

Good News

And give good news to those who do good (to others) – Holy Quran 22:37

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Depraved Nationalism Will Lead Man to Self- Destruction!

***- Only True Morality brought
about through Faith in a Higher
Power will save Humanity!***

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‘And when thy Lord said to the angels, I am going to place a ruler in the earth, they said: Wilt Thou place in it such as make mischief in it and shed blood? And we celebrate Thy praise and extol Thy holiness. He said: Surely I know what you know not.’ – Holy Quran 2:30

The Holy Quran, with the use of *dramatic dialogue*, effectively expresses the Will of Almighty God here with regard to the creation of man. It does not mean though that God literally consulted the angels, for the angels, like man, are His creation. Their role is limited to the execution of His Will. They control the forces of nature on

the physical side of life whilst acting as intermediaries between God and humankind on the spiritual side of life. They have no will of their own.

Man – Vicegerent of God on Earth

The Will of God expressed here is His intention to create a being, far greater than the angels that will be granted attributes that will allow it to dominate the forces of nature and thus rule the earth. This *being* will be granted a will of its own, to choose between *good* and *evil*. In a broad, generic sense he will thus be called a ‘ruler’ or ‘vicegerent’ of God on earth. However, the reference in the verse is not to a single person but to the whole of mankind often referred to as *Adam* (Man) and *Bani Adam* – The progeny or children of Adam. The verse thus shows the high place that man is destined to hold in the whole of creation.

The dialogue, however, highlights man’s dual nature of *good* and *evil* and it is the *dark* side of his nature - the fear of his abuse of power - that is given expression to by the angels. But God looks at the bright side and thus says: **‘I know what**

you know not' meaning that whilst He knows that man would abuse the power given to him, He also knows that he would turn it to good use, physically and spiritually.

Thus we are taught that once God has chosen man above the whole of the creation to rule the earth in a broad, generic sense, He will then elect from those who serve Him, those who will guide people towards goodness and teach them how to avoid evil. And these will be God's *true successors* or *vicegerents* on earth that will master and conquer the dark forces of evil.

The whole history of mankind is briefly written in this one verse. Man might be the greatest killer on this earth but he also has the capacity to turn the gifts of God to their best use.

21st Century Cain and Abel

If we now look at the situation the world finds itself in today it would seem that the dark forces are dominant once more. The symbolical Cain has reared his ugly head again and the humble Abel is subjected to abject servility. Today's superpowers and their allies, driven by sheer greed, fit the description of the forces bent on 'shedding blood' feared by the angels. The military interventions used to exploit weaker nations by these 'Cain-like' forces have already brought about the suffering and deaths of millions of 'Abels'.

Indeed man have conquered much of the forces of nature; have harnessed the various forms of energy that nature has provided for through the eternal Grace of Almighty God and turned it into many indispensable good uses and advantages. However, when love of this transient world transcends faith in a Higher Power, greed and the love of power overtake man's humanity which nature has planted in his soul. This phenomenon, however, is **not** exclusive to any particular people. Nay! it holds equally true for Muslims, Jews, Christians, Buddhists, Hindus, and Atheists. Too often, nowadays, we witness the horrors that unfold before our eyes as a result of this. It is this unfortunate *rogue-like* condition in man that has plagued societies since the beginning of time right into the 'so called' civilized, scientifically advanced, 21st century.

As we now reflect on the moral *alarm bells* evoked in our ancestral 'Cain and Abel' narrative, we realize with horror, millennia later, just how little we have learnt from it and how the 'Cain-like' forces of tyranny are still out there wreaking havoc in the world, except now on a much larger scale.

The reality of a nuclear cataclysm that could potentially destroy much of the earth – if not the entire earth - has raised the necessity for a revival of the inherent humanistic and moral qualities within

man, exponentially. There is, without a doubt, now a need to create awareness that if we do nothing about the situation we are indeed heading for disaster.

A sure place to start is to bury the *hatred* spawned by *depraved nationalism*, racial and religious prejudices that are perpetually unleashed on our societies by the wayward, self-centered, self-righteous, and pompous ‘Cains’ of this era. As ‘the dishonest and corrupt’ strive for power through lies, with the aid of an indiscriminate media, more confusion as to what or who is right or wrong is created. In the end, most people simply seek the easy way out of the haze by choosing sides based on some national or religious affiliations, despite the fact that such blind allegiances might not represent even a vestige of fairness, justice, or righteousness – or simply put - basic humanity! Alas! Do we really wish our human conscience to become so unaffected that it steadily dies within us?

In the context of the high degree of injustices that we see happening in the world, perhaps it is time that we tell ourselves, that absolute fairness, justice and peaceful co-existence should apply to all the disadvantaged, persecuted and oppressed communities on this earth. We cannot be selective in our condemnation of human suffering. In the end we are one family and all deserve a peaceful, secure

and safe life on this earth. The Holy Quran makes this clear:

‘O **mankind**, surely We have created you from a male and a female, and made you tribes and families **that you may know each other**. Surely **the noblest** of you with Allah **is the most dutiful** of you. Surely Allah is Knowing, Aware.’ – 49:13

It is clear as daylight from the Scripture that excellence in the sight of God does not depend on nationality, race or religion, but rather on the degree of righteous and virtuous conduct.

Man might have conquered nature but he has failed miserably in the conquest of his own base, animal nature. It is this human weakness that the angels are apprehensive of that will cause *bloodshed*, which in fact it does.

Light at the end of the tunnel

No doubt every family has its fair share of proverbial black sheep and fair share of righteous, God-Fearing ones. The same applies to the family of the *human race*. However, looking on the bright side as indicated by Almighty God in the verse quoted above, we realise that the history of man testifies to the fact that it was the righteous that were always victorious over evil. We find this in the histories of all the well-known prophets of God, who through their mighty conquests of the forces of evil

deservedly earned the title of ‘vicegerents of God on earth.’ For example the prophets Adam, Noah, Abraham, David, Solomon, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad (God’s peace and blessings be upon them) all had to face Cain-like oppositions but each one of them emerged victorious. This tells us, in no uncertain terms, the urgency with which we ought to turn our attentions to the guidance brought by these prophets for therein lies our salvation from self-destruction.

We need to remove the shackles of enslavement to *nationalism* and *materialism* that corrupts the God-given spirit within us and give more prominence to serving Almighty God to avoid further ‘bloodshed’ of the innocent. By serving God is meant the need to unlock the spiritual seeds within us through prayer and do good to all of mankind. We can only do this if we are able to control our rebellious egos and NOT let the ego control us. This is a weakness in man that the forces of evil love to target in order to lead him astray. We do not need more ruthless dictators and other forces of oppression for these are the progeny of the Godless Cain and Pharaohs the Scriptures warned us about.

What the world needs now is a revitalization of the glorious days of the likes of Krishna, Buddha, Confucius, Jesus, Moses, and Muhammad to take us

out of this darkness into the light once more.

We are indeed standing at the dawn of a great spiritual revolution and this is what God Almighty means when He says: **‘I know what you know not.’**

A renewed spirituality is steadily increasing in momentum as humankind desperately seeks for a haven of heavenly life amidst a world of *dull* materialism.



We strongly condemn all forms of human rights and environmental abuse. We especially condemn the ruthless killings of all innocent parties in the name of Religion or State!

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