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“One who makes an image in
this world, will be compelled
to breathe life into it on the
Day of Qiyaamah, and he will
not be able to breathe life into
it.” (Bukhari)

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The Lover Of Gold And Silver (Wealth) And Proclaiming The Haq

Hadhrat Maalik Bin Dinaar
(Rahmatullah alaih) said that
the Taurah mentions that a
lover of gold and silver (i.e. of
wealth) finds it extremely
difficult to proclaim the Truth.

Ziyaad Bin A’laa’
(Rahmatullah alaih) saw in a
dream the earth in the form of
a woman exquisitely adorned
with every conceivable type of
embellishment. Observing this
dazzling earthly splendour, he
said: “May Allah save us from
you.” The woman (i.e. the
earth) responded: “If you
desire to be saved from my
snares, then abhor gold and
silver.”

The Fancy 'Kurtahs' of Our Era...

The Sahaabah Radhiyallahu anhum once mentioned the life of the world in the presence of Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam. Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said, ***“Do you not hear?! Do you not hear?! Simplicity (in life) is part of Imaan, simplicity is part of Imaan.” (Abu Dawood)***

When this was the answer given by Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam to the Dunya, what can be said when the Dunya is interwoven into the Pure and Pristine Deen and named as 'Deen'? What can be said when fashion and trends are named as 'Deen'? What can be said when un-Islamic activities are named with Deeni terms?

Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam loved simplicity. Simplicity was his Mubaarak Trademark. Simplicity was his day. Simplicity was his night. Simplicity was his surroundings. And simplicity was his living. Truly, Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam loved simplicity.

However, sadly, today the west has fooled Muslims. They, together with the aid of Shaitaan, have managed to get Muslims to be involved in many un-Islamic activities unknowingly. Take a simple example of the 1400-year-old Golden Sunnah of the Kurtah. They have made us believe that any pieces of material which is sewn into a 'Kurtah', is an Islamic Kurtah, notwithstanding the manner, type, style, design, logo/s

and other such things becoming part of the Kurtah.

We find many stalls, and sadly, stalls and shops which are supposed to be selling Islamic clothing for men and women, selling such modern, fancy and westernised 'Kurtahs' which are NOT Islamic Kurtahs! Their so-called 'Kurtahs' deserve to be flung into the trash, but if one has purchased them already while being hoodwinked that they are Islamic Kurtahs and then realised how westernised and Haraam Kurtahs they actually are, one can cut them up in few pieces and use them to clean the floors of the house, windows as well as one's car.

A simple Sunnah Kurtah will not have stripes denoting different brands, car-makes etc.! A simple Sunnah Kurtah will not have many zips, nor will it be of many colours! A simple Sunnah Kurtah will not be made of Haraam colours for men to don! In Islam, red, yellow and any feminine colour, including any bright colour, are Haraam for men to wear. These westernised 'Kurtahs' which are sold in Islamic stalls and shops are at times in those impermissible and Haraam colours!

The demand of Islaam, as the Hadith stated above, is simplicity. Simplicity in everything of ours, including our dressing.

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“Do you not hear!?! Do you not hear!?! Simplicity is part of Imaan! Simplicity is part of Imaan!” (Abu Dawood)

Purdah and the understanding of some liberal Ulama

Some Ulama, influenced by the liberalism of the times, propagate that Hijab or Purdah does not advocate restriction of women. This

view is the very antithesis of Islamic Hijaab. Hijaab in actual fact is restriction of women. Their Nafsaani desire to roam about the world is severely restricted by Hijaab. Hadhrat Hakimul Ummat Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi (Rahmatullah alayh) has made it very clear that the first and highest degree of Fardh Hijaab is restriction within the home environment. This degree of Hijaab is commanded in the Qur'aan Majeed as follows: "And remain (glued) inside your homes..."

Heart Hardeners

Hazrat Faqeeh Abu Laith Samarqandi Rahmatullahi alaihi said that four acts harden and corrode the heart:

1. Filling the stomach
2. Forgetting sins committed in the past
3. The company of evil persons
4. Increasing worldly hopes.

When rolling up your sleeves...

The Sunnah pertaining to dressing is that when wearing one's clothing, one should begin from the right and when removing one's clothing, one should begin from the left.

This applies to all items of clothing: Kurtahs; Abaayas; trousers; socks; shoes, jackets etc.

In the same way, when one intends to roll up one's sleeve for Wudhu etc., then too this Sunnah should be practiced upon.

Since rolling up one's sleeve is *like* 'removing' the garment, the Sunnah is to remove from the left side. Hence, when rolling up the sleeves, ensure we begin with the left sleeve first.

When rolling down one's sleeve, it is *like* 'wearing' that sleeve. Hence, the Sunnah is to begin wearing from the right side. Therefore, when rolling down one's sleeves, ensure we do so from the right side.

The Reward For A Muslim Wife When She Falls Pregnant

Hazrat Anas Radhiyallahu anhu narrates in a lengthy narration that Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said,

"Are you (women) not pleased that when she gets pregnant by her husband while he is pleased with her, she receives the (same) reward of the fasting person worshipping (Allah) while in the Path of Allah (Jihaad). Then, when she goes into labour, neither the (creation in the) heavens nor on earth is aware of what is kept hidden in preparation for her eye's comfort. And after she gives birth, then for every drop of milk which comes out and for every sip the baby suckles, she earns a reward. And if she awakens any night (to see to her baby), she earns the reward of freeing 70 healthy (i.e. fit and strong) slaves in the Path of Allah..." (Tabrani)

Harms Of Hookah Smoking...That is why it is Haraam...

Hookah smoking can cause oral cancer, heart diseases and other grave diseases!

While research about hookah smoking is still emerging, evidence shows that it poses many dangers:

- Hookah smoke contains high levels of toxic compounds, including tar, carbon monoxide, heavy metals and cancer-causing chemicals (carcinogens). In fact, hookah smokers are exposed to more carbon monoxide and smoke than are cigarette smokers.
- As with cigarette smoking, hookah smoking is linked to lung and oral cancers, heart disease, and other serious illnesses.
- Hookah smoking delivers about the same amount of nicotine as cigarette smoking, possibly leading to tobacco dependence.
- Hookah smoke poses dangers associated with secondhand smoke.
- Hookah smoking by pregnant women can result in low birth weight babies.
- Hookah pipes used in hookah bars and cafes may not be cleaned properly, risking the spread of infectious diseases.
- The charcoal used to **heat** the tobacco can raise health risks by producing high levels of carbon monoxide, metals, and **cancer**-causing chemicals. Even after it has passed through water, the smoke from a hookah has high levels of these toxic agents.

(<https://www.mayoclinic.org> and other sources)

Reward for Sadaqah

Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said that there are 360 joints in the human body. When man rises safely in the morning, then in gratitude it is incumbent to give Sadaqah for each joint's health and safety.

In the same Hadith it is mentioned that relations with one's wife is also Sadaqah.

The Sahaabah said that a man fulfils his own desire with his wife. What, therefore, is the Sadaqah in it? May Allah Ta'ala elevate the ranks of the Sahaabah. By asking for explanations on insignificant issues, they had in fact left a great treasure for the Ummah. In answer to this query of the Sahaabah, Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said: *"If a man spends his energy in haram, will he not be sinful?"*

The Sahaabah said: "Yes, most certainly."

Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said: *"If he engages in relations with his wife with the intention of abstaining from haram why will he not be rewarded?"*

THE GOAL OF LIFE

A sage admonishing a man said: *"Flee from people, and you will meet Allah Ta'ala. Take hold of Sidq (Truth) and Taqwa (piety); abandon Ujub (vanity) and Riya (show); be the master of your Nafs. You will then reach your Goal—The Pleasure of Allah."*

The Fancy *Kurtahs* Of Our Era (Continued from page 2)

The comical facet of the modern, westernized and un-Islamic 'Kurtahs' which even Huffaz and some Ulama wear, is the many pockets and zips attached to these pieces of material called 'Kurtahs'. This is what makes these so-called 'Kurtahs' abnormal 'Kurtahs'. We say, to have a normal look is normal. Normal in the sense of having the normal amount of pockets generally Kurtahs have. These un-Islamic 'Kurtahs' have plenty of zips on them. Yes, besides one or two, the rest are fake pockets! We know that. But this makes a laughing stock of the person wearing them in the eyes of a person who is accustomed to simplicity and Islamic attire.

To fashion fanatics and western lovers, these hilarious extra trimmings and zips appear to be 'fashion' and 'smart'. In reality, they are stupid and makes a person a laughing stock.

The worst part is, and in reality, this is the saddest part, when we see these westernised so-called 'Kurtahs' worn by so-called Huffaz and Ulama! Indeed, it is lamentable! Indeed, it is regrettable!

By what trademark of simplicity, do these Ulama wear such westernised 'Kurtahs'? Have they not read the Hadith, which was explained by their Ustaads during their study days explaining the simplicity of Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam?

The problem is not the knowledge. Indeed, the issue here with the Ulama who wear such westernised 'Kurtahs', some with a rainbow of colours, some with funny pockets / zips / buttons and some short sleeved, is that the *Suhbat* (companionship) with a pious religious

personality is lacking. These Ulama who qualify at a Darul-Uloom, hasten to get out of there. Thus, the one who left the Darul-Uloom without true *Suhbat* is indeed an easy prey to Shaitaan!

Shaitaan will not necessarily mislead him into Kufr and Shirk. Neither will Shaitaan necessarily make him discard the Fardh Salaahs. Shaitaan will, however, make him stand on the Mimbar on a Jumu'ah Bayaan / Khutbah platform while making him don a fancy, stylish and un-Islamic 'Kurtah' which will be an 'example' for the congregation to imitate! Shaitaan will use him to let the youth of the Ummah wear so-called 'Kurtahs' while they are in actual fact NOT Islamic Sunnah Kurtahs!

Therefore, it is imperative to note what type of Kurtahs we ourselves, as well as our children are buying to wear. It is important not to buy these modern style 'Kurtahs' and don them while hallucinating we are wearing Islamic attire. The days of Eid are sad days in which we see the Ummah wearing these type of un-Islamic 'Kurtahs' which the west and Shaitaan managed to get onto the bodies of the Ummah.

Remember, any Kurtah which is sold in the market is not necessarily an Islamic Kurtah. Simplicity should be the criterion when purchasing a ready-made Kurtah. Otherwise, the best and most preferable option is to purchase some material and get a Kurtah sown for one's size by a tailor.

May Allah Ta'ala guide the Ummah and grant the Ummah and the Ulama love for simplicity, Aameen.

Is Your Beard The Sunnah Length?

Many Muslim men grow a fine, thin and short beard. Remember, such a 'beard' is **not** a Shar'ee beard. Then, when growing such a flimsy and fine 'beard', many men think that they are growing a beard which is conforming to the Sunnah of having a beard.

This beard is a serious issue. It is also governed by the Shari'ah. Muslims should understand that our bodies and everything else does not belong to us. It all belongs to Allah Ta'ala. Therefore, it is necessary to do everything the way Allah's Laws are.

In carrying out all the aspects of life conforming to what and how Allah Ta'ala has decreed, one will attain entry into Jannah. Allah Ta'ala says, *"Indeed, Allah has purchased from the Mu'mineen their lives in lieu of Jannah."* Hence, living our lives in conforming to the Laws of Deen safeguards our Jannah.

The Sunnah length of the beard:

In An-Nihaayah Sharh Al-Hidaayah, it is mentioned: "According to us (the Hanafis), the length of the beard is the extent of the Qubdhah (fist). It is incumbent to cut that portion more than this..."

It is said in Raddul Muhtaar: "Regarding cutting from it whilst it is less than this (i.e. fist length) as some westerners and hermaphrodites do, no one (among the Fuqaha) has permitted it."

In Durarul Hukkaam Sharh Ghuraril Ahkaam, it is mentioned: "Cutting from the beard less than a fist-length as is the practice of some westerners and hermaphrodites, no one (among the Ulama / Fuqaha) had permitted it."

The Wonderful Beard

The beard is something wonderful. It enhances the dignity and handsomeness of a man. In fact, a bearded man has a noble appearance. But, nowadays it is being vilified.

(MI Ashraf Ali Thanwi Rahmatullahi alaih)

Naseehat for the Huffaaz / Ulama and students of the Deen

In this day and age, we are blessed with many Huffaaz and Ulama, Alhamdulillah. However, the Huffaaz and Ulama should take heed to what knowledge they have acquired. It is highly imperative for them to understand who they actually are. Their deeds should incumbently conform to the Knowledge they possess.

Hazrat Fudhail bin Iyaadh Rahmatullahi alaih said: *“It does not behove the Haafiz to involve himself in sport and amusement with those who indulge in such futility. He should not join in the company of people who are involved in carelessness.”*

Wudhu and the Muslim - A Lesson Learnt From A Wood-Cutter

Once when Hazrat Sultaanul Auliya Rahmatullahi alaih was in a jungle, it was time for Salaah. He waited for some time in anticipation of someone arriving so that the Salaah could be performed in Jamaat. Soon he saw a wood-cutter carrying a bundle of wood. Hazrat Sultaanul Auliya asked: “Have you made Wudhu?” The wood-cutter responded: “Is it possible for a Muslim to be without Wudhu?” Hazrat said to himself with surprise: “Some Auliya are so hidden that we fail to recognize them.”

Comment: Ponder over the answer of the wood-cutter. What does it imply? It indicates that he always remains in the state of Wudhu!

When one is in the state of Wudhu, then one will remain safe from the attacks and whispers of the Devil. But how sad is it not today, that a football team which calls itself ‘The Red Devils’, yet Muslim soccer fanatics love them, love their hairstyles, their dressing, Muslims follow their every minute of the game, follow their progress, celebrate their wins and also shed tears on their defeats!

Wala-Hawla-Wala-Quwwata-illaa-Billaah!!!

Is our support for the Devils?! Muslims will even wear their Haraam red coloured soccer uniform, all stinking with the Red Devils! Do we have no shame?! Are we not afraid of Allah Ta’ala? Have we forgotten that we are Muslims—Haters of the Devil?

Muslims will honour the Red Devils’ logo. The Muslim youngster will buy the badges and logos of the Red Devils and place them on his cupboard and in his room, on the walls and all over the show.

Muslim youth, and utterly lamentably, Ulama, will set the Red Devils’ logo as their screen background on their cell phones, computers and set it as their profile pictures and status on social platforms!

To the total opposite, when it comes to honouring a Sunnah, observing a Sunnah or following a Sunnah, we will have hundred and one excuses and two hundred and two opinions based on our Nafsaaniyat not to follow and observe a simple Sunnah!

For example, when it is told that the Sunnah method of eating should be on the floor. We will have our own explanations to counter that Sunnah teaching! But no excuse is put forth, no interpretation is placed forth in not to support and watch the Devils kick a piece of leather with no trousers on for 90 valuable minutes! May Allah Ta’ala grant us Hidaayat to understand how we have followed the Kuffaar into the lizard’s hole.

Eating at Take-Aways and Restaurants?

The Kuffaar want Muslims to follow them. They are aware that the more of a Kaafir-lifestyle enters the lives of Muslims, the weaker will the Power of Imaan be within the Muslims.

Hence, in many different modes, ways and styles have the Kuffaar introduced un-Islamic actions into the lives of Muslims.

Take for example - and a very simple example - the manner of eating. In how many Muslim homes will we find the family eating their meals at tables and chairs? Is this the Sunnah way? Is this the manner of Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam and his honourable Sahaabah Radhiyallahu anhum? Never! This is the style and manner of the Kuffaar.

Just like reciting Bismillah, or washing the hands before meals are Sunnah, sitting on the floor is also a Sunnah. Yet, in many Muslim homes, this Sunnah does not exist.

Now let us go further and explain a meal which is eaten by a Muslim family at a restaurant. First of all, let us imagine that the restaurant sells genuinely Halaal meat. Halaal in the sense that their meat is slaughtered according to the standards and requirements of the Shari'ah. The slaughterer ensures the animal was not given any unnecessary Takleef prior to slaughtering whatsoever. The slaughterer ensured the animal faced Qiblah and that the knife was sharp enough and not shown to the animal. The slaughterer recited the Tasmiyah when slaughtering. These are the basic Islamic slaughtering rules, which are absent in commercial slaughtering of chickens and cattle. Yes, the cattle are given Takleef by been shot or stunned prior to slaughtering which is absolutely not permissible in Islaam! A great possibility remains for such an animal to die due to the stunning or shooting!

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THE NOBLE LINEAGE OF NABI SALLALLAHU ALAYHI WASALLAM

Undoubtedly, a Rasool has come to you who is from amongst you (i.e. from the noblest and most honour-able family, etc.)' (Surah Taubah – Aayat 128)

After reciting the above Aayat, Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said:

“As far as (Nasab) lineage, (Swihr) in-laws and (Hasab) descent is concerned, I am the most virtuous and the best of all of you. There is no fornication in my ancestors (primogenitors) from Aadam Alayhis Salaam (until me) – All of us (i.e. my ancestors and myself) were born through Nikah (wedlock).”

[Al-Khasaaisul Kubra – As-Seeratul Halabiyyah – Ash-Shifaa – Subulul Huda – Ashraful Wasaail – Sharah Mawaahib – and many more kitabs]

THE BEST OF ALL CREATION

Rasoolullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: "I am Muhammad the son of Abdullah and the grandson of Abdul Muttalib. When Allah Ta'ala created Creation, He made me among the better group (i.e. man). Then He created two races (the Arabs and Non-Arabs) and He made me among the better race (i.e. the Arabs). Then He moulded them (the Arabs) into many tribes and He made me among the best of tribes (i.e. the Quraish). Then He formed them (the Quraish) into several families and He made me among the best family (i.e. the Bani Haashim). I am, therefore, individually the best and family-wise too the best." [Mishkaat citing Tirmizi – Nashrut Teeb]

The unadulterated lineage of Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam is the best, noblest, purest and most virtuous in the entire world. The superiority and uniqueness of the lineage is such an indisputable fact that even the Kuffaar of Makkah and the enemies of Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam could not reject!

The Kuffaar search for faults in Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam. However,

The Blessed Lineage Of Nabi Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam

The following is the blessed family tree of Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam:

Muhammad, the son of Abdullah, the son of Abdul Muttalib, the son of Hashim, the son of Abd Manaaf, the son of Qusay, the son of Kilaab, the son of Murrah, the son of Ka'b, the son of Luway, the son of Ghalib, the son of Fahr, the son of Maalik, the son of An-Nasr, the son of Kinaanah, the son of Khuzaimah, the son of Mudrikah, the son of Ilyas, the son of Mudhir, the son of Nazzaar, the son of Ma'd, the son of Adnaan.

Until this point the lineage is recorded in Bukhari Shareef.

when the Roman King, Heraculous, enquired from Abu Sufyaan – who at that time was not yet a Muslim – regarding the personality and lineage of Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam: "How is his lineage?"

Abu Sufyaan responded: "Amongst us, he has a very exalted lineage."

Upon hearing this response, Heraculous commented: "The Prophets are always from noble families."

The outstanding, distinguished, unblemished and illustrious Nasab (lineage) of Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam undoubtedly comprises of a golden chain which was not contaminated with the fornication of the pagan times!

THE EAST AND THE WEST

Hazrat Aisha Radhiyallahu Anha relates from Rasoolullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam and he narrates from Jibreel Alayhis Salaam who says:

"I travelled the whole of the East and West and I did not see anyone more virtuous than Muhammad (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam) and nor any family more virtuous than the Bani Haashim."

When the lineage of Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam is so impressive and eminent and he is the most virtuous, then one gains an idea of how important and great is the Sunnah which is undoubtedly the best of ways in the entire world. How many of us really practise upon the Sunnah??? Or do we abandon and/or degrade the Sunnah!!!

What is our attitude towards the Sunnah of Rasoolullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam?

Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam) said: ***“Hold onto my Sunnah and the Sunnah of the Khulafaa-e-Raashideen”***

Eating At Take-Aways and Restaurants?

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Nevertheless, while we imagine the meat obtained at a restaurant is genuinely Halaal, generally, a table has to be booked for the amount of members intending to eat at a restaurant. Then, the family sits on chairs – which is against the Sunnah – and order their meal.

At times, if not always, a fork and knife is brought by the waiter / waitress before the food is brought. This indicates to the Muslim family that one should eat with forks and knives. Whereas the Noble Sunnah of Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam was to eat with his Mubaarak fingers, the restaurant teaches the Muslim children of the family that the current custom of eating meals is with fork and knives. The ‘golden-ancient-old’ way (i.e. the Sunnah way) of eating with fingers is not in vogue anymore.

Eating with fork and knives deprives one of another Noble Sunnah of washing the hands prior to eating. There have been reports of senior Ulama who have experienced that by always washing one’s hands before eating shuns poverty away and invites Barakah in one’s life. Yet, when eating with fork, knives and spoons, this Noble Sunnah is totally discarded. How then will Barakah come? We then can be earning a huge figured salary, yet when it has no Barakah, the money may be depleted speedily.

Hence, Muslim children are taught ‘Deen’ and ‘Sunnah’ by Muslim owned restaurants! They are taught to eat on tables and chairs. They are taught that there is no need to wash hands the Sunnah way because one will be eating with forks, knives and spoons. In the manner, great Sunnats will be totally discarded!

Besides this, the aspect of the Halaal status of the food sold at restaurants is really an imperative topic. From where do they obtain their meat? Previous reports of Ulama have been issued that commercial chickens slaughtered at Early-bird, Rainbow etc. are not Halaal. Tasmiiyah is NOT read upon every chicken. The chicken goes through ‘hell’ prior to its life coming to an end, and that too, at times in a brutally cruel way!

May Allah Ta’ala grant the Ummah the understanding of the importance of eating Halaal and Tayyib (wholesome) food, Aameen.

SUNNATS UPON ENTERING AND LEAVING THE TOILET

1. When coming out from the toilet, step out with the right foot first and then

recite this Dua: **غُفِرَانَكَ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ
الَّذِي أَذْهَبَ عَنِّي الْأَذَى وَعَافَانِي**

Translation: O Allah! I seek forgiveness from you. All praise is due to Allah who removed from me that which was harmful and granted me safety.

2. Before entering the toilet, remove any ring etc. upon which any Aayat or the name of Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam is visible (Nasai).

If a Ta'weez is covered with a cloth and sewn, it will be permissible to enter the toilet while wearing it

3. When relieving oneself do not face the Qiblah nor turn the back towards it. (Mishkaat, Tirmidhi, Ibne Majah)

4. When relieving oneself, do not speak except out of absolute necessity. Also, do not engage in any Zikr whilst in the toilet. (Mishkaat, Abu Dawood)

5. Be extremely careful and ensure that droplets of urine and stool do not splash upon one as most of the punishment of the grave is due to not protecting oneself from urine splashes. (Bukhari, Ibne Maajah)

6. Do not touch the private parts with the right hand during Istinja. Use the left hand for this purpose. (Bukhari, Abu Dawood)

7. Where a toilet is not available, relieve oneself behind some barrier so that one is not exposed to others. (Abu Dawood, Ibne Majah)

8. Search for soft ground (when relieving oneself in the open) so that the urine does not splash but is rather absorbed into the ground. (Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood)

9. Sit and urinate. Do not urinate while standing. (Tirmidhi).

May Allah Ta'ala grant us Hidaayat to make Amal on these Sunnats, Aameen.

Rajab 1440 Moon Confusion?

Much discussions took place regarding the Rajab 1440 moon in South Africa. Whilst reliable Ulama-e-Haq of South Africa have accepted the sighting of the Hilaal on the 7th March 2019 in Groblershoop, others have not accepted the sighting.

Among them is an organisation which calls itself 'uucsa' which is operated from Cape Town and Middelburg. They have several Ulama bodies under them and decide on issues unanimously, although they too have disunity among themselves, for example some of their bodies differ regarding Meelaad, MMB etc. Worth bearing in mind is that there exists some extremely liberal and modernist Ulama bodies under the banner of 'uucsa'.

Whilst Ulama-e-Haq sent out the notice and acceptance of the sighting of the Hilaal, 'uucsa' done the opposite. They issued a negative report claiming, "Due to NO reports of moon-sighting in the country..." This statement of theirs has to be taken to task. On what basis did they claim there to be NO reports of moon-sighting?

When the Moulana who had sighted the Hilaal with his group of Musallees / Hilaal committee was asked if 'uucsa' contacted him regarding the Hilaal sighting, until late in the night and the early hours of the next day he replied, "No, they did not contact me." How then could 'uucsa' claim, "Due to NO reports..."?

In the Light of the Shari'ah, the sighting by the Moulana and his group was accepted, hence the Ulama had issued the notice of the beginning of Rajab in South Africa. Unity will remain as long as the Shari'at is followed, which the Ulama who accepted the sighting did. Disunity is when the Shari'at is discarded. Allah Ta'ala Alone knows on what basis did 'uucsa' not accept the Hilaal sighting, and why they issued the wrong statement whereas the Moulana who sighted the Hilaal was NOT contacted by them!?

Regarding this, a concerned Haq-seeking Muslim wrote the following letter:

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

I never thought I will see the day that Ulama will behave like politicians and try to talk their way out of any sticky situation. If one tells a lie, one has to tell 10 other lies to cover up the one lie. When people begin to lie to themselves, especially with regard to Shar'i issues – which has the possibility of impacting upon the Ibaadah of thousands of Muslims – then they must fear for their Iman and repent.

Jamiatul Ulama Natal's response was a typical example of trying to mislead the public, by making excuses for refusing to accept the moon sighting for Rajab, which was accepted and confirmed by Majlisul Ulama and Mufti AK Hoosen the very same night.

If it was the 1st Ramadan, would their Iman have allowed them to forego the tremendous reward of one fast of Ramadan and their Taraaweeh Ibaadah, to not ruffle the feathers of Uucsa leaders. Those that made the decision not to accept the confirmation by the Majlisul Ulama have far greater question marks on their adaalah. If it was the 1st Ramadan, would they have still stuck to their illusionary protocol? If it was the 1 Ramadan would they have waited until the next day to get Shahaada from those who sighted the moon.

May Allah guide those Ulama to understand their own nifaq in making Allahs Law a plaything, and to make sincere taubah. May Allah guide them and all Ulama never to sell out the Ummah and Deen of Allah. May they make Allah's Pleasure and the benefit of the Ummah their foremost aim in the future.

(End of the letter)