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This month's focus on:
'*Ain'un-Na'im* (The Perfect Bliss) and
'*Aroos-i-Mamlakat* (The Bridegroom of the Universe)

Virtues of Muḥarram Al-Ḥaram

Ḥaḍrat Abu Qatada رضي الله عنه has narrated the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم saying: "I pin up hope on Allāh the Almighty that fasting on the Day of 'Ashura will absolve the (evil deeds of the preceding year)." - (Tirmidhi Sharif VI, P 149, No. 27)

Ḥaḍrat Ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه has narrated the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم saying: "He who fasts on the Day of 'Ashura during the Month of Muḥarram will be rewarded with the (supplications of) ten thousand angels. As well as he who fasts on the Day of 'Ashura during the Month of Muḥarram will reap the reward equivalent to ten thousand martyrs and ten thousand pilgrims of Hajj and Umra. And anyone who puts the hand of (protection and affection) on the head of an orphan will have his status in the Paradise elevated by one step as many times as the hair on his head. Whoever helps a true Muslim break his fast on the evening of 'Ashura shall be regarded as having helped the whole of the Holy Prophet's (صلى الله عليه وسلم) Ummah break the fast and satiate their stomachs."

Ḥaḍrat Companions, may Allāh the Almighty be pleased with them all, beseeched the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم: "Has Allāh the Almighty conferred superiority to the Day of 'Ashura over all days?"

The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: "Yes! Allāh the Almighty created the Heavens, the Earths, the mountains, the Pen and the Preserved Tablet all on the Day of 'Ashura. He admitted Ḥaḍrat Adam عليه السلام to Paradise, and created Ḥaḍrat Ibrahim عليه السلام on the Day of 'Ashura. The Pharaoh was drowned, Ḥaḍrat Ayyub (Jobe عليه السلام) was rid of affliction, the Prophet Adam's (صلى الله عليه وسلم) repentance was accepted, Ḥaḍrat Da'ud's (David's عليه السلام) omission was forgiven, Ḥaḍrat 'Isa (Jesus عليه السلام) was born and the Doomsday will take place all on the Day of 'Ashura." - (Ghunyat al-Talibin pp 425-26/Tartib Sharif, pp756-57)

Ḥaḍrat Ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه has narrated the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم saying: "He who fasts on the Day of 'Ashura will have Allāh the Almighty putting down for him sixty years' worship comprising fasting during the day and standing in worship at night. He, who takes bath on the Day of 'Ashura, will not suffer from any of but fatal ailments. He who applies collyrium to the eyes will not have the eye-pain throughout the year. He who visits a sick person on the Day of 'Ashura will be regarded someone who would have visited all the descendents of Ḥaḍrat Adam عليه السلام. He, who helps to drink water once on the Day

of 'Ashura, will be considered as someone not having disobeyed Allāh the Almighty even for the blinking of an eye. He who says four units of prayer reciting in each unit *Surah Fatiha* once and *Surah Ikhlas* fifty times Allāh the Almighty will forgive fifty years of his sins in the past and the same number in future. He will build for him a thousand palaces of *Nur* amongst the upper category."

Ḥaḍrat Abu Huraira رضي الله عنه has narrated the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم saying: "The four units of prayer must be said in two halves reciting in each unit *Surah Fatiha* once and *Surahs Zalzalal, Kafirun* and *Ikhlas* each once. When he has said it, he must send *Darud* on the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم seventy times" - (Ghunyat al-Talibin, pp 426-27/Tartib Sharif, pp 758-60)

Ḥaḍrat Shibli رضي الله عنه said four units of *nafl* prayer every day from 01 to 10th Muḥarram reciting *Surah Fatiha* once and *Surah Ikhlas* fifteen times in each unit followed by the finishing salute. Then he passed on its recompense to the holy spirit of Ḥaḍrat Imam Hussain رضي الله عنه. One day Ḥaḍrat Shibli رضي الله عنه dreamt of Ḥaḍrat Imam Hussain رضي الله عنه turned his face away from him. Ḥaḍrat Shibli رضي الله عنه beseeched: "Have I committed some sin? "

He رضي الله عنه replied: "No, there is no sin! My eyes are ashamedly bedeviled until I have you compensated for this on the Day of Resurrection. My eyes are unable to meet your gaze until then."

The Prince of the Universe will on the Day of Resurrection intercede on behalf of those who perform this prayer. - (Jawahir al-Ghaibi)

Virtues of Safar Al-Muzaffar

This month has calamities befalling in it. There are one million and eighty thousand misfortunes that descend during the whole year. Of this total nine hundred and twenty thousand alone descend during this month alone. The Ḥaḍith has it that anyone giving the glad tiding of the (smooth) passage of the Month of Safar, I (the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم) will give him the glad tiding of admission to Heavens. Ḥaḍrat Adam عليه السلام committed the omission during this very Month. It was the 01 Safar when the Prophet Ibrahim was thrown in to the fire. Ḥaḍrat Ayyub (Jobe عليه السلام) suffered from his calamities during this Month. Ḥaḍrat Zakariyyah, Ḥaḍrat Jaris, Ḥaḍrat Yunus, may Allāh the Almighty have peace on them, and the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم suffered from misfortunes during this Month. Ḥaḍrat Habil عليه السلام was martyred during this Month. This is the reason that every Muslim must pray four units of *Nafal* after the 'Isha prayer on the first night of the Month of Safar reciting after *Surah Fatiha*, the *Surahs Kafirun, Ikhlas, Falaq* and *Nas* fifteen times in the first, second, third and fourth unit respectively. After the finishing salute, one must recite once... *iyayakan'abudu wa iyya kanasta'in* once followed by recitation of *Darud Sharif* seventy thousand times. Thus Allāh the Almighty will safeguard him against all misfortunes and calamities and grant him the great reward. - (Rahat al-Qulub).

Forthcoming Events:

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| 30 Jab 10 | Death Anniversary of Ḥaḍrat Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai <small>رضي الله عنه</small> |
| 06 Feb 10 | Fortieth of the Martyrdom of Imam Hussain <small>رضي الله عنه</small> |
| 15 Feb 10 | Death Anniversary of Ḥaḍrat Mujaddid Alif Thani Sheikh Badar-ud-Din Ahmad As-Sirhindi <small>رضي الله عنه</small> |

Dār-ul-Eḥsān Epistles ...

Focus on: ‘Ain’an-Na’im (The Perfect Bliss) and ‘Aroos-i-Mamlakat (The Bridegroom of the Universe) by Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat ‘Ali قدس سره العزیز، Dār-ul-Eḥsān Publications, Serial No. 22 & 23, pp 4 & 2 – Full Texts

The Holy Prophet ﷺ, the sacred, the perfect, the exalted and the blessed Messenger, the beautiful, the pure, is the fountain head of all the blessings.

The Almighty Allāh’s creatures comprise three groups, the creatures bestowed with intellect. They are: Firstly, the angels; secondly, the jinns; and thirdly, the human beings (the descendants of the Prophet Adam عَادَمُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ). All the three creatures are held as the superior, the exalted, the intelligent, the wise, the understanding and the comprehending. None of them can on any account be independent of this holy and crystal clear fountain of eternal drink.

Now then the blessing can be defined as something real that provides in the life and living, the ease and comfort, peace of heart and mind, freshness of body and soul, and the rationale for calm and contentment. Therefore, no denizen of the here or Hereafter can remain thirsty from this fountain head of grace and blessing.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ is the blessing personified who ushers in as well as distributes hundreds of thousand blessings and favours. This is why he is called *Al-Qasim Al-Khayrāt Al-Hasanāt* (The Distributor of Charities, the Good). This process is going on every moment in time and throughout the Universe since eternity and will continue till eternity.

The *Holy Qur’ān*, the Faith of Islam and the Holy Prophet’s (ﷺ) being are blessings incarnate. He brings along all the blessings from the Almighty Allāh’s treasures and distributes them accordingly.

This day have I
Perfected your religion
For you, completed
My favour upon you.
And chosen for you
Islam as your religion.

- (Al-Ma’ida 5:4)

This *Qur’ānic Verse* was revealed at the time of *Hajj’at al-Wadā’* (The Farewell Pilgrimage). Allāh the Almighty has herein professed unto the Holy Prophet ﷺ that He has completed his Faith, hence granted His favour, and He is, therefore, pleased with him over this act of His munificence.

Mark the fact that who had these blessings granted to? Of course, He granted them unto the one ﷺ who is their distributor!

The Holy Prophet ﷺ has said: “... *Wallāhū mu’ati wa ana qasimū!* (Allāh the Almighty is the Grantor of blessings and I am the distributor!). The fountains of the world are not held by one and all. The fountain head of blessings (‘*ain an-na’im*) as the Holy Prophet ﷺ has been so distinguished is the distributor of blessings with his sacred hands whose favours are never-ending, never wearing off, and never disorderly. Rather, they are eternally green and fresh, always sweet smelling, lively, throbbing, sparkling, tasty, and smacking of fragrance. Should you call it an orchard, there is no shortage of flowers. Should you call it garden, there is no shortage of fruit. If you call it the fountain, there is no end to its expanse and depth. This is the favour of the fountain head of blessings ﷺ that imparted

new life to the humanity in its last throes. He rendered the dry and dreary desolations in to rose gardens. He branded *Yathrib* in to *Madina-tun-Nabi*, the City of the Holy Messenger ﷺ thus making it one of the duet of *Harmein al-Sharifein*. He advised the European to disguise nudity and persevere at good morals. He chose the backward Arabs to rule the world.

Who knows for how long India would have suffered the pangs of the foul rites of widows giving up life at the deaths of their spouses? The rightly guiding knowledge of this fountain head of blessings ﷺ alone pulled them out of ignorance and afforded the lessons on women’s rights. The cool, sweet and soothing water from this fountain head of blessings ﷺ put out the Fire of the Fire Worshippers of Iran and introduced the Iranians to the Real Creator. The civilised nations of the world were busy keeping the laws of slavery ever in force. He, the truthful of the truthful ﷺ, alone is the source of cutting the roots of slavery.

Let each and everyone have the world history in front and tell, if you would, who has not benefited from this fountain head of blessings ﷺ! We all are the mendicants and urchins at the door of this Blessing par Excellence. There is no end to it. The favours of the fountain head of blessings will ever remain till the last breath of human life. And not even the blind or the deaf of the world can ever ignore this fact.

We all are indebted to him ﷺ!

O Allāh the Almighty! We the thirsty of spirit are begging and hopeful of these favours and blessings. May none of us be turned away empty handed! *Āmin!*

The Holy Prophet ﷺ is the bridegroom of the Universe, the World and the Hereafter. Had Allāh the Almighty not created the bridegroom, He would not have created the Universe either. Only if there is the bridegroom there are the wedding party, the invitations, the bride, and the dowry. The arrangements of all things are because of the bridegroom and him only. If there is the bridegroom, there is everything. If there is no bridegroom, there is nothing. Has anyone seen a wedding party without the bridegroom?

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ, the most gracious, is the bridegroom of the whole Universe. In other words, the whole Universe is there because of him and for him only. It is set up for him. The most liked manners of the bridegroom are the *dhikrullāh* and the obedience of the Creator and the Sustainer of the Universe. This alone has the decorum of the bride and display of the ornaments.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

NB: This is the English rendering of the Urdu article *Sar Chishma-i-Ni’amat* (The Fountain Head of Blessings ﷺ) written by in his capacity as the retired army officer from the Royal Indian Engineers and an erudite scholar of and Shaikh Al-Islam Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat ‘Ali قدس سره العزیز invited by the Editor and published in the *Al-Halal*, the Pakistan Armed Forces Weekly, dated 31 October 1990, Rawalpindi, Pakistan, the issue especially devoted to *Eid Milad An-Nabi Al-Akram* ﷺ.

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The Words of Wisdom by Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat Ali قدس سره العزیز continued-

7581. HOW so many we asked for whatsoever to give away to so many, the taker was not happy even then.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7582. THERE is no need to worry, not at all.

Allāh the Almighty is the King of kings. The Lord, the Majestic and the Honoured, is my Lord and I do not ascribe anyone unto Him.

Reciting and intoxicated in ... *Allāh Allāhu rabbi la ushrika behi sha 'yin* (Allāh the Almighty and Only is my Lord Who has no partner to Him!) walk along taking nothing to your heart, murmuring, stepping along, dancing and jumping. Traverse the distances, caring for neither the carnivores nor the reptiles, neither the grazers nor the birds. Steer ahead on to your journey. No journey is ever distant, reaching there now and again.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7583. HOW could a whirlpool harm him!

The determination spoke: "I swear by Allāh the Almighty! It does not carry an importance more than a handful of water."

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7584. NO servant is by any means ever happy with a servant even though he is granted what he asks for. This is because he does not please his Allāh the Almighty.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7585. THE culture of the *Holy Qur'ān* is not dependent on any other culture.

The *Holy Qur'ān* is calling loud and clear: "... *Ana tadh-habun* (Where do you go abandoning me?)

"I am the syllabus of the institute of Islamic Culture. Follow me!

"I am in search of the house that is resonating with My *dhikr*. I am in search of the hearts that are overwhelmed with My *dhikr*.

"I am in search of the souls that are startled at My remembrance.

"I am in search of the youth whose mornings and evenings are brimful of My *dhikr*."

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said: "A thousand years before the creation of heavens and earth Allāh the Almighty recited the *Sūrah*s *Tā-Hā* and *Yā-Sīn*. When the angels heard these *Sūrah*s, they said, 'Blessed be the nation who would have them, i.e. these two *Sūrah*s, revealed unto. It is the glad tiding for the hearts who will bear them, i.e. memorise these *Sūrah*s of the *Holy Qur'ān*. And it is all prosperity of the tongues which will recite the *Holy Qur'ān* and these *Sūrah*s.'" – (*Abu Huraira/Darimi*) & *Mishqat Sharif VI, p 362/, No. 2031*)

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7586. THE fact of the matter is if anyone's service becomes acceptable to Allāh the Almighty, one is thus granted the ability to perform His worship.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7587. IT was simply desired to make you believe by teaching, explaining, telling and exemplifying that the Almighty Allāh's creatures are subservient to His Commandments and not at all headstrong; with the Divine intention they have no power at all to do anything at all!

The tuft of hair of every creature is held firmly and sternly in the power of the Divine.

Without the Divine Will not even a leaf has the strength to flutter or fall off, Nor can any particle fly from one place to another.

With face to face alone the worshipper and the worshipped can talk about things secrets and confidential between them so that not the least doubt subsists. This is why the evening of *Miraj* took place.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7588. THIS alone was meant to tell that none of the Sustainer's creatures has any power whatever to do anything at all without His intention. Everything is in His audience prostrating head down, down-trodden, helpless and just like clay.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7589. THE commandment of One-ness of Godhead is

enforced for creatures at all times. However, except *faqr* no one has any access to it.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7590. FIRST of all the servant becomes fed up of his own soul, saying, 'Why did it tell and do like this?'

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7591. COMPLAINING at each and every step is my habit. Otherwise, there is nothing at all. I am bound to my habit perforce.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7592. THERE is nothing lacking. Everything is given without asking. Only thanks-giving is lacking.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7593. EXCEPT those who repent

And make amends

And openly declare (the Truth):

To them I turn;

For I am Oft-returning,

Most Merciful.

-(*Al-Baqaraah 2:160*)

The word ... *bayyinu* (openly declare) has another meaning in that the life of such people becomes intoxicated in the eternal intoxication of the practice and persist in the workshop of the world for ever, affording this catalytic agent for the fond travelers of the Path. Such people become independent of miracle making having satiated with the grace of the Gracious.

They recognize the Powerful of the powerful and begin to pity the destiny.

Having tied the relationship with the All-Independent they reject the kingdom.

They make ... *Hayyu wa Qayyum* the shield and become unaware of comfort and sleep.

They get absorbed and occupied in the remembrance of the Divine and retire from the world and everything in it.

Accepting Him the *Rabb* (Sustainer) for ever and ever more, they say good-bye to the worldly means.

Manifestation of ... *bayyinu* is unavoidable in every field.

Dhirkrullah is the food of such people, worship is their job, religious disputation is their business, the *Holy Qur'ān* is their life-capital, love is their comfort, the world is but their field and the Hereafter is their granary.

You neither repented nor reformed yourself. Nor did (the above) manifest. Therefore, your telling lies, back-biting, carrying tales and jealousy ate away them all.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7594. ONLY the indignant has the indignation that none except him casts sights on his sister, wife and daughter.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7595. ... *ALLAHU Ma'ee* (Allah is with me): Manifestation of the Almighty Allāh's companionship renders one independent of everything except.

Allahu Ma'ee is a general truth at the tongue of everyone. No one is its repudiator.

When Allāh the Almighty manifests the reality of His companionship to anyone, the life changes sides saying, 'Get and wake up, Allāh the Almighty is with you! In other words, everything is with you.'

None of the jobs of the Wise is free from wisdom. Is it not enough for you that the Wise and the Powerful, the Most Powerful of the powerful, is with you.

When life learns *Allahu Ma'ee* by heart and it becomes effective practically, it becomes the manifestation of the Most Powerful of the powerful, manifestation of wonders and bewilderment.

The dangers and perilous thoughts, one and all, evaporate.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7596. SERVICE to the creatures is most liked by the Creator, solving the knotty problems never soluble otherwise.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7597. ALLĀH THE ALMIGHTY conversing with some one is the reality of the Moses' Grace.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7598. YOU have not known even now that servants supplicate day and night and Allāh the Almighty does not decline any?

.... *Fa-alamaha* (...): The questions and answers continue at each and every step, and so would they until Doomsday.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7599. IF they all had to die at long last, why did they remain alive? Why did they not die before the bodily death?

Why did they not live with some eternally lasting goalpost because of which the death could not wipe them out?

If everything had to be left behind, why did you not abandon it in life? What good would it have been that you did not have anything but this shroud with you!

If you had to become dust with dust, you would have done it in life!

Your clay that was complaining to you would have welcomed you!

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7600. THE creature that is devoted to perform the Almighty Allāh's jobs is in action subject to the Divine Will, having no will of its own in any matter whatever.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7601. *DHAKIR* is absorbed in *dhikr* and the *Madhkur* right in front of him but in disguise. May I sacrifice my soul for this disguise! You are, indeed, hiding behind hundreds of thousand curtains.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7602. THE disguised lives behind the curtain!

Don't you see the Earth and Sky through the needle eye?

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

I am the One Whom you regard the alien; nothing is hidden from Me.

Everything of your motive is present inside yourself, there is nothing at all outside.

There are punishment at each and every step and praises too. Who says He is not inside you?

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7603. I have written in the *Maqalat-i-Hikmat*: "Musk may or may not be in the Heavens, but it is not available in any of the world markets"

Here we are! A friend of mine caught a deer, opened it up and got the musk out. That is, he presented here in the world saying: "Here is the musk!"

The whole air became fragrant.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7604. I have in My own wisdom kept some of My creatures in the state that seeing them the pity is invited. Do take pity on and in all possibility welcome them with a smile.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7605. ONLY the man of state, and not anyone else, can really honour an impoverished of state; they are in bad state of affairs, ailing, cornered, helpless, weak, afflicted, aggrieved, unwell, and suffering. Allah the Almighty is the Helper of them all!

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7606. THE poor is knowledgeable of poverty. The poor alone appreciates poverty. The rich care for the poor though the rich is dependent upon the poor alone. Had there been no poor

the riches would have totally been lost out.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7607. THIS man is the traveler, traveler to Allāh the Almighty. Having walked along, he stopped under the shade of a tree, laid down his baggage. He saw a waterfall and liked the environment and stayed on temporarily.

The Nature spoke: "Here is the tree. Do not set up any house around. Neither have you to make friendship in the area nor get close to the people of the town. Neither have you to accept any service from them nor have you to interfere in any of their affairs. Stay along by these terms as long as you wish; there are no qualms about it."

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7608. THE poor hold the first rank in indignation.

May the memory be welcome, blessed, honoured and exalted! Rahmat the weaver had an honourable guest in the house! They said the morning prayer and he prepared the *hukka* with tobacco for smoking for the guest and set off along with the guest towards the house. There was the village Chawdhary's house on the way. He said: "Rahmat! Let me smoke it for a bit!"

He felt extremely indignant right in the face of his guest over this. But he did not say a thing. When he had (Mr Chawdhary's) permission, he had the tongawala (two wheeled horse driven carriage) hired and gave the wife and children the good news of migrating for always. He put all the household goods in the tonga (carriage) and drove it along the road leading to Rai Kot. He had hardly gone away for two miles that Rahmat had the Divine *Rahmat* (mercy) descending unto him. He stopped and sat down for living under the shade of a tree in the nearby no man's land. He cooked food for the children, ate and had the honour of settling down near a place called *Shahidun*. As the time passed he dug a small well, built a small mosque for a few worshippers and a hut with the branches of the creepers and trees. Gradually, a village '*Mamun Rahmat*' after his name got established.

7609. THE DOT: Renders '*ain* (highness) to *ghain* (meakness), *rahim* (merciful) to *rajim* (cruelty), *rahmat* (mercy) to *zuhmat* (suffering) and *mahram* (friend) to *mujram* (guilty).

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7610. ... *SUBHAN al-Hayy-il-'Azim* (Glory be to the Living and the Lasting!) is all majesty.

... *Al-Hamdu-lil-Hayy-il-Qayyum* (Praise be to the Living and the Lasting) is all beauty.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7611. ... *KIBR* (Highness) is the Almighty Allāh's cover. Whoever from the creation wore it, *Kibr* tore it to pieces.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7612. THE servant cannot live a moment longer without Your Mercy. There are all sorts of afflictions and epidemics with the mouth wide open. Your Mercy is the shield to all of them.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7613. THE turban of humbleness is worn with humility. When it is the decoration it turns upwards the honour of the man.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!



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