

Corona Virus: Current Global Medico-Economic Calamity Sickness & Afflictions and Islamic Perspective.

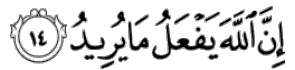
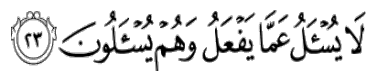
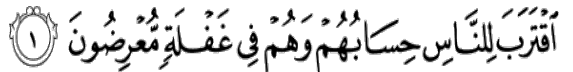
We must take time to comprehend our situation.

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1. Global pandemic of COVID-19

Today a smallest virus has brought all kinds of people and world powers on their knees to show us who is in control. The devastating effects around the world, by Corona virus and its fear within us has brought all the countries of the world on their knees begging for help and some to think about that – there is a Real Higher Power and The Lord. **He is the only One can fix it** and whom we need and actually have forgotten. At this time of the current global crisis which happens when there is extreme disobedience to the Divine rules and consequential domino effects on everything we need to re-evaluate our beliefs, thoughts in our minds, and hearts, our purpose of life on this earth, our life styles, our deeds and what our Creator (Allah), Almighty God has commanded us to do while still living. We should do spiritual cleansing and turn back to Him asking for “forgiveness and help”.

- Surah Al-Hajj 22: 14
 - Indeed Allah (الله سبحانه وتعالى) does what whatever He want/swills 
- Surah Al-Anbiya'a 21:23
 - He (God Almighty says that He) cannot be questioned to what He does (as He pleases, and He does everything with Wisdom or Hikma, though our human mind may not comprehend it), but they (we, us) will be questioned. (of everything we do) 
- Surah Al-Anbya 21:1
 - (The time of) their accountability has come close (at time of death, all deeds are frozen until we will be resurrected, The “Qiyama”) for the people, while they are turning away in heedlessness. 

2. Current situation in the world

This rapidly spreading infection of this ultra-microscopic creature Corona virus after it gets inside the moist body cell it multiplies into millions in matter of hours and produces very intense human body response which can rapid destroy body tissues mostly in the lungs and the heart, resulting into death in some cases. This fear has brought the world into standstill, almost at all level. Never would have thought of Masaajid will be closed to Muslims and the Kaaba ?

Current calamity needs us to reflect as why we have come this far out with massive problem which tends to occur almost every century. There were so many more Masaajid, hufaaz, Umrah and Hajj trips etc. We have made everything out of plastic with no fragrance – acts of worship with no life inside. So Allah sent a small virus to show to the world that we have been -Living Under the Influence of Shaitaan LUIS. In time of forced isolation we need to meditate about God’s message in Quran for each one of us. Also no one but He alone is the Super Power in control of everything. Here are some of the Quranic Aya giving messages from Almighty God Allah for each one of us to study, reflect and see – where am I going?

3. Shaitaan's promise to mislead the mankind

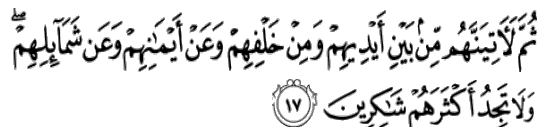
Shaitaan has sworn in front of Almighty God (Allah) that he will attack mankind (our Nafs, soul) to create doubts about our faith and our obligations to God and towards His creations around us (other fellow humans, and animals, vegetation). Shaitaan encourages to commit sins, Fahshaa (indecent, lack of modesty) and disobey Almighty God (Allah) resulting in massive growth of disbelief in God (Atheism), violations of God given human rights, aggression, oppression and diminishing religiosity, spirituality thus inviting a global calamity as collective punishment yet a blessing in disguise for the Believers.

- Surah Al-Hijr 15: 39
 - I will surely make [disobedience] attractive to them on earth,
 - and I will mislead them all
- Surah Saad 38: 83
 - Except, from amongst those of your servants, the chosen (and protected by Allah).



Shaitaan will attack and influence from all four sides

- Surah Al-'A`arāf 7: 17
 - Then I will come to them from all 4 sides
 - In front of them and from behind them
 - and on their right and on their left and
 - You will not find most of them grateful (to You)."



Side	Deception by Shaitaan by promoting	Spiritual Diseases
1. Front مِنْ بَيْنِ أَيْدِيهِمْ	Self-righteousness (about good deeds and virtues), Self-grandiose, displaying spirituality & knowledge. This delusional euphoric feeling of goodness in self, better than others is disliked by Allah	Arrogance , Self-righteousness, self-satisfaction, Riya'a, Pride, Feeling of superiority over others
2. Right وَعَنْ أَيْمَانِهِمْ	By making people feel relaxed, at ease (don't worry), do the acts of Righteousness and Ibaadah later (there is still time) & gradual reduction in obedience 'Allah and that He is Merciful'	Gradual laziness, reducing in Spirituality & Righteous deeds , obedience to Allah,
3. Left وَعَنْ شَمَائِلِهِمْ	Making people relaxed and acceptable to commit sins , (no body is watching) and injustice, lust & worldly pleasures.	Stop the struggle against Nafs, & Shaitaan. Feel at ease with evil as not so bad after all
4. Back وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ	Fear of poverty, encourages stockpiling more goods/property, to prepare for future. Builds his/her life on worldly reasoning. Denies and ignores the Divine decree and will of Allah.	Stinginess , miserly spending for Sadaqaat, resist and find excuses for not giving charity

4. Why do the major calamities happen?

There are many points to consider:

First – we don't know, only Allah knows the Truth, but here are some from the Quran and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) and the early distinguished true scholars:

- 1) When we have forgotten Almighty God our Creator
 - a) Shaitaan is appointed as a friend: (as a punishment)

- Surah Az-Zukhruf 43:36

- And whoever is blinded from remembrance of the Most Merciful
- We appoint for him a devil, and he is to him a (become his close) companion (who will advise him all things –evil).

وَمَنْ يَعْشُ عَنْ ذِكْرِ الرَّحْمَنِ
نَقِضْ لَهُ شَيْطَانًا فَهُوَ لَهُ قَرِينٌ ﴿٣٦﴾

b) Shaitaan promotes all kinds of evil deeds:

Examples: wide spread indecency (mind, heart and actions), oppression of the weak, greed of wealth and all major acts strictly - forbidden by Almighty God, our Creator (Allah سبحانه وتعالى)

Shaitaanic enticements spreading sinfulness without remorse or shame

Following into Shaitaanic path by his enticements will produce the disconnect with Almighty God (Allah سبحانه وتعالى) despite been educated and able to see

- Surah Al-Ankaboot 29: 38).

- And Satan had made pleasing to them their deeds and averted them from the path, and they were endowed with perception.

وَزَيَّنَ لَهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَعْمَالَهُمْ
فَصَدَّهُمْ عَنِ السَّبِيلِ وَكَانُوا مُسْتَبْصِرِينَ ﴿٢٨﴾

- **Global calamity: Is it a Punishment or a Test?**

- **Some general considerations.** One's own response during difficult time as to how we reflect upon it in the light of Quran and authentic Sunnah and Ahadith - is a strong clue as to why this may be

c) Livelihood will be tightened

- Surah Taaha 20:124

- And whoever turns away from My remembrance - indeed, he will have a depressed (miserable) life,

وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا

d) (Prophet's complaint about Muslims) - Abandoned Quran

- Surah Al-Furqaan 25: 30

- (on the Day of judgement) And the Messenger (Mohammad صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) Would say "O my Lord, indeed my people have taken this Qur'an as abandoned (neither study, reflect upon nor follow).

وَقَالَ الرَّسُولُ يَا رَبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي اتَّخَذُوا

هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ مَهْجُورًا ﴿٣٠﴾

2) Divine warning to evil doers

- Surah Al-Ankaboot 29: 4

- Or do those who do evil deeds think that
- they can outrun (or get ahead of) Us (Almighty God (Allah سبحانه وتعالى)? (that is really another) Evil (thought) is what they judge

أَمْ حَسِبَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ السَّيِّئَاتِ
أَنْ يَسْبِقُونَا سَاءَ مَا يَحْكُمُونَ ﴿٤﴾

- Surah Al-Room 30:41

- Corruption has appeared throughout the land and sea by [reason of] what the hands of people have earned so He may let them taste part of [the consequence of] what they have done that perhaps they will return [to righteousness].

ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ
لِيَذِيقَهُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٤١﴾

- Surah Sajdah 32:21

- And we will surely let them taste the nearer punishment short of the greater punishment
- (So that) perhaps they will return back (to Allah in repentance, Tauba)

وَلَنَذِيقَنَّهُمْ مِنَ الْعَذَابِ الْأَدْنَى دُونَ الْعَذَابِ الْأَكْبَرِ
لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

Everyone is following his/her own path of beliefs and actions.

Due to Shaitaanic influence, there is growing Atheism. Places of worship are losing worshippers

Let us look how do we feel, and react to a hardship or suffering in life and then look if the affliction came upon as a punishment or the test.

		Responses or changes	
	Action/s	Possible Punishment due to sins, and disobedience to God	Most likely Test, Trials or expiation of sins, nearness to God
1	Faith in Almighty God	Losing already weak or further weakening of the faith. Distancing from Almighty God	Becomes even stronger with every oncoming hardship. Getting even closer with God
2	Response to events	Complaining and unhappy with destiny during the trial	Not complaining and contented with the Divine Decree
3	Asking for help from	Others; unhappy about destiny (Taqdeer, God's decisions)	Asking from Almighty God only
4	Level of Patience	Decreased patience & tolerance	Patience and perseverance enhanced
5	General appearance, Outward display of	Restless and unhappiness (both outer and inwards)	Calm with inner happiness, not being restless. No display of unhappy feelings towards Divine decisions
6	Praying for God's forgiveness	Disregard, Heedlessness, despair	Even more often and with increased humility
	Level of (Taqwa) & Life style behavior changes after an affliction	Low, may do unlawful activities, Arrogance, No change or disregard Divine of warning sign or shake up	Very high, no unlawful activities, following the hardship. Improved towards being more God consciousness (Taqwa)
7	Formal acts of worship	Decreasing time & lack of efforts spent & trust in Dhikr, meditation, Quranic study, reflection & following the Divine Guidance	Extra efforts and devotion in Dhikr, Quranic study, reflection and following upon the Divine Guidance
8	Five daily prayers	Less often and poorly done, felt as burden to perform, feeling little or no benefits	With discipline, devotion, contentment and calmness, with humility, being very easy on both the body and the heart.
9	Halal and haram distinction	Blurred and disregard	Strictly and carefully observed
10	Giving Sadaqaat	Less often	Frequent and more often

and the Divine guidance in the Quran being forgotten or overlooked and some of the religious teachers are making this more of a business. **Religious beliefs are being promoted as individual's "personal matter of the individual and no mix"**

- Surah Bani Israel 17:84
 - Say, "Each works according to his manner,
 - but your Lord is most knowing of who is best guided in way."

قُلْ كُلٌّ يَعْمَلُ عَلَىٰ شَاكِلَتِهِ ۗ
فَرَبُّكُمْ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ هُوَ أَهْدَىٰ سَبِيلًا ﴿٨٤﴾

3) Wide spread public indecency

- Surah Al-Noor 24:19

- o Indeed, those who like that immorality should be spread [or publicized] among those who have believed will have a punishment
- o (which will be really painful beyond current understanding) in this world and the Hereafter. And Allah knows and you do not know.

الِيمُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٩﴾

4) No fear of God (in context of current global calamity)

- Surah Al-'An`ām 6:42-45

- o And We have already sent [messengers] to nations before you, then We seized them with poverty and hardship that perhaps they might humble themselves [to Us].

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَىٰ أُمَمٍ مِّن قَبْلِكَ فَآخَذْنَا مِنْهُم بِالْبَأْسَاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ لَعَلَّهُمْ
بَضُّعُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾

- o Then why, when Our punishment came to them, did they not humble themselves?

But their hearts became hardened, and Shaitaan made attractive to them that which they were doing.

فَلَوْلَا إِذْ جَاءَهُمْ بَأْسُنَا نَضَّرِعُوا وَلَكِنْ قَسَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ
وَزَيَّنَّ لَهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾

- o 44: So when they forgot that by which they had been reminded, We opened to them the doors of every [good] thing until when they rejoiced in that which they were given, We seized them suddenly, and they were [then] in despair.

فَلَمَّا نَسُوا مَا ذُكِّرُوا بِهِ فَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ أَبْوَابَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
حَتَّىٰ إِذَا فَرِحُوا بِمَا أُوتُوا أَخَذْنَاهُمْ بَغْتَةً فَإِذَا هُمْ مُبْلِسُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾

- o 45. So the people that committed wrong were eliminated. And praise be to Allah , Lord of the worlds.

فَقُطِعَ دَابِرَ الْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٤٥﴾

- Surah Al-'A`rāf 7:99

- o Then did they feel secure from the plan of Allah ?
- o But no one feels secure from the plan of Allah except the losing people.

أَفَأَمِنُوا مَكْرَ اللَّهِ فَلَا يَأْمَنُ مَكْرَ اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْقَوْمُ
الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٩٩﴾

- Surah Yūsuf 12:107

- o So do they feel secure that there will not come to them an overwhelming punishment of Allah
- o or that the Hour will not come upon them suddenly while they do not perceive?

أَفَأَمِنُوا أَنْ تَأْتِيَهُمْ غَشِيَةٌ مِّنْ عَذَابِ اللَّهِ
أَوْ تَأْتِيَهُمُ السَّاعَةُ بَغْتَةً وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿١٠٧﴾

5) Other problems:

- o Defiance of Divine rules; denial of God given rights, spread of injustice, oppression of the weak; business and trade cheating and disappearing the previously strong family values

5. All things happen by permission or command of Allah

- o Pre-written (already known to Allah - they will happen) and know to Allah 9:51, 64:11
- o Allah does not burden more than they can bear
- o What will Allah gain by giving azab if we do shukr

➔ **W So is this a punishment or a test? Let us review here few things from Quranic light:**

a) When global affliction (punishment) comes:

Then it will not be limited exclusively to the evil doers but will be a universal affliction and everyone will be affected – collectively (evil doers, good, young, old, weak). This Corona virus

should be viewed as a blessing to wake us up (especially Muslims) so that we turn back to Allah right now rather than facing Him on the Day of Judgment with dire consequence.

• Surah A-Anfaal 8:25

- And fear a trial which will not strike those who have wronged among you exclusively,
- and know (Beware) that Allah is severe in penalty.

وَاتَّقُوا فِتْنَةً لَأَنْصِبَنَّ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْكُمْ خَاصَّةً
وَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٢٥﴾

b) Allah does not destroy a nation when its residents are making reforms

• Surah Hood 11: 117

- And your Lord would not have destroyed the cities unjustly while their people (living in their)
- Were reformers (on path of righteousness, in obedience to Allah)

وَمَا كَانَ رَبُّكَ لِيُهْلِكَ الْقُرَىٰ بِظُلْمٍ وَأَهْلِهَا
مُصْلِحُونَ ﴿١١٧﴾

c) Allah does not benefits to punish people, instead He forgives so often

• Surah A-Shuara 42:30

- And whatever strikes you of disaster
- it is for what your hands have earned; but He pardons Most (of their sins).

وَمَا أَصَابَكُمْ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ
فَمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِيكُمْ وَيَعْفُوا عَنْ كَثِيرٍ ﴿٣٠﴾

• Surah Al-Nisa'a 4:147

- What would Allah do with your punishment
- if you are grateful and believe?
- And Allah ever is Appreciative and All-Knowing

مَا يَفْعَلُ اللَّهُ بِعَذَابِكُمْ
إِنْ شَكَرْتُمْ وَءَامَنْتُمْ
وَكَانَ اللَّهُ شَاكِرًا عَلِيمًا ﴿١٤٧﴾

d) They do not pay any attention to Divine guidance

And we have ignored the teachings of the Divine book Quran

• Surah Al-Anbya'a 21:2

- No mention comes to them anew from their Lord except that they listen to it while they are at play

مَا يَأْتِيهِمْ مِنْ ذِكْرٍ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ
مُتَّحِدٍ إِلَّا أَسْتَمِعُوهُ وَهُمْ يَلْعَبُونَ ﴿٢﴾

6. We will be tested! "They will be tested once or twice a year".

The calamities are not punishments for believers, but wake up reminders for correct changes, if we have Imaan, Yaqeen and righteous deeds to the best of the ability, even if shaky, The trials, tribulations will come in many different ways in everyone's life time and unannounced. So we should accept that everything happens in this world by the order or the permission of Almighty God (Allah) with His Wisdom, even if we do not understand the apparent purpose.

• Surah Tauba 9:126

- Do they not see that they are tried every year once or twice but then they do not repent nor do they remember?

أَوَلَا يَرَوْنَ أَنَّهُمْ يُفْتَنُونَ فِي كُلِّ عَامٍ مَرَّةً أَوْ مَرَّتَيْنِ
ثُمَّ لَا يَتُوبُونَ وَلَا هُمْ يَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٢٦﴾

• Surah Al-Ankaboot 29: 2-3

- Do the people think that they will be left to say,
- "We believe" and they will not be tried?

أَحْسِبَ النَّاسُ أَنْ يُتْرَكُوا أَنْ يَقُولُوا
ءَامَنَّا وَهُمْ لَا يُفْتَنُونَ ﴿٢﴾

• Surah Al-Baqarah 2: 214

- Or do you think that you will enter Paradise
- while such [trial] has not yet come to you as came to those who passed on before you?
- They were touched by poverty and hardship and were shaken

أَمْ حَسِبْتُمْ أَنْ تُدْخَلُوا الْجَنَّةَ
وَلَمَّا يَأْتِكُمْ مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ خَلَوْا مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ
مَسَّتْهُمُ الْبَأْسَاءُ وَالضَّرَاءُ وَزُلْزِلُوا

How do we get tested?

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tests us by removal of a blessing. Blessings of peace, family, job, wealth, health etc. This shows to everyone with the heart, eyes and mind open that there is Higher Power Almighty God (Allah).
- Atheists need to reflect on this massive calamity and return to Almighty God. He alone is in control and the Creator of all things and this littlest of the little (Corona virus that we can't even see it without enlarging it millions of times), is under His command to bring all powers of the world on their knees.
- He does these trials and test through mysterious means of "Nature" - natural disasters (earth quakes, floods), mischief of some people with one another or those in power in power, about a some kind neglect by some people, He has however by His mercy forewarned us in the Quran that this will happen in many different ways and times

- Surah Al-Muddaththir 74:31

- And none knows the soldiers of your Lord except Him..

وَمَا يَعْلَمُ جُنُودَ رَبِّكَ إِلَّا هُوَ

Testing by:

1. **Fear** (of anything unknown or known, and now the fear of consequences due to rapid spread of Corona virus (serious worldwide sickness, loss of jobs, wealth, and loss of life - death of some), loss of job , wealth, loss of business, savings, property etc.
2. **Hardships (financial and physical)**
 - a) **Loss** of business, savings, property, disease and sickness (cancer, heart attack, stroke, now chronic diseases causing disability, and long term expenses) accidents and consequences legal or societal pressures etc.
 - b) **Testing of** the poor and also the well-off person's generosity, altruism and voluntary willingness by which he or she springs forward to help the poor and indigent without feeling hesitation.

- Surah Al-Baqarah 2: 155-156

- And We will surely test you with something
- Of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth
And (loss of) lives and fruits (business), but give the good tidings to those who remain patient, (and steadfast in their daily routine)
- Those whom and when disaster strikes them, They would say, "Indeed we belong to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and indeed to Him we shall return."

وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ
مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِنَ الْأَمْوَالِ
وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالشَّمْرِتِ وَبَشِيرِ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٥﴾
الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمُ مُصِيبَةٌ
قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ ﴿١٥٦﴾

→ (We should recite this verse upon experiencing, hearing and or seeing a bad news of any kind)

- Surah Al-Mulk 67:2 2 (Allah mentioned **death** first as a means of test before life

- [He, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the One] who created death and life
- So that He shall test you [as to] which of you is best in deed
- and He is the Exalted in Might, the Forgiving

الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ
لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا
وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْعَفُورُ ﴿٢﴾

3. With tough reminder to be humble

For those who did not pay attention already this Ayah needs study and reflection

And if we (us and we all, and I and me individually) do not repent and turn back to Allah NOW, this also predicts next event:

• Surah Al-Anaam 6: 43-45

○ (O Muhammad); And We have already sent (messengers) to nations before you,

فَاخَذْنَاهُمْ بِالْبَأْسَاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَنْصَرِعُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾

○ then We seized them with poverty and hardship that perhaps they might humble themselves (to Us)

○ So when Our punishment came to them, why did they not humble themselves?

فَلَوْلَا إِذْ جَاءَهُمْ بَأْسُنَا تَضَرَّعُوا
وَلَكِنْ قَسَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَزَيَّنَ لَهُمُ

○ But instead their hearts became hardened, and

○ Shaitaan made attractive to them of which they were doing.

الشَّيْطَانُ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾
فَلَمَّا نَسُوا مَا ذُكِّرُوا بِهِ

○ So when they forgot that by which they had been reminded,

○ We opened to them the doors of every [good] thing,

○ Until when they rejoiced in that which they were given,

○ We seized them suddenly, and they were [then] in despair.

فَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ أَبْوَابَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
حَتَّى إِذَا فِئْحُوا بِمَا أُوتُوا

○ So the people who committed sins and transgression were eliminated.

أَخَذْنَاهُمْ بَغْتَةً فَإِذَا هُمْ مُبْلِسُونَ ﴿٤٥﴾
فَقَطَّعْ دَائِرَ الْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٤٥﴾

4. Pre-occupation with family and the wealth (are means of being tested)

• Surah Al-Taghabun 64: 15

○ Your wealth and your children are but a trial (to be tested by)

إِنَّمَا أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَأَوْلَادُكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ

7. After relief from affliction and recovery

• Surah Yunus 10: 12

○ And when affliction touches man, he calls upon Us, whether lying on his side or sitting or standing;

وَإِذَا مَسَّ الْإِنْسَانَ الضُّرُّ دَعَانَا لِجَنبِهِ أَوْ قَاعِدًا أَوْ قَائِمًا

○ But when We remove from him his affliction, he continues [in disobedience] as if he had never called upon Us to [remove] an affliction that touched him.

فَلَمَّا كَشَفْنَا عَنْهُ ضُرَّهُ مَرَّ كَأَنْ لَمْ يَدْعُنَا إِلَىٰ ضُرِّ مَسَّهُ

○ Thus is made pleasing to the transgressors that which they have been doing

8. Congregational prayers (Masaajid, open grounds, homes)

Millennium of misinformation

This is also a time of instant global connectivity and freedom to upload on the internet whatever any thought or idea comes to anyone's mind, and most of the readers feel compelled to read and pass it quickly to others. Some Muslim scholars gave dangerous Medical Fatwas without any bit of medical knowledge (as information about Corona virus is evolving everyday just by asking someone they knew or something from Doctor or Mufti Google. Many people have crossed their boundaries, created mix of dangerous misinformation either because of genuine ignorance or trying to be somebody with "better know-how". Stop emotional religious foolishness, acquire real authentic knowledge of Islam taught by Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in the Quran and Prophet Muhammad (رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) in authentic Ahadith.

- a) **Corona virus infection is potentially fatal disease in some people.** In early days keeping congregational prayers in the Masaajid was fine. But as the disease evolved and started to spread rapidly and it was well established that it does so mostly by direct contact and it need to be controlled by limiting the contact. This was continuously disrupted even as of today although lot less especially enforced by law. People who frequently go to the Masaajid also tend to be the one more vulnerable to this vicious infection.
- b) **However some of these “ulema-e-karam”** have harmed people by forcing or promoting gatherings for prayers in the Masaajid only - mostly in a defiance mode rather than benefitting the mankind, according the Shariah and Islamic Law, see more under Islamic Law below) – resulting in spread of the disease and it continues to be as – “don’ worry “it is Shahadat” knowing that the virus tend to spread by direct close contact (less than 6 feet)
- c) **This “religious” promotion** of “must go to masjid – no matter what” done by some without depth of understanding of mercy of True Islam and ZERO Medical knowledge and have caused harm to health, disability, death, loss of earnings and disruption under pretext of “Shahadat” (Martyr) if happens. Not when they knew it can kill, that is suicide.
- d) **Hadith: The best of people are those who are most beneficial to people.”**

عَنْ جَابِرٍ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
 الْمُؤْمِنُ يَأْتِفُ وَيُؤْتَفُ وَلَا خَيْرَ فِيمَنْ لَا يَأْتِفُ وَلَا يُؤْتَفُ وَخَيْرُ النَّاسِ أَنْفَعُهُمْ لِلنَّاسِ

e) **Did Allah not grant us these concessions?:**

1. Do Tayyamum – when water is too cold, (fear of getting sick)? No 5:6
 - (also) Allah does not intend to make difficulty for you.
2. Not go to Hajj when passage way is unsafe, or Hajj-e-Badl when too sick or disabled?
3. Not have to fast and (do it later) when sick, women in pregnancy or during periods, or travel related hardship)?
4. Pray sitting or lying down in increasing severity of illness or hardship?
5. Permissible to lie about Deen when facing death (depending upon the level of Imaan
6. Qasr Salaah when travelling
7. When in severe distress due to hunger (to save life although not directly mentioned in this Ayah), permitted to eat Haram (if no intention to disobey, nor enjoy it) 5:3
8. We are commanded to fulfill our obligations to the best of our abilities,
 - Surah Al-Taghabun 64:16
 - So fear Allah as much as you are able (to the best of your ability) and listen and obey (the commands you are told to).

فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ وَأَسْمِعُوا وَأَطِيعُوا

- **So far Viral Plague –has infected over 1.45 million and about 84,000 dead - world-wide.**
- **So why do we need to insist on praying only in masjid in the time of this Viral Plague**
- **This congregation is the direct means of spread to allow the spread of this virus contagious infection to others.**
- **Is harming others- knowingly - is not forbidden?**
- **This is why need well informed and properly educated and real Ulema with better understating of Islamic Laws not just how to do wudhu and pray 5 times a day.**

إِنَّمَا يَخْشَى اللَّهَ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ

Ulema: in the Quran

- Surah Fāṭir 35:28
 Only those from among His servants, with the (True) knowledge, fear Allah.

f) **Beware of some people:**

- **Most dangerous are the people who do not know, that – they do not know. We must stay away from them.**
- **Those who do not know and they know that they- do not know – help and teach them.**
- **Surah Al- Baqarah 2:195**
 - and do not throw [yourselves] with your [own] hands into destruction [by refraining]. And do good; indeed, Allah loves the doers of good.
- **Surah Al- Nisa'a 4:29**
 - And do not kill yourselves (including self and one another).
- **Surah Al-Maidah: 5:32**
 - (We decreed upon the Children of Israel that). Whoever kills a soul unless for a soul or for corruption (done)]in the land - it is as if he had slain mankind entirely.
 - And whoever saves one (one life) it is as if he had saved mankind entirely.

وَلَا تُلْقُوا بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى التَّهْلُكَةِ

وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ

مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا

g) We all are individually accountable for our deeds and decisions, for ourselves and what we tell others who will be affected. We are not allowed to harm our bodies directly or indirectly except when in defense of country, Deen or self. On the Day of Judgement each one of us (duly qualified to issue statements which can affect life and death and other kinds of loss to others will be questioned.

9. Islamic law of Shariah (Brief Information for understanding current events)

○ Principle sources of Islamic Law:

Islamic Law and Usool-al-Fqh apply in every aspect of our daily living.

- **Surah Al-Nisa'a 4:59**
 - O! you who have believed, obey Allah سبحانه وتعالى (Quran) and obey the Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ (his Sunnah and authentic Ahadith) and those with authority among you (consensus of Sahaba or the the learned Fuqaha'a, with authority to issue verdict) And if you disagree over anything,
 - then refer it (for the solution to the disputed issue) back to Allah سبحانه وتعالى (Quran) and to (the Sunnah and authentic Ahadith of) Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ فَإِن تَنَزَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ

○ Purposes of the Islamic Law

To established major Principles of Islamic Law for our daily living in the matters of Ibadaat and Muamilaat; Haqooq-ul-Allah, Haqooq-ul-Ibaad: Laws to regulate God given Rights to other creations (Criminal, Penal and Family Laws); there is cause or reason for the existence of every one of these laws..

1. Removal of difficulty or Harm
 - **Surah Al-Nisa 4: 28**

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wishes to lighten (the burden) for you;
- and man was created weak (cannot be patient to leave

يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَفِّفَ عَنْكُمْ وَخُلِقَ الْإِنْسَانُ ضَعِيفًا

Purposes and General Principles of the Islamic Law (Jurisprudence)	
Masaalih <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Realize, secure the general good, interests (masaalih) of people by promoting their welfare as individuals and as a collectively (society) ○ Keep harm and injury away from them. 	To provide: To benefit mankind to prevent ultimate harm in Akhirah <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Benefit/s: To make Permissible, Lawful (or Halal) =Benefit 2) Prevent harm/s: Forbidden or Unlawful (or Haram) = This is also A Benefit
Levels of Necessity (Priorities):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Necessitates (Needed to sustain life, Darurat) 2) Needs (Less essential for life) 3) Luxuries
Universal principles in Islam	Preservation of) in descending order: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Life (Nafs) a minority of scholars will put the preservation of: Deen – 1st 2) Soul (Religion, Deen) 3) Mind (Intellect) 4) Family (Of spring, Progeny) 5) Property (Wealth, Maal) 6) Honor
Validity of Islamic rulings	Cause (illah) must exist to have a ruling Ruling must be changeable according to time, space and the situational need. Every ruling must have these 4 conditions to be considered Islamic ruling: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Wisdom (Hikmah) 2) Mercy (Rahmah) 3) Purpose (Maqsad) 4) Masliha (none or lesser of the 2 harms)
Permissibility	It is Permissible: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the Benefit exists and no harm, 2. If the Benefit is more or outweighs than the harm, 3. Between the two harms, choose lesser of the two 4. Precedence for- interest of larger number of people vs. individual. 5. Preservation of life over Deen 6. If both issues- same; all equal level → Then choose- Necessity.

2. Establish guidance and rules for Ibadaat
3. Establish rules about Halal and Haram
4. Establish guidance and rules for Muamalaat (Public dealing)
5. Prioritization of obligations

6. Reduction of religious obligations Halal, Haram)

- Surah Al-Hajj 22:78
 - He has not placed any difficulty upon you in the

وَمَا جَعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ مِنْ حَرَجٍ

Maqaasid Shariah:

Establish Norms and Standards for the mankind

A. General

1. To Reform Human Conditions (Maqaasid-al-Shariah) for better
2. To fulfill the interests and well-being of the people in their Lives in Duneya and Akhirah.
3. Establish Social Justice
 - a. Charitable spending
 - b. Human Rights
 - c. Promoting peace on earth

B. Development of God Consciousness

Pryer, fasting, Dua etc (Ibadaat)

Islamic Law does not need lobbying because:

1. It has built in (reason, justice, wisdom and mercy) every aspect of life to deal with Justice.
2. This is to realize and secure the general good or the interests (Masaalih) of people by promoting their welfare as individuals and as a collectively as the society
3. Keeping harm and injury away from them.

Prioritizations: Choose> over

1. Benefit over Harm.
2. Prioritize the needs;
3. Necessity (or Essential) > Need > Luxury
4. Necessity of any category> Need, Luxury

When harm> benefit → it is forbidden

Prioritization: The order of priority:

1. **Essential: Vital needs** guaranteed (Duruuriyaat i.e. house to protect people from heat or cold and provide for sleep and rest)
2. **Needed: Catering for their 'requirements'** (Haajiyaat; windows in the house to allow for light and privacy.)

Luxury: Allowing for **'betterment', enhancement or improvements** in the quality of the life (Tahsiiniyaat); furniture or beds to make life easy and comfortable

religion

- Surah A-Baqarah 2:286 Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not burden a person beyond his scope.
7. Provide public welfare
 - but most of the mankind does not understand.
 8. Establish universal justice.
 - Surah Al-Nahal 16:90.
 - Verily, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) orders you to do
 - **Al-Adl** (i.e. justice and worship none but Him Alone)

لَا يُكَلِّفُ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ

- and **Al-Ihsân** (i.e. to perform your duties beautifully towards to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and one another with Patience and perseverance) and give (help) to your relatives (i.e. all that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has ordered you to give them e.g., wealth, visiting, looking after them, or any other kind of help, etc.)
- **Hadith:** of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ (Abd al-Rahmān ibn ‘Awf) (radīy Allāhu ‘anhu) that he said: “I heard the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ say: “If you hear that it (the plague) is in a land, do not go there, and if it breaks out in a land where you are, do not leave, fleeing from it.”
- **Hadith:** “There are no omens, but the best of it is optimism” لَا طَيْرَةَ شَطْرَ الْإِيمَانِ وَخَيْرُهَا الْقَائِلُ
- **Hadith:** The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: “Cleanliness is part of faith” الطَّهْوَرُ شَطْرُ الْإِيمَانِ
- **Hadith:** Amazing is the affair of the believer, verily all of his affairs are good and this is not for no one except the believer. If something of good/happiness befalls him, he is grateful and that is good for him. If something of harm befalls him, he is patient and that is good for him.”
- **Umar ibn al-Khattab:** He was traveling with a group of companions during his reign. They approached a town in which it was said had a contagious/infectious disease. Umar asked his group whether they should proceed or return (to Madinah). The majority of the companions said they should go back but some said they should proceed. Then one companion said he knew a hadith where the Prophet (sall Allāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam) said, “If you hear that this disease exists in a country, do not travel to that country.” So Umar decided that they should go back. Another companion asked him whether he was running away from qadar. Umar replied that they were moving away from one qadar to another qadar..

10. Beware of God’s plan He is All-Watching all over us

a) Everyone is fully accountable:

He will punish whomsoever He will and forgives whom He wills.

- Surah Al-Baqarah 2:284
 - whether you show what is in your minds (or hearts) or conceal it, Allah will hold you accountable for it. وَإِنْ تَبَدُّوا مَا فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَوْ تُخْفُوهُ يُحَاسِبْكُمْ بِهِ اللَّهُ
 - He forgives whom He is pleased with, and punishes those whom He wills; (Allah has complete power, over all things). فَيَغْفِرُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيُعَذِّبُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ

b) When punishment comes from Almighty Allah, it is sudden without any additional warning

- Surah Al-Burooj 85:12
 - Indeed, the vengeance of your Lord is severe (for His disobedience) إِنَّ بَطْشَ رَبِّكَ لَشَدِيدٌ

c) Allah is in complete control over everything at all times.

- Surah Al-Balad 90:7.
 - Does he (the mankind), think or perceive) that nobody has seen him (of what they are doing)? أَلَيْسَ لَنَا بِمُرْسَلِينَ
- Surah Al-Balad 90:5.
 - Does he (the mankind), think or perceive) that none hath power over him? أَلَيْسَ لَنَا بِمُرْسَلِينَ
- Surah Al-Qiyamah 75:36.
 - Does man think that he will be left uncontrolled, (without accountability, purpose)? أَلَيْسَ لَنَا بِمُرْسَلِينَ

- Surah Al-Naba 78: 29.
 - And We have accounted for (preserved for Hisab) all things on record.

وَكُلَّ شَيْءٍ أَحْصَيْنَاهُ كِتَابًا ﴿١١﴾

d) Let them eat and enjoy 15:3

- Surah Al-Hijr 15:3
 - Let them eat and enjoy themselves and be diverted by [false] hope, for they are going to know.

ذَرَّهُمْ يَأْكُلُوا وَيَتَمَتَّعُوا
وَيَلْهَبُهُمُ الْأَمَلُ فَسَوْفَ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢﴾

e) Most unjust who is warned and yet ignored God's reminder

- Surah Al-Sajadah 32:22
 - And who is more unjust than one who is reminded of the verses of his Lord; then he turns away from them?
 - Indeed We, will take retribution., from the transgressors (evil doers)

وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّن ذُكِّرَ بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِ فَأَعْرَضَ عَنْهَا
إِنَّا مِنَ الْمُجْرِمِينَ مُنْتَقِمُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾

11. Allah's promise:

- He mandated His mercy upon Him to bestow on us (if we turn to Him in Repentance)
- He forgives but will hold also accountable 15:49-50;
- He can punish but forgives many sins on His own 42:34
- He responds to the call of the one in distress and helps: 27:62;
- He answers all Dua'a's 2: 186
- No one can forgive except Him: 3:135;

12. What should we do at this time

A. First to know that Almighty God Allah is the Real Lord of the worlds?

Allah is the Creator and Provider of all what we need from time of birth to the end and we all are completely dependent on Him for everything.

- Surah Faathir 35:15
 - O you mankind,! you are the ones in need of Allah (سبحانه) يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أَنْتُمُ الْفُقَرَاءُ إِلَى اللَّهِ (وتعالى), and Allah سبحانه وتعالى is the Free of need, (He is) the Praiseworthy.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أَنْتُمُ الْفُقَرَاءُ إِلَى اللَّهِ
وَاللَّهُ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ ﴿١٥﴾

○ He promises forgiveness and blessings if we turn to Him 2:268

- Surah Al-Hajj-22:60
 - Indeed Allah is One that wipes out (sins) and forgives (them over and over again).
- He gives relief from the sickness
 - Surah Al-Shuara'a 26: 80
 - And when I am ill, it is He who cures me

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَعَفُوفٌ غَفُورٌ ﴿١﴾

وَإِذَا مَرَضْتُ فَهُوَ يَشْفِينِ ﴿٨٠﴾

B. During the calamities:

- Natural and spontaneous expression of sickness due to its severity is permissible but not due to frustration, anger or displeasure towards the Giver, Allah (سبحانه و تعالى)

Hadith: (Al-Bukhari). Attending the sick person to ask about his/her welfare and provide encouragement to make them feel better is the Sunnah of the prophet (ﷺ) Ibn 'Abbas (May Allah be pleased with them) reported: The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) visited a bedouin who was sick. Whenever he visited an ailing person, he would say: "لا بأس، طهور إن شاء الله" (Don't worry about the illness, it will cleanse you from your sins)

C. Spiritual cleansing

We need corrective change of course, return back to Almighty God (Allah سبحانه وتعالى) and do His remembrance (Zikr). Zikr, is "All words of praise and glory to Allah, in His Perfect Attributes of Power and Majesty, Beauty and Sublimeness, whether one utters them by tongue or says them silently in one's heart, are known as Zikr or remembrance of Allah."

1. Taharah (the Major part of Imaan, must sleep in state of physical and Spiritual Taharah)
2. Zikr, Tasbeeh, Hamad, Tauba, Istighfar, Dua, (tip the scale of deeds to be heavy)
3. Faraez (Salaah the Noor and the direct connection to Allah SWT), A'amaal-e-Saleha
4. Sadaqaat, Financial and other forms (spiritual purification)
5. Saber i.e. patience and perseverance (Spiritual strength and Imaan)
6. Qur'an direction to Allah SWT and the is The Furqan (to distinguish right from wrong)

1) Complete submission to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) with Imaan, Islam, Ikhlās, Ihsaan, Yaqeen, Tawakkul, and Rija'a): 2:208

- Surah Al-Baqarah 2: 208

- O! you believers enter into Islam completely

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا ادْخُلُوا فِي السِّلْمِ كَافَّةً وَلَا

- and do not follow the footsteps of

تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٢٠٨﴾

- Shaitaan; he is your open and clear (sworn) enemy

2) Obedience to Allah's guidance for salvation in Duneya and in Akhirah.

- Surah Al-Taghabun 64:16

- So fear Allah as much as you are able and listen and obey

فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ وَأَسْمِعُوا وَأَطِيعُوا

3) Do not despair

We should **not despair** from His Mercy. For, He forgives all sins put together because He is Most Merciful and Most Forgiving. And if the sins done again then do **Tauba** again too.

- Surah Zumar 39:53

- Do not despair of the mercy of Allah
- Indeed, Allah forgives all sins.

لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِنْ رَحْمَةِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا ﴿٥٣﴾

- Surah Al-Anaam 6:54

- Allah has mandated upon Himself to give mercy (Rahmah) to His obedient servants who do **Tauba**.

كَتَبَ رَبُّكُمْ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ الرَّحْمَةَ ﴿٥٤﴾

4) But those of us who obey Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for our own sake) have nothing to worry

- Surah Al-A'araaf 7:35

- So whoever feared Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and reformed (his/her thought process and the deeds),
- And there will have no fear for them, nor will they have grief.

فَمَنْ أَتَقَىٰ وَأَصْلَحَ فَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ

وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

5) Corrective changes in self, with sincere intention are needed:

Make intention to correct the course of life and for Akhirah preparation.

- Surah Bani-Israel 17: 19 - (Intention for Akhirah with the real efforts for it)

- But whoever desires the (life of) Hereafter and makes the (appropriate) struggling efforts for this

وَمَنْ أَرَادَ الْآخِرَةَ وَسَعَىٰ لَهَا سَعْيَهَا وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَأُولَٰئِكَ

- But he must be a believer (Moumin). Then it will be those whose efforts are appreciated by Allah (سبحانه و تعالى)

كَانَ سَعْيُهُمْ مَشْكُورًا ﴿١٩﴾

6) Because Allah will not change our situation unless we make changes first:

- Surah Al-Raad 13:11

- Indeed, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not change the condition of a people
- until they (we the people) change what is in themselves.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغَيِّرُ مَا قَوْمٌ
حَتَّىٰ يَغَيِّرُوا مَا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ

7) And Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is watching the corrective changes; if make them

- Surah Al-Najm 53:39-40

- And that there is not for man except that [good] for which he strives
- And that his effort is going to be seen

وَأَن لَّيْسَ لِلْإِنسَانِ إِلَّا مَا سَعَىٰ ﴿٣٩﴾
وَأَن سَعْيُهُ سَوْفَ يُرَىٰ ﴿٤٠﴾

8) Improvement of Salah:

Establishment of regular prayer (focused and with Khushoo, Tauba and Isteghfhaar)

- Al-Ankaboot 29:45

- (Establish prayer). Indeed, prayer prohibits immorality and wrongdoing, and the remembrance of Allah is greater. And Allah knows that which you do. (i.e. the forbidden, wrong disbelief, and every kind of mischief and evil deed etc.)

إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ

9) Zikr of Allah (Tazkia of Qalb and Zikr (remembrance of Him)

- Surah Al-Hadid 57:16

- Has the time not come for those who have believed that their hearts should become humbly submissive for the remembrance of Allah?

أَلَمْ يَأْنِ لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَن تَخْشَعَ قُلُوبُهُمْ لِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ

10) Tauba:

For a believer to be aware and conscious of his/her mistakes is the start towards Tauba or the Repentance to our Creator Allah (SWT). This Qur'anic verse assures us of Allah's generous, merciful, and kind attention towards those who believe in sincere Tauba as the only means to rectify our conditions. Allah (SWT) reassures us.

- Surah Taaha 20:82

- But indeed, I am the Perpetual Forgiver of whoever repents and believes and does righteousness and then continues in guidance.

وَإِنِّي لَغَفَّارٌ لِّمَن تَابَ وَءَامَنَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا ثُمَّ اهْتَدَىٰ ﴿٨٢﴾

11) Do Sabr and Isteghfhaar:

- Surah Nooh 71:10-12

- And said, 'Ask forgiveness of your Lord. Indeed, He is ever a Perpetual Forgiver.
- He will send (rain from)]the sky upon you in (continuing)showers (for your crops)
- And give you increase in wealth and children
- and provide for you gardens and provide for you rivers.

فَقُلْتُ اسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ غَفَّارًا ﴿١٠﴾

يُرْسِلِ السَّمَاءَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِدْرَارًا ﴿١١﴾

وَيُمِدِّدْكُمْ بِأَمْوَالٍ وَيَبْنِ

وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ أَنْهَارًا ﴿١٢﴾

- Surah Al-Moumin (Al-Ghaafir) 40:55

- So be patient. Indeed, the promise of Allah is truth. And ask forgiveness for your sin/s

فَأَصْبِرْ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ وَأَسْتَغْفِرْ لِذُنُوبِكَ

وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ بِالْعَشِيِّ وَالْإِبْكَرِ ﴿٥٥﴾

- and exalt [Allah] with praise of your Lord in the evening and the morning.

12) Need real submission to Allah with Taqwa.

Taqwa is the most important requirement for betterment: and the solution to most of our problems.

- Surah Al-A'araaf 7:35
 - So whoever feared Allah and reformed (his/her thought process and the deeds),
 - And there will have no fear for them, nor will they have grief.
- Surah Al-Talaaq 65: 2-5
 - **Exit:** And whoever fears Allah - He will make a way out for him (for their problems)
 - **Rizq:** And will provide for him from where he does not expect
 - **Matters will become easier:** And whoever fears Allah - He will make for him of his matter ease.
 - **Sins removed:** and whoever fears Allah - He will remove for him his sins
- Surah Al-Maidah 5:27
 - Indeed, Allah accepts (only) from those who fear Him (the righteous).

13) No salvation without these very minimum requirement of Almighty God:

- By the time). 2. Indeed (All) mankind is in loss, except those
- who **believe** (One Almighty God) and
- **do righteous deeds**, and
- promote **the truth** (between one another)
- promote **the patience** (between one another)

14) Give Sadaqah. generously; look for the needy, not to wait for the other way around, for them to come to you. Sadaqaat wipe away many minor sins.

- Surah Al-Taghabun 64:16
 - And whatever you spend in the way of Allah (fard/obligatory or optional) its for your own selves.
 - And whoever is protected from the stinginess of his soul - it is those who will be the successful.

➔ **Healthy life style:** Time management, halal earning; do not go near haram, physical fitness

13. Dua's:

1) Calling upon Allah is Dua'a and also a form of worship and is mandatory:

- Al-Moumin 40:60
 - Indeed those who have belligerence in doing My worship (i.e. do not invoke or worship Me, and or do not believe in being Me as the Only One Supreme God) they and do not associate partners with me will surely enter Hell in humiliation
- Surah Al-Baqarh 2:186

- And when My servants ask you, about Me - indeed I am near. I respond (to the caller)
- when invocation of the supplicant when he calls upon Me. So let them respond to Me [by obedience] and believe in Me that they may be (rightly guided).

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ ﴿١٨٦﴾

2) Make Dua with fear of God and humility (Khushoo) and secretly

- Al-A'araaf 7:55-56.

- Invoke your Lord with humility and in secret.
- Call upon Him with fear and hope

أَدْعُوا رَبَّكُمْ تَضَرُّعًا وَخُفْيَةً وَأَدْعُوهُ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا

1) Dua of Prophet Adam:

- Surah Al-A'araaf 7:23

Our Lord! We have sinned

رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنفُسَنَا وَإِن لَّمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا وَتَرْحَمْنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

against ourselves, and unless You grant us forgiveness and bestow Your mercy upon us, we shall most certainly be lost!

2) Du'a of prophet Yunus:

- Surah Al-Anbiya'a 21: 87

- "There is no deity (God) except You; exalted are You.
- Indeed, I have been of the wrongdoers."

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾

3) Du'a of prophet Ayub:

- Surah Al-Anbiya'a 21: 83

- Indeed distress has seized me, and You are the Most Merciful of all those who show mercy.

إِنِّي مَسَّنِيَ الضُّرُّ وَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ ﴿٨٣﴾

4) Comprehensive Du'a in Quran:

- Surah Al-Baqarah 2: 201

- Our Lord, give us in this world [that which is] good and in the Hereafter [that which is] good
- and protect us from the punishment of the Fire.

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾

3) Adam: 7:23; Nooh: 54:10; Musa: 28:24; Other Dua's: 2:286, 3:8

- Du'as from Hadith Prophet Mohammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ): **أَسْتَغِيثُ: يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَسْتَغِيثُ**

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الَّذِي لَا يَضُرُّهُ مَعَ اسْمِهِ شَيْءٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

- (In the name of Allaah whose name when invoked, nothing on earth nor in heaven hurts and he is attributed with Eternal and Everlasting Hearing and Absolute Knowledge (which is unlike the hearing and knowledge of the creation)

" أَذْهَبِ الْبَاسَ رَبَّ النَّاسِ وَاشْفِ أَنْتَ الشَّافِي لَا شِفَاءَ إِلَّا شِفَاؤُكَ شِفَاءً لَا يُعَادِرُ سَقَمًا "

- (Take away the pain, O Lord of mankind, and grant healing, for You are the Healer, and there is no healing but Your healing that leaves no trace of sickness).

- لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَلِيمُ

لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَرَبُّ الْأَرْضِ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْكَرِيمِ

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّوْمُ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

- (I seek Allaah's forgiveness, There is no God but Him, the one attributed with Eternal and Everlasting Life and the One who does not need anything, and I repent for His sake)

14. Sabr (Patience and Perseverance)

a) **We must be patient and steadfast** as part of response to any hardship, big or small, every one of these situations are also the tests of quality of our Faith. (no other option)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا
اصْبِرُوا وَصَابِرُوا وَرَابِطُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ
لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٢٠٠﴾

- Surah Aal-e-Imraan 3:200
 - O you who have believed, persevere and endure and remain stationed and fear Allah that you may be successful.
- Surah Al-Baqarah 2:45
 - And seek help through patience and prayer, and indeed, it is difficult except for the humbly submissive [to Allah]

وَأَسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ
وَإِنَّهَا لَكَبِيرَةٌ إِلَّا عَلَى الْخَاشِعِينَ ﴿٤٥﴾

b) **Big loser is the one, sitting on the fence:**

- Surah Al-Hajj 22:11
 - There are among men some who serve Allah, as it were, on the verge:
 - if good befalls them, they are, therewith, well content;
 - but if a trial comes to them, they turn on their faces:
 - they lose both this world and the Hereafter, that is loss for all to see!
- Could be worse, it is in my matters of Duneya (still time) not Akhirah, in the worldly matters of health and wealth and not really left my matters of Deen (although this may be why there is the problem here now before Akhira starts, I have time to correct it.

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَعْبُدُ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ حَرْفٍ
فَإِن أَصَابَهُ خَيْرٌ اطْمَأَنَّ بِهِ
وَإِن أَصَابَتْهُ فَتْنَةٌ اِنْقَلَبَ عَلَىٰ وَجْهِهِ
خَسِرَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةَ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ هُوَ الْخُسْرَانُ الْمُبِينُ ﴿٤٥﴾

15. So in the end

1. **This world-wide medical, economic and associated calamity** shows that we have no power and no strength except with Almighty God Allah, need put our trust in Him, and turn to Him with sincerity (Ikhlaas) without feel of any arrogance, pride, self-grandiose. Surrender and submission to Highest Power brings peace and order from disorder.
2. **Isolation** enforced to prevent Corona infection is actually an opportunity provided by Allah to meditate and ponder and reflect on - our purpose in life on earth and how much remains to be done, not how much we may have achieved because there is lot to do yet.
3. **Calamities and hardships** are times to repent about the past and re-plan and change the course with better map and guidance and bring us closer to our Creator for improvement. This results in wiping some of the sins out if followed with a corrective change. If this life was always that easy, arrogance would become our first nature. Indeed, We have created man in toil” (Surah Al-Balad 90:4).
4. This calamity is (a blessing in disguise for believers) and not a real calamity which is dying in the state of disbelief (no Imaan) without repentance or Tauba, becoming the biggest loser.

حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿١٢٩﴾

Allaah's (سبحانه وتعالى) **support is enough for me; there is no god but Him On Him I rely and He is the Lord of the great Throne**

Handling of the dead from Corona infection¹

- **Hadith:** (From: Jabir ibn 'Atik; Grade: Sahih (authentic); Sunan Abi Dāwūd 3111). Prophet Mohammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said: someone dying as a victim of plague is a martyr (Shaheed) but not like the one died in battlefield.

1. Body Washing (Ghusal)

- COVID-19 virus: Contagiousness of virus is very high, can be transferred (by cough or sneeze and by direct touch via droplet within 6 feet (see more under medical section). Dead body droplets are not likely but other body surfaces or clothes may have virus up to some time.
- Protocols of handling transfer, body washing, shrouding and the burial, established by the health authoritarians, of medical centers, CDC (in USA) and the government rules of the country. Funeral directors generally are well informed of the rules and procedures.
- Procedure for handling the body of the infected patient died of contagious disease and must use all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), per established rules (of hospital and morgue) keeping all the precautions of any infectious or high risk of transmission of the disease, using all personal protective equipment (PPE).
 - If usual Ghusal (clothes removed and body washed) not possible due to risk of potential spread of infection, despite all of the care taken, lack of or inadequate certain safe procedures or steps or PPE, the next best available option in descending order will be used:
 - Surah Al-Hajj 22:78
 - He has not placed upon you in the religion any difficulty.
 - Surah A-Baqarah 2:286
 - Allah (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى) does not burden a person beyond his scope.
 - Surah Al-Taghabun 64:16
 - So fear Allah as much as you are able and listen and obey
 - The more difficult the situation, the easier
 - 1st option: he body will be washed as usual (Ghusal), and shroud (Kafan)
 - 2nd option: If no personal protective equipment available to safely wash the body then Spray washed from safe distance and shroud (Kafan)
 - 3rd option: If this is not practical to do then do Tayyammum over the covered body areas (of face and hands)
 - 4th option: If this is not practical also then following the protocol, health laws the body is sealed and buried as such, without any Janaza prayer there and to be done at grave site, without family or others to gather, to follow the lock down also.
- **Transport:** This is again to be taken care following health related guidelines, lockdown
- **Funeral, burial** in the sealed bag and the box as per rules. Funeral directors
- **Janaza Salah.** Salah-e Janaza can be done anywhere depending upon the space available, does not require Ruko'oh or Sajdah, (in the hospital, morgue, graveyard, masjid, at home etc.) and by any number of people, even by one alone.

وَمَا جَعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ مِنْ حَرَجٍ
لَا يُكَلِّفُ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا
فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ وَأَسْمِعُوا وَأَطِيعُوا

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