel Gibrael ('Allai His Salaam). Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), as such, is not the author of Holy Qur'aan.

A reader would not see One True GOD each time he reads the Holy Qur'aan, but he would virtually hear HIM each time he reads it. Reader would also feel the awe that he is virtually in the Majestic Presence of his Rabb —his Creator.

Therefore in order to seek the true guidance, in the Journey of man, one should read, understand, and follow the Holy Qur'aan in Life.

The Journey of a Man is a reality for us all. The True Guidance in life can only come from Holy Qur'aan. And only the Holy Qur'aan has the answer to change the tears of the world into smiles.

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