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"This is a clear statement for men, and guidance and an admonition to those who guard themselves (against evil)."  
(Ale Imran: 138)

## THE LEGACY OF NELSON MANDELA

Issue 4

### IN THE FOCUS OF WISDOM

*'Do good with the bereaved one of others so that good is done to your bereaved ones also''*

*Imam Ali (a.s)*

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**By Shekh Adam Sebyala**

After the mundane life, it is not important how many people attend your funeral ceremony, for many men of God, including the prophets, were killed and buried by a few of their murderer devils, or in some instances were buried by a few of their devotees.



Nelson Mandela deserves all what has been said about him, and all what has

been done in respect of what he achieved, and so far he is happy. He is not happy for the tears that are streaming down our cheeks in the pain for the loss of the 95 year old man, but for the repetitions of statements and the comprehension of their messages, the same way the REVONIA case Judge understood it, when it threw him off balance and feared to send the man who told him that he was prepared to DIE, to the gallows. This is how the larger than life Mandela put it: - "During my lifetime I have dedicated myself to this struggle of the African people. I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination.

I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which

all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But, my lord, if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.

Nelson Mandela reminds Islamic scholars of prophet Muhammad (SAWW); when he pointed his finger towards Africa and declared: - (Oh my persecuted companions, go to Ethiopia "Africa" for there is a king who cannot allow terror to reign in his presence). If the man, the cherisher of justice and guarantor of human dignity was the Christian king Najiashi (Negus) during the prophet's time, he is Nelson Mandela in our time, and the men with him like Oliver Tambo, Walter Sisulu, Ahmad Kathrada and millions of others represent Ja'far

### Education in Islam.

#### What Type of Knowledge?

Knowledge in Islam is normally divided into two broad categories: there is a famous saying "al-'ilm 'ilman: 'ilmu- adyan wa ilmu abdan - knowledge is of two kinds: the knowledge concerning religions and the knowledge concerning [human and physical] bodies." What has been mentioned above on the importance of knowledge refers to both, the reli-

gious as well as the secular knowledge.

The Quran has specifically talked about science also: **"In the creation of the heavens and the earth the alternation of the night and the day, in the ships that sail in the sea with their load.... in the rain which Allah sends down from the sky and thus revives the earth after its death; and then He spread in all kinds of animals; in the changing**

***of the winds: in the clouds which have been left suspending between the heaven and the earth -in all these are clear signs for the people who understand"* (2:164)**  
***"We shall show them Our signs in the horizons and in themselves."* (41:53)**  
**by Sheikh Muhamad Mukasa**

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

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## THE LOVING OF AHLUL BAYT (A.S)

The befriending and loving of Holy Prophet (s.a.a.w) and his progeny (a.s) are one of the fundamentals of our belief and also emphasized in the Holy Quran and tradition. Regarding love for the family of the Holy Prophet (s.a.a.w) it is sufficient that the Quran mentioned it as the reward of the prophetic mission. Allah (s.w.t) states: "Say I do not ask of you any reward (for it) but love

for my near relatives" [shura 23]  
Love and honor of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (s.a.a.w) and his family (a.s) has not been mentioned in the holy Quran, but has also been emphasized in narrations of the Holy Prophet (s.a.a.w) An example of traditions is;  
The Holy Prophet (s.a.a.w) stated "a person doesn't believe until I am more beloved to him/her than their own self and my progeny is more beloved to him/her

than his/her own progeny [Virtues of Amir al-momineen by Hafz Mohammad ibin sulaian al-konfi P.619 700]  
Therefore it is necessary for a Muslim to distance themselves from the enemies of the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.w) and his off spring (a.s)

## ISLAMIC SOCIETY

### Islam & Christianity *Cont. from last issue*

#### **Adam and Eve in Christianity and Islam**

Islam: Adam and Eve (peace be upon them) were EQUALLY responsible for eating from the "forbidden tree." They both repented and were forgiven by the Most-Forgiving and Most-Merciful Allahu ta'ala.

Christianity: Eve ate from the "forbidden tree" BEFORE Adam did. Adam ate from the tree AFTER Eve did. The woman was deceived FIRST.

Because of EVE causing Adam to sin by eating from the forbidden tree, the ground is "cursed." God doesn't forgive them, but damns them and humanity -- thanks to Eve (the woman)! ALL females go through "pains of childbearing" as a punishment from God -- because of EVE'S sin. All males have to go through pains of eating from the ground, thanks to EVE. ALL babies are born in SIN, thanks to EVE. All of this can be found in GENESIS 2:4-3:24.

"Adam was not deceived but the woman was" (1 TIMOTHY 2:11-14)

"Woman will be ruled over by the male" (GENESIS 3:16)

In other words, thanks to a FEMALE, we are damned!

It is clear that in Christianity, the very first woman is blamed for wrongdoing, but not the very first male.

**Islam: Quran orders us that we should not "bury daughters alive."**

Christianity: -"The birth of a daughter is a loss" (ECCLESIASTICUS 22:3, Catholic Bible)

- Ritual impurity of a mother is TWICE as long if a female is born and not a male. (LEVITICUS 12:2-5)

**Is it not clear that Islam again gives a higher status to females? What**

Islam came to eradicate -- the bad treatment of females -- still continues in today's Protestant and Catholic scriptures.

CHRISTIANITY: -"It is a shame for women to talk in the church." *.to the next issue*

## Your Questions Answered

Qn1. How many years the holy prophet tried to spread Islam in Mecca and medina?

**Answer:** 13 years in Mecca and 10 years in medina

Qn2. Adhan was introduced during the first year of Hijra (Migration). Who was appointed as the first muezzin reciter of Adhan?

**Answer:** Bilal, the son of Ribaah

Qn3. What is the meaning of Adhan and Mu'adhin?

**Answer:** Adhan is the call for prayers; Mu'adhin is one who performs Adhan.

## ISLAMIC LAWS

What is Sharia?

The word "Sharia" literally means "a way". In Islamic terminology it means the legal system of Islam, it is normally translated as the Laws of Islam or Islamic Laws.

Islam is a *deen* - religion.

The word *deen* bears a wider concept and more comprehensive than the word "religion" it means believing in the fundamentals as well as living according to the Islamic laws. This concept of Islam is generally used by Islamic scholars to describe the fundamental beliefs and the practical laws of Islam.

The beliefs are described as UsulD-din-the roots of relig-

The Sharia laws are described as Furu' u 'din-the branches of religion.

We must know that beliefs without practice is incomplete Islam therefore, Islam is a body that comprise of the beliefs and the practices. The Sharia is a complete way of life. No aspect of human life is outside its domain. The Islam expects a Muslim to follow its laws in every aspect of life from religious, individual and social, moral and political, economic and business etc.

This is clearly stated in the holy Quran and sunnah

Allah says in surat Ahzab 36:

"When Allah and His Messenger have decreed a matter, its not for any believing man or believing woman to have a choice in their affairs and whosoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger has gone into clear error"

## OBSERVATION OF SAFAR

**1st Safar** - Entry of the Caravan of Zainub (as) in Damascus

**4th Safar** Death Masuma e Qom (some traditions )

**7th Safar** Martyrdom of Imam Hassan Bin Ali (as)

**13th Safar** Death of Sakina d/o of Imam Hussain (as)

**17th or 29th Safar**-Imam Reza (as) Death 203 AH

**20th S a f a r A r b a e e n O f Imam Hussein (a.s)**

**28th Safar - Holy Prophet (pbuh) Death 11AH**

**OUR LIBRARY/BOOK REVIEW**  
**Treatise On Rights (Risaalat al huquuq): Imam Zain al Abidiin (Risaalat al huquuq).**

### **Rights of Womb Relatives** **The Right of the Mother**

The right of your mother is that you know that she carried you where no one carries anyone, she gave to you of the fruit of her heart that which no one gives to anyone, and she protected you with all her organs. She did not care if she went hungry as long as you ate, if she was thirsty as long as you drank, if she was naked as long as you were clothed, if she was in the sun as long as you were in the shade. She gave up sleep for your sake, she protected you from heat and cold, all in order that you might belong to her. You will not be able to show her gratitude, unless through God's help and giving success. *to next issue*

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son of Abu-Talib; the prophet's appointed courageous Muslim leader.

The dying wish of Mandela was stated publicly immediately after his release, and it is what we can remind the whole world to implement so that we keep him alive. The immortal appeal reads: - ("The time for the healing of the wounds has come. The moment to bridge the chasms that divide us has come. The time to build is upon us. Never, never and never again shall it be that this beautiful land will again experience the oppression of one by another and suffer the indignity of being the skunk of the world. The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement...).

Yet Islamic scholars think that Nelson was again paraphrasing the words of his unknown great mentor; prophet Muhammad (SAWW) on the occasion of the world's greatest AMNESTY after the Meccan conquest; with the killers of Muslims and his family members who bled every inch of his body and soul at his mercy, he surprised them and world history by the statement ( *Izh'habuu Fa'antum a -Ttulaqaa'* = Go scot-free, You won't even be arrested!). Long live The Unity, Peace, Truth and Justice.

**Like Najjashi, may the soul of Madiba shrouded in the Rainbow nation rest in peace.**

## Quranic Science

### **Rational Approach (*al is-tidlaal al aqli*):**

The Qur'an uses rational approaches that are akin to scientific enquiry. Examples of the Qur'an and rationalism are: similarity (*tashabuhu & imtithaal*), specialization (*tajzi'at*), generalization followed by particularization (*ta'amiim & takhsiiis*), definition (*ta'areef*), apposition (*muqabalat*), examples and similitudes (*amthaal*), stories (*qisas*), argument and debate (*jadal & munadharat*), and induction (*istiqra*)

The miraculous nature of the Qur'an (*i'jaz ul Qur'an*): The Qur'an is an intellectual, scientific and linguistic miracle. Deep study reveals to an open and incisive mind that this is not a product of the human mind. It defies and challenges human intellect. The Qur'an



## 7<sup>TH</sup> SAFAR MARKS THE MARTYRDOM OF IMAM HASSAN BIN ALI (A.S)

**Name:** Al-Hassan Ibn Ali Ibn Abu Talib

**Titles:** Al-Mujtaba.

**By name:** Abu Muhammad

**Birth date:** He was born in Madina in the middle of the month of Poisoned by Jodah bint Asash

**Buried:** in the graveyard of Baqi in Medina

**Mother:** Fatimah az-Zahra (a.s.)

**Died:** He died on the 28th of Safar in the year 50 A.H. He was buried in the graveyard of Baqi in Madina.

**Cause:** Poisoned by Ju'da binte Ash'ath bin Qays.

### Imam Hassan Bin Ali (as) In World History Perspective

On the 21<sup>st</sup> night of the Ramadan of 40<sup>th</sup> Hijra his father Hazrat Ali ibn-e-Abi Talib (A) passed away making all the people sorrowful and grieved.

Imam Hassan (A) who was 27 years of age came along with the people to the mosque and climbed the tribune and said, "Last night, a man, who was unique in knowledge piety, conduct and character among the previous ages people as well those to come in future, has gone out of you. He participated the battles along with the Prophet Muhammad (saw) and strived hard to guard Islam. A person who was the thorn of the eyes of the enemies and the fruit of the heart of friends. And he did not spare and accumulate anything from the wealth of the world for himself, except for seven hundred Dirhams by which he wanted to provide a servant for his family."

In human perfection Imam Hassan was reminiscent of his father and a perfect example of his noble grandfather. In fact, as long as the prophet was alive, he and his brother were always in the company of the Prophet who even sometimes would carry them on his shoulders. Both Sunni and Shiite sources have transmitted this saying of the Holy Prophet concerning Hassan and Hussein: "These two children of mine are Imams whether they stand up or sit down" (allusion to whether they occupy the external function of caliphate or not).

The researcher who examines the life of the Holy Prophet's grandson, Imam Hassan and his brother, Imam Hussein (as), can't help drawing the conclusion that they enjoyed a high level of education and spiritual and ideological upbringing, which no other person had won next to their grandfather (pbuh), mother and father (as).

The imprints of the revelation and Divine care marked their characters, in all its aspects, ingredients and angles.

They were highly refined and brought up in line with Islam's teachings by their grandfather, the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.), their father, Imam Ali (a.s.), and their mother Fatima (a.s.), through excellent examples and direct daily guidance. Although they lost both their grandfather and mother at an early age, their upbringing suffered no interruption. Their father, Imam Ali bin Abi-Talib (a.s.), the disciple of the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w.), and the graduate from the school of Divine revelation, who was the beacon for the people, was alive, throwing his shade over them. There is no doubt that Imams Hassan and Hussein (a.s.) wound up in the stage of Divine preparation. They were prepared to shoulder the responsibility of the Divine message, in form and content. The ultimate result was that both Imams Hasan and Hussein (a.s.) became Islam personified walking on the earth.

As the ingredients of the characters of the two Imams were the same, they were singular in their behavior, march, steps and goals, which were Islamic in their entirety. The nature of our discussion dictates that we present lively examples from Imam Hassan's (a.s.) spiritual, scientific, and ethical activities.

## Your supplication

### Daily Safar month Dua

Mafatih Al-Mu'addith al-Fayḥ and other scholars have mentioned that if you desire to be saved from the misfortunes of the month of afar, you may repeat the following prayer ten times every day in this month:

O Lord of mighty prowess!  
O Lord of mighty power!  
O Exalted in might!  
O Exalted in might!  
O Exalted in might!  
Submissive to Your  
Almightiness are all of  
Your creatures; so, (please)  
save me from the evil of  
Your creatures.

O All-liberal!  
O All-bountiful!  
O Source of all bounties!  
O Doer of favors!  
O He save Whom there is  
no god! All glory be to  
You!

Verily, I have been a  
wrongdoer.  
So We heard his prayer and  
saved him from the an-  
guish.

Thus do May Allah send  
blessings to  
Muḥammad and his House-  
hold, the pure and immacu-  
late.

### month of SAFAR (Mafatih ul Jinan)