

## **“Sirah”: Time of Practice not Discussion**

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*Since the last several months some of my learned friends in one way or the other advised me to write something on the Sirah al Nabi. I pondered on which aspect of the Sirah should I write? Although I understood my limited scope of knowledge, I thought it was better if some other scholar of high repute should touch upon this subject, but I could not do away with it. Waves and waves of thoughts started flowing in my mind, and I reconsidered writing something on this topic.*

*Then I thought some unique topic should be selected for writing, and for this, a cool and peaceful atmosphere is required. I was sitting without electricity in the hot summer season when my inner conscience cried: O ignorant! If you are interested in writing on Rasulallah(S), recall the intense heat of the Arabian Desert, where fifteen hundred years ago our Lord faced a chain of difficulties at each and every step of His life. Try to visit ‘Shabe Abi Talib’ through your imagination, where Bani Hashim faced trials and tribulations. While I was busy in searching beautiful words for writing, my memory went back to those natives of Taif who abused our Lord daily and tortured him with stones, how can words express such hostility? While I was compiling this narration, my heart said how one can write down such tragic accounts because instead of ink it required blood of the virtuous. In such feelings the fragrance of Sirah overtook my attention.*

*I cherish and recall a famous Dua of Rasulallah(S), which he offered in Taif, while his shoes were full of blood, and wounds all over his body. He was humiliated and tortured by the malicious natives of Taif, where he had taken temporary refuge. Moreover, this occurred after three years of suffering a boycott of the Quresh, result of which Muslims faced food shortages. Even in such painful conditions, the manner of Dua of Rasulallah(S) guides us how to tackle the hostile situation with tolerance. He says:*

*“O Allah! I complain to You of my weakness, my scarcity of resources and the humiliation I have been subjected to by the people. O Most Merciful of those who are merciful. O Lord of the weak and my Lord too! To whom have you entrusted me? To a distant person who receives me with hostility? Or to an enemy to whom you have granted authority over my affair? So long as You are not angry with me, I do not care. Your favor is of a more expansive relief to me. I seek refuge in the light of Your Face by which all darkness is dispelled and every affair of this world and the next is set right, lest Your anger or Your displeasure descend upon me. I desire Your pleasure and satisfaction until You are pleased. There is no power and no might except by You.”*

*We must try to understand as to why Muslims, their Shariah and the personality of Rasulallah(S) are being subjected to malicious propaganda by the Western media launching offending*

*campaigns on the basis of distortion. Why their research centers and intelligence agencies depict Islam as the religion of violence and terror. This is done through generalizing the behavior of one "Muslim Radical School" to personify Muslims worldwide. It is noteworthy that these campaigns are not restricted to the media but have been transferred to the sphere of politics aiming at instigating against Muslims so as to crush them and snatch their resources of power and command. In this regard we have certain points we would like to clarify to both the Western and Muslim opinions.*

*We wonder as to why these same people do not dare to criticize the Jews who hate other nations, with some rabbis describing other nations as "insects and snakes", or, as their books which are full of glorifying violence against other nations. Moreover, why the Western laws that prevent any criticism concerning Judaism, under the principle of rejecting anti-Semitism, criticize? We invite for studying the Quran in a scientific and objective approach, so that the fair reader will find that the Quran emphasizes a movement towards dialogue, a movement calling for conference on the basis of the Tawhid –Unity and the unity of humanity. As we strongly reject the method and mentality of cancelling others who are different in faith, sect, politics... etc, we do not believe in the method of Takfir which has been adopted by Radical Muslim School.*

*If we Muslims wish to go back to our tradition, we have to be sincere in our love of Allah and His Rasul (S). Why would Allah not help us to overcome the trials and tribulations which have led to our downfall? Why have our power and command declined and our opponents are stepping on us? The answer is simple; we have lost the teaching and tradition of Islam. Every day we deliberately or unconsciously insult the Sunnah of Rasul through numerous acts. We have ignored our rival at large and started confrontation amongst us, for which Qur'an and Sahib al Qur'an warned strictly.*

*We spend our days and nights only to think about achieving wealth, power and living a lavish life. This point has been beautifully explained by Ali Ibn Abi Talib. He says: "Do for the world as if you are living forever and live for Akhirah as if you will die tomorrow". Do your worldly affairs, but keep it in mind that work for world as if you are living forever but live for Akhirah as if you will die tomorrow. Amir al Muminin also added: "Biqadir Ma Ta`aysh Feeha."*

*It means "in the proportion with how much you will live in each."*

*A true Muslim never left one single moment that they were not in jihad against the ego or jihad in education of people about Islam. This is our task, this is our work. Try to be diplomats for Islam, to teach the peace of Islam, the tolerance of Islam, the respect of Islam. Islam is the true way of life, there is no way other than Islam.*

*Don't try to fit the 'Islam' in Your Life, try to make yourself to fit in 'Islam'. The aim behind this effort is to practice on the teachings of Islam virtually. We have to try and practice on the points on which all Muslim School of thoughts unanimously agree. We should share views for the cumulative interest of the Muslims, irrespective of region, colour, cast, language or nationality. To pay attention on current affairs, study problems of the day, and other topics of common*

*interest etc. This is the need of the time to keep in contact with the believers of distant areas and instill in them a desire to acquire knowledge. This will in future build for us the path of progress. We are losing our children, our culture, our heritage, our Islam. How are we going to face our Lord, Allah?*

*If Muslim countries hold a convention to answer the attack against ‘Sahib al Qur’an’ and his Perpetual Divine Peace Mission for generations to come, it will ignite a wave of confidence in the Ummah that would convey a message to the Zionist forces that attacking Muhammad(S) is something that the Muslims will not tolerate. We Muslims will defend the honour of our religion Islam, our sacred book, Qur’an, our beloved, Rasul(S), his Ahl al Bait & the Companions. Muslims will not allow the so called First World to humiliate them in the name of freedom of expression. We respect the beliefs and the heroes of other religions and we expect the same from the followers of the other religions or ideologies.*

*Western media argue that they allow, promote and practice freedom-of-speech; by publishing cartoons in a non-convincing claim. All constitutions of the World and international organizations insist on, and demand, to respect all the Prophets and Messengers of Allah. Moreover, they confirm the necessity to respect the Divine Messages, respect others and do not attack the privacy, dignity and honour and principles of others. In the International World Federation Council of media and press people, it is stated:*

*“Media people must be alert of risks that may arise as a result of prejudice and discrimination implied by the media. The Council would exert every possible effort to avoid being involved in such calls, which are based on prejudice and religion, sex or other social differences and discrimination. A media man may commit a dangerous professional deviation such as: claiming other's work, ill-interpretation of facts, false accusations of others, condemning others for no basis, accusing others with their integrity and honour for no sound basis or accepting bribes to either publish or prevent the publishing of specific materials”.*

*It is the violation of basic Human Rights of believers of all religions worldwide. Offending, insulting and defaming someone is also a breach of human rights. It is the firm duty of all Muslim countries to discuss this matter with full force with the UN, EU, OIC, governments of all member states of the UN.*

*It is the ripe time that we should promote the glorious teachings of Rasulallah(S) through our own character, individually and collectively. Stop communal hatred and kill the elements of sectarian genocide, if you wish to progress. Instead of demonstrating anger, which brings nothing but the burning desire of the hostile forces to Islam, we should practice the wonderful Sirah (Character) of our beloved Rasul, rather to discuss only. Follow His superb tolerance policy and side by side study how Rasulallah(S) prepared strategy to meet the opponents.*

*Seminars, conferences and excited sentimental speeches in five or seven star hotels or auditoriums cannot serve the purpose, except delicious feast. Friday congregation is the best medium to communicate constructive message among the people at large, to mould their*

character according to the 'Sirah'. As a result, a good society can be formed which will lead us towards prosperity.

We call upon all the Muslims in the world, especially the Muslim communities in the West, to highlight all attempts to distort the image of Islam or offend its sacred symbols under any pretence. It is the responsibility of Muslim intellectuals, elites, religious scholars and all popular potentials to shoulder their responsibilities on the media political, legal, artistic and literary levels, to stop offending movement against Islam and reveal their goals.

Sincere people should step forward to build a Muslim independent Media, and not to be influenced by paid slaves of the Western Foxes, who were born with Muslim families, but devoid from the spirit of Islam. Don't provide such media representatives' opportunity to exploit and mislead. At this critical juncture, it is the dire need of time to understand the conspiracies planned by our opponents, and Muslim intellectuals must design a strategy, which allows them to defend collectively. Promotion of hate is not a solution of the injustice and double standards of the West. If the Muslims do not establish their own Network of communications, and control Electronic Media independently, they will face a chain of trials. **If not now, then when?**

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