

GLOBAL JUSTICE AND COMPASSION

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1. Sayyed-ul- Mursaleen Ba Zuban-e-Quran
(A biography of the Prophet Mohammed p.b.u.h solely based on Quran)
2. Anbiya-e-Shariyyat Ba Zuban-e- Quran
(biographies of Adam a.s Noah a.s. Abraham a.s. Moses a.s. and Christ a.s. solely based on Quran .)
3. Quran Ba Zuban-E – Quran
(a complete self introduction of Quran in first person).
4. Al- Salaat in Quran
(An effort to explain salaat from Quranic verses)
5. Soz-e Azel (Urdu poetry)
6. Subh-e-Azel (Urdu poetry)

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GLOBAL SOCIETY ON JUSTICE AND COMPASSION

II- PREFACE

The Global society as it exists today, has tragically entered into a most crucial period of its history. The atomic bomb piles, chemical and germs warfare, are not meant for any cosmetic purpose, or for building a political image, or to be a war deterrent.

They are weapons of mass destruction, large enough to wipe out the whole humankind from the face of this earth, many times, over and over again.

Whatever past century has witnessed In the form of global wars, mostly fought on the slogans of

human rights, National spirits, and so called democracy should be enough to convince any person of moderate intelligence, that there is no shortage of trigger happy leaders, in the most scientifically advanced period of history.

This new millennium has not started with any brighter promises. The clouds of Gloom have become even darker. The Middle East jungle is on fire.

Democracy, communism, dictatorship, theocracy, or any other form can never deliver the promised benefits to the human race, unless the ruling elite and their working class subjects become "JUST" and "COMPASSIONATE" at their individual levels.

The words of "Justice" and "compassion" are not just any slogans, coined to mobilize the masses, so that, they could be inspired to follow their leaders; and thus make it possible for them to climb the pyramids of money, fame, glory and luxury at the brutal cost of human life. Without realizing that the pyramids they build are the graveyards of such Pharaohs.

THE WORDS OF JUSTICE AND COMPASSION GO EVEN BEYOND OUR OWN CREATION. THEY ARE BASICALLY THE MOST FAMOUS ATTRIBUTES OF OUR "CREATOR" HIMSELF. SO MUCH SO THAT THESE ATTRIBUTE ARE VISIBLE IN ALMOST EVERY CREATION, FROM SMALLEST PARTICLE TO THE LARGEST GALAXIES..

That is the reason why, ever since the creation of mankind, God has been off and on interfering in the affairs of the cruel establishments on this Earth, to re-establish Justice and Compassion amongst families, neighbors and the whole humankind.

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III - TERMINOLOGY BASE

Without spending too much time on defining the terminologies of Quran at length, I must however give a brief introduction:-

"JUSTICE" is called "AL-ADEL" in Arabic.

The word springs from Allah's attribute of "AL-AADIL"(The Just) and is well explained by the eighth verse of the fifth surah of Quran. Which says,

"O you believers of Truth! Be steadfast for the sake of God, while giving witness to establish Equity. Remain aware that animosity for any nation may not compel you to quit Justice. Remain Just. This is closest to Piety. Thus, remain Pious for the sake of God. He knows every thing you do." (5:8)

Notice how, in the above mentioned verse God has made Justice as a pre condition for being a Believer and being a pious person, so much so that even the animosity of the people should not be able to drift you from the path of justice.

Arabic terms of "AL-QIST (Equity)" and "AL-MEEZAAN" (Balance) are the supporting words of "Al Adl".

Without Balance and Equity Justice would be impossible.

The word "COMPASSION" is the translation of "AL- RAUUF", Quranic attribute of God. That means "ONE WHO REMOVES THE SUFFERINGS OF ALL SUFFERERS".

IV - ETERNAL STRUGGLE

Building of a "**Global Society on Justice and Compassion**" has been an Eternal Struggle of all Righteous People on this Earth, from the beginning of the human race until today and only God knows how long it will continue.

The famous Poet of the East "Iqbal" introduces this struggle very simply in one of his verses.

*"Siteza kaar reha hai azel se ta imroze
Charagh-e Mustafwi se sharar-e Bu-Lahabi"*

This simply means that

*(Since the very beginning until today, the devilish
fire of Satan has been at war with the Holy Light
of God's Messengers.)*

The Merciful Lord, through His Holy Messengers,
tried again and again (as the writings of previous
books and the hearsay goes), for about One
hundred and twenty four thousand times to
establish a Just and compassionate society,____
and I dare not say, that He failed.

The very reason that, we are talking today,
about the need for "justice and compassion" in
this, so called most advanced period of human
history , is enough to prove, that the *painful
sacrifices of all the Holy Prophets were not
wasted.*

*"The Collective Message of their Truth" has now
become the conscience of our Human society".*

The total qualities of God's Holy Prophets and their true followers must be simultaneously expressed in their in their total personality and character.

They cannot be "just" without being "compassionate"; or "truthful" without being "merciful"; or "believers" without being "pious."

To get the benefits of their efforts, they must submit to the guidance of God (Islam) in totality.

(Ref, 2:208)

Poet IQBAL refers to this reality in these words:

*"Qahhari o Ghaffari o Quddusi o Jabrut
Yeh char anasir hon to banta hai musalman"*

(1.Control over evil; 2- forgiveness; 3- Purity of total self, and 4- Power to execute, are the four ingredients of a Muslim.)

*"Yeh raz kisi ko naheen maeloom keh moumin
Qari nazer aata hai haqeeqat mein hai Quraan"*

(No one knows this secret that although a believer appears to be the one who recites Holy

Quran, but in reality, he himself becomes the embodiment of Quranic Character.)

*"Qudret ke maqasid ka "iyar" us ke iradey
Dunya mein bhi "meezan", Qeyamet mein bhi
meezan"*

(His ambitions and plans maintain a very delicate balance with the Objectives of nature, and he represents this balance in this world as well as on the Day of Judgment.)

Imagine that, if this is the just and compassionate character of a believer, then what should be the build up of their True Leader. That is why some believers expect their Leader to be true representative of the Book of God in words as well in actions.

V- THE PROPHETS AND MESSENGERS OF GOD.

The Holy Prophets and Messengers of God, who were The Minarets of Light, installed on the solid rock of righteousness; still illuminate all horizons of human society.

With Justice and compassion, they offered to this Earth a most effective remedy against the sufferings of the humans by the hands of humans.

AND THAT WAS THE GOSPEL OF GOD AS REVEALED THROUGH THEM TO THE SUFFERING MANKIND.

Let me express here very faithfully that all the Prophets and Messengers Of God came to deliver the same Message of Guidance, at different times, ,to different people, in different

languages, for the whole mankind, spread over all lands of all continents.

When God is ONE ; the human nature is ONE ; their instincts are ONE ; Their purpose of being on this Earth is ONE ; Their destination to the Day of Judgment is ONE ; and the law with which they will be Judged is ONE; then how can the Holy messengers of God bring different messages to ONE human race. Certainly not.

The problem lies with hundreds of interpretations, explanations and adulterations of the Pure and Simple Original Message, that is being done intentionally or unintentionally by the Religious, Political and Financial Establishments of all times for sake of ulterior motives.

Whether the Message was brought by Noah, Abraham, Moses, Christ or Mohammed. (Peace be upon all of them) it had to face the same fate.

Quran being the last of all the revelations, fortunately still remains intact, word by word, in its original Arabic Language. Thanks to the

culture of scribing the revelations when they were revealed and then memorizing, reciting and repeating the whole Quran on regular basis, without even making the smallest phonetic mistakes, to keep the word meanings in tact. This practice was introduced by the Holy Prophet himself and is being practiced with full religious devotion until today.

Other than the Arabic Text of Quran I will not fully trust any translation. The translations and their mutual variations in meanings are only an expression of the understanding of a translator. Quran is in original Arabic.

THESE ARE THE REASONS WHY I HAVE RESTRICTED MYSELF TO QURAN, THE LAST SCRIPTURE OF GOD; I CONSIDER IT LIKE A NEW UPDATED EDITION OF A BOOK BY THE SAME AUTHOR ON THE SAME SUBJECT DELIVERING THE SAME MESSAGE OF THE ORIGINAL BOOK; WHILE PURIFYING THE ADULTERATIONS IF ANY.

The eternal struggle of these Holy Souls, and the associated hardships suffered by them to Establish Justice and Compassion, begin with the

story of our own Creation starting from ADAM AND EVE, The father and mother of the entire human race on this Earth.

VI – ADAM AND EVE a.s

Adam and Eve in their childhood stage were living peacefully in the Gardens provided by God to let them grow up and be ready for living on The Earth ,for which, they were created to begin with.

This was when Satan lured them to eat from the prohibited tree and disobey God's command. His method was exactly the same by which, he lures most of us every day. He knew human weak points very well. He created doubts in their innocent minds. This was his standard trick.

He promised them that if they eat from the prohibited tree:

1. They will get an eternal life.
2. They will get an everlasting kingdom.
- 3, They will become angels.

He also swore to them by God that he is their most sincere well-wisher.

That is how those two innocent souls were betrayed and ended up eating from the forbidden tree.

As a result, they reached adulthood sooner than normal and started covering their private parts with the leaves of Heaven.

The compassionate God, Who was their Tutor too, taught them how to ask forgiveness and then forgave them.

Please note, that their exile to Earth was no punishment, because God had taught them how to ask for forgiveness and then had

compassionately forgiven them. How could God punish them after forgiving them?

They could not have been punished anyway, because childhood sin is no sin.

They were created for this Earth as a replacement for Humanoids; they had to come here anyhow. God, who is Omnipresent and Eternal, does not need any Caliph to replace Him.

Please note that how "compassionately" God taught these children, the method to ask for forgiveness and then blessed them with His supreme forgiveness.

Also, note the justice that is being taught to Adam and Eve by not punishing the innocent children in the early stages of their learning process. (Quranic References: - 2:36-37; 7:19-23; 20: 117-121)

VII - TWO SONS OF ADAM AND EVE

The Justice and compassion of a Pious Son of Adam for his Non-Pious Brother is a model example for the Human brotherhood on this Earth.

Both brothers presented their sacrifices to God.

The one whose sacrifice was not accepted said to the other, "I will kill you."

The other replied, "God accepts the sacrifice from the pious (Muttaqeen) persons only....And if you will raise your hand to kill me, I will not raise my hand upon you, so that my sins should become your sins and then you suffer in fire. Because this is the punishment set by God for those who are cruel."

Still the non-pious heart of the other brother instigated him to kill and he did so. Thus, he became a real loser.

Then God sent a raven that started digging the earth to teach him how to burry his brother.

That is when he started feeling ashamed of himself that he was not even up to the level of a raven that he could give a burial to his brother. Then he started repenting his crime. (References, 5:27 to 31)

"Because of this murder, God decreed upon the children of Israel, that whosoever killed a human being, except for the punishment for a killing, or for the purpose of stopping riots on this Earth, it will be as if, he has killed the whole humankind.

And whosoever saved one life, then that will be like saving the life of whole humankind." (Ref: 5:32)

THIS IS THE LAW OF JUSTICE AND COMPASSION
IN THE BOOK OF GOD.

Ladies and Gentlemen! *Please observe the face of our global society in this mirror, and see how ugly we are.*

VIII – PROPHET NOAH a.s

Prophet Noah a.s., was told by the powerful establishments of his time that,

*“We find you **utterly misguided**, a **liar**, and a **lunatic**; and your followers are **low class**, **ill opinioned** and of **mean social level**. You are only trying to get some kind of superiority over others. And if you do not stop, we will surely **stone you to death**.”*

Noah a.s. replied, “I have been blessed with special Mercy by God that is hidden from you.

I cannot compel you to accept it, because you have such distaste for The Truth.

Rest assured that I am not going to turn my believers away from me.

*To the contrary I see that **you are a bunch of ignorant people.**" (Ref, 11:27-30; 26:111)*

Look at the moral courage, fearlessness, steadfastness of a holy prophet; and watch his complete disregard for the opponent's material greatness.

*Also, note the respect, love and **compassion**, in the heart of Noah for the poor down trodden believers. **This is Justice.***

IX _ HOLY PROPHET ABRAHAM a.s.

Holy Prophet Abraham a.s. shattered all the idols of the temple except the largest one, so that could provide him an argument against their belief of idol worshiping.

As a punishment for this, the establishment threw him in fire.

God commanded, "O fire! Become cold and source of peace for Abraham."(21: 69)

Poet of the East Iqbal says,

*"Aaj bhi ho jo Baraheem ka eeman paida
Aag ker sakti hai andaz-e gulistan paida."*

(Even today, if we have the faith of Abraham a.s. fire can still turn into a rose garden for us.)

When, the son of Abraham reached such an age that he could help him in doing few things, he said to his son,

"O! My son! I see in my dream that I am slaying you in sacrifice, tell me what your view is."

The son replied, "O My father! Do as God commands you. God willing, you will find me steadfast." (Ref, 37: 100 – 111)

Poet Iqbal raises a question here:

*"Ye faizan-e- nazer tha ya keh makteb ki karamet thi
Sikhaey kis nein Ismaeel ko aadab-e-ferzandi ?"*

("Was this the blessing of some man of vision; or the miracle of his schooling? Who taught Ishmael the etiquette of how to be a best son?")

When God let Abraham go through such trials (like being thrown in fire and sacrifice of his son) and found him perfect, He said, "I appoint you as a LEADER (IMAM) FOR ALL HUMANS." Abraham asked, "And from my offspring too?" God replied, "Yes but my promise will not be for sinners. (2:124)

This is the kind of leadership (Imamet) needed to establish a global society on justice and compassion.

And if we find one leader like this then we will observe that Quran would be his only Guidebook.

Reading and following of the whole Quran has been made a compulsory duty ("FERZ") by Allah s.w.t (28:85), just like Hajj, Fasting, Salaat and Zakaat are made compulsory, but no one puts a similar emphasis on Quran and it is not being taught as a "Ferz".

Poet of the East Iqbal said,

*"Terey zameer peh jub tek na ho nazool e Kitaab
Girah kusha hai na Razi Na sahib e Keshshaf"*

(Unless Quraan enlightens your conscience, no philosopher can ever solve your problems.)

X – HOLY PROPHET LOT a.s.

“HOLY PROPHET LOT” a.s in his effort to establish, a Just and compassionate society had to face the worst kind of people on this Earth.

*He said to his people,

“You seek a perversion that previously no body ever did on this Earth. You seek men instead of women for your lust. You transgress the limits set by God.”

His people decided to expel him and his family from their town, giving the reason that they keep themselves pure from sin. (Ref: 7:80, 82)

Ladies and Gentlemen! In a sinful society, being pure from sin is the biggest sin.

All the literates of today must also note that *if genes were the problem, then God would not have condemned the People of Lot.*

This is the Justice and Compassion of God that in order to save the rest of the society from the cancerous evils of a Group, He performs a surgery by isolating them and destroying them.

XI – HOLY PROPHET SHOAIB a.s.

When Shoaib a.s. in his effort to establish “justice” and “compassion”, asked his people to give the full “**measures**” during transactions; keep the weight “**balances**” even; do not give people less than **their due**; do not cause **disturbance on this Earth** after its correction and do not stop people from the right path.

Their reply was,

“O! Shoab! We consider you **Hakim** ur **Rasheed** (**wise** and **righteous**). Does your worship (“SALAAT”) command you that we should do

away with worship of what our **fore fathers** worshiped, and we should not do **whatever we like** with our **own belongings...**?" (Ref, 11:83-87)

(Just like the last Prophet of God Mohammed was accepted as Truthful (Siddique) and Trust Worthy (Ameen) by his own people; Shoaib a.s. was accepted WISE and RIGHTEOUS yet their messages were rejected by their people.)

XII - HOLY PROPHET MOSES a.s.

Prophet Moses a.s. had to face not only cruel Pharaohs but also the morally degraded Children of Israel as well.

When Moses a.s. was late for only 10 days in returning from Mount Sinai, Bani Israel started worshipping the cow constructed by melting the

ornament of gold. With the exception of those few faithful, who were with Aaron a.s, every one else submitted to this Idol Worship? (Quranic references, 7:142-155; 20: 83-98)

In spite of the long struggle by Moses a.s. for establishing a moral society, Bani Israel told him that he and his God should go and fight the enemy". Moses had to apologize to God that, He has no control, except on himself and his brother Aaron a.s. (Quranic Ref: 5:25)

Imagine a very long strenuous effort of Moses a.s. to establish Justice and Compassion in Bani Israel, and his steadfastness in the face of all odds.

XIII - HOLY CHRIST a.s.

When Christ a.s. asked his people, "Who would help him in the way of God?"

His apostles replied, "We will be the helpers of God (Ansar Allah). We believe in God and you be our witness that we have accepted the Truth (we are Muslims)." (Ref, 3:52; 5:111)

Please note that none of these apostles died their natural death.

However, look at the results of their endless sufferings in the way of God to establish Just and Compassionate society; that After 20 centuries their message is still being taught over all the continents of the world.

Imagine how just and compassionate are the following statements of Christ. a.s.

1. I have not come to change the Law but to put compassion into it.

2. Let only that person cast the first stone on the sinner who has never committed a sin.

*3. When he was being tortured, He Prayed!
"O, Lord! Forgive them; they know not what they do."*

What else human beings want to establish Justice and Compassion in their society.

XIV - HOLY PROPHET MOHAMMED,
p.b.u.h

Then came the last of all The Prophets and Messengers of God in a City of Peace, in the family of Devout Muslims. , in order to crown their collective Message,

His Mission was to "RE-Establish" The Eternal Truth for humans through QURAN, the "NEW EDITION" of all the Holly Gospels of God, and teach its KNOWLEDGE and WISDOM in order to PURIFY the hearts of those who accept The Truth. (Ref; 2:129)

Let me bring forward only three instances from the biography of this last Role Model for humanity.

(1)In the streets of Mecca, a mentally handicapped lady with bleeding wounds approached him and said, "You are the only one, who has never teased me."

(Just imagine a Holy Prophet receiving Character Certificate from a wise woman, whom every one considered insane. Yet how wise she was!)

The Holy Prophet s.a.a.s., with extreme compassion and tears flowing from his eyes, tore

apart his Holy Turban and started bandaging her open wounds."

(2)When the brother of Hazret Bilal, (a slave of African origin and a noble companion of the holy Prophet) started his Journey from Ethiopia some one enquired, as to where was he going?" He replied, "I am going to my brother's master, who sits with him, so close, that their knees touch, and they eat from the same plate."

(3)"While marching towards a battleground, with thousands of companions, The Holy Prophet came across a canine having a litter of puppies. He asked one companion to stand guard whilst the rest of the army was re-routed, so that the canine and her puppies would not get scared.

Look at his Compassion and Justice of a role model for a retarded woman, a slave, and an animal.

No wonder why the title of "REHMATUN-LIL-AALEMEEN" (meaning, Merci for every state of

humans) and "RAUF UL RAHIM" (meaning Compassionate and Merciful) suited him so much.

XV _ THE HOPE

The problem of the righteous people of ALL FAITHS in establishing a Global Society on Justice and Compassion today is no different than it was in the past.

Almost all the evils, for which the previous nations were condemned by God, have become part of our Global society in the name of religion, human rights, freedom of expressions,

civilization, joy and pleasure, quality of life, will of people and national interests etc.

Nothing wrong with the **slogans**; but they should not be employed for causing **misery, sufferings, poverty, hunger, exploitation, disease and death to millions of people on this earth.**

If only, the people could “establish Quran”, like the Children of Israel were supposed to “establish Torahs and Bible”. Then I am sure they will reap their rewards from the heavens above and from the earth below. (Ref. 5: 66)

Don't we see how the rites of ALL RELIGIONS, have been reduced merely to the ritualistic recital of just few words from The Scriptures; and million words of self-made interpretations to suit the establishments?

The call from the minarets of the mosques for “Al-Salaat” (Getting together with a program to Establish Truth) and “Al-Falah” (Human welfare), in Azaan (The call) is not just a musical song that

we switch off, when it sounds on our TV during some favorite program.

Al-Salaat, is defined in Holy Quran as “a programmed command for the believers” (ref.4:103) meant to “eradicate temptation and sin.” (ref.29:45); Similarly, Al-Zakaat is an act to spend out of God’s given blessings, to establish The Religion of God through the program of Al-Salaat (Ref.2:3).

Establishment of this grouped institution of Al-Salaat and Al-Zakaat are enough to establish THE ONE AND ONLY ONE TRUTH OF ALL THE HOLY GOSPELS SUMMED UP IN HOLY QURAN, (People of other faiths can refer to their own books) and thus, establish a global society of AL-FALAH including Justice and Compassion on this Magnificent Earth.

Alas! Al-Salaat is reduced to reciting back to Allah swt few Arabic words. In addition, Al-Zakaat has been segregated from Al Salaat.

Giving any further details on this topic at this stage without sharing the knowledge of Quran would be like expressing in words the deep ocean streams while sitting in a desert.

If the righteous people of all faiths get determined to establish a just and compassionate society could remain steadfast on the straight path. And keep the Candle of Truth burning in their hearts. Then with the power of Almighty God on their side, they can become so fearless, that the darkness of the whole world would not be able to scare them... Once I wrote:

"Andherey se kahan jugnu ko khatra
Andhera bhagta hai roshni se."
*(How can a firefly be afraid of darkness?
Darkness runs away from light.)*

If we possess only as much Light of Truth as there is in a firefly, and join hands to create a collective Tower of Light; then only we can hope to establish a Global Society on Justice and Compassion.

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