

Virus And Covid 19 Spread: In The Light Of Holy Quran And Hadith

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Abstract: *COVID-19 virus has now stunned the world. Mankind is not getting rid of this virus even after using all their strength. The cure for this disease has not yet been discovered which proves that the help of Allah is very important where all the strength of man ends. So now, Muslims and non-Muslims all are praying to Allah for help. Allah's law is that He has created man to be worshiped. Whenever a person turns away from the worship of Allah and disobeys Him, Allah warns the people by sending various kinds of wrath or punishment on them. For example, Allah destroyed many nations, including the nations of Nuh (A) and the Boni Israil. Covid-19 is such a torment which is seen now. At present, people are moving away from the worship of Allah and at the same time, they are engaged in unjust, obscene and brazen acts. One nation persecutes another nation which is disliked by Allah as the Creator. As a result, He has sent down this torment to stun the whole world.*

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1. INTRODUCTION

Allah is the owner of our life and death. He is our Creator and Sustainer. Everything in the world is His creation. He can do whatever He wants. There is no end to His power. The Holy Qur'an is His word which has been revealed to Muhammad (Sm). Allah has revealed this Qur'an for the purpose of showing mankind the right path. Muhammad (Sm) has successfully implemented and interpreted every instruction of the Qur'an. The collective name of his interpretation is "Sunnah". Only those who follow the Holy Qur'an and Sunnah deserve Allah's mercy. Mankind is currently infected with the corona virus which has darkened future life in all areas including economics, sociology, family norms and free movement. Millions of people are dying. The only way out of this crisis is to follow the Qur'an and Sunnah. That is, Muslims should obey Allah and the Prophet (Sm) properly. Similarly, non-Muslims should follow their respective religions. All Muslims and non-Muslims should refrain themselves from unjust, obscene and immoral acts and stay free from conflicts. Only then can we hope that Allah will save mankind from this deadly disease. If Allah doesn't want to protect us from this disease, then, there is no power in the world that can save us from this disease. So, all of us should seek the help of Allah and follow the Holy Qur'an and Sunnah.

2. OBJECTIVES AND RESEARCH QUESTION

- To identify the factors of the Corona Virus.
- How to overcome this Corona Virus following the Holy Quran & Hadith.

Research Questions:

- What are the reasons of the Corona Virus?
- What recommendations can be followed to overcome this Covid-19 pandemic?

3. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Islam teaches that all diseases such as the Corona virus [covid-19] are tests from Allah and a natural part of life. Such diseases afflict whomever Allah allows them to afflict and they take the lives of whomever He has decided to bring to an end. Tests are a natural, albeit difficult, part of life and should not be surprising for any Muslim when they occur. Allah says, “We shall certainly test you with fear and hunger, and loss of property, lives, and crops. But [Prophet], give good news to those who are steadfast.

Table I Some Epidemics Famous In History [28]

Epidemic Name	Place	Year	Death
Great Plague of London	Italy	1334	90000
Great Plague of London	Europe	1334	two and a half billion
Smallpox	America and Europe	1633	about 20 million
Plague	China	1910	60000
Influenza	Whole World	After Second World War	about 100 million
HIV Virus	Whole World	1984	about 3 crore
Small Pox	Asia	1519	about 8 million
Yellow Fever	America	1793	45000
Plague	China, India, Africa, America	1860	about 10 million

One thing to note here is that none of these epidemics, which have been happening for thousands of years, have spread to any town where people have led their lives in remembrance of Allah or the Creator. On the contrary, it has originated and spread from all such towns where people have engaged in disobedience to Allah and have gone to extreme lengths to oppose Him.

Power Of Allah And His Policy About This Pandemic

Allah says, “He is the Irresistible, from above over His worshippers; and He is the Wise, acquainted with all things.” [2] “If Allah touches you with affliction, none can remove it but He; if He touches you with happiness, He has power over all things” “Say, travel through the earth and see what is end of those who rejected truth.”[2] “With Him are the keys of the unseen, the treasures that none knows but He. He knows whatever there is on the earth and in the sea.”[2] “There is no moving creature on earth but its sustenance depends on Allah; He knows the time and place of its definite abode and its temporary deposit. All is in a clear record.”[3] “They plotted and planned, but we too planned, even while they perceived it not

.Then see what was the end of their plot! This, that we destroyed them and their people, all of them.”[6]

The Contribution Of The Holy Qur’an And The Prophet (Sm)

The Holy Quran is a complete book. It contains the basic principles of human creation, economics, sociology, and the greatest system of all spheres of humanity, including governance. As the Prophet Muhammad (Sm) built his life by becoming the bearer of the Holy Qur’an, so did 12.4 million Companions in only 23 years, whose quality was the best in the world.

In the clarity of language, the sweetness of conduct, the beauty of rules and principles, the tenderness of heart, the mental openness, the skill of leadership and the establishment of peace in society Muhammad (Sm) was the greatest ideal human being in the world. His disciples were his direct witnesses and students. Allah Himself has declared about him, ”You must be established on the best character” [15]. The Prophet Muhammad (Sm) himself did not learn the knowledge which is not beneficial to man, & he forbade man to learn it. He always prayed, ”O Allah, I seek refuge in the knowledge of which there is no good”[29]

In the 50 years since the formation of the state in Madinah, the Prophet (Sm) set an example in governing the state, establishing good governance, spreading education, introducing justice, achieving economic prosperity, etc. This type of state is quite absent in the whole world. History has shown that in a society where many people were starving in the beginning, there were no people to collect zakat due to economic solvency. The history of transforming an ignorant or barbaric society into a golden society is no more in the world.

In the historic Farewell Hajj Speech, the Prophet declared, ”O mankind, I leave you two things. If you follow them, you will not go astray. One is the Qur’an and the other is my Sunnah or way of life.” [27]

The Causes Of The Torment

For the sake of the believers, Allah says: ”If you don’t go forth to fight against the ungodly and the unjust in society, He will punish you with a painful torment and will replace you with another nation. And you will not harm Him in the least. And Allah has power over all things.” [12] ”We shall certainly test you with fear & hunger & loss of property, life & crops. But [Prophet], give good news to those who are steadfast.” [11] The Prophet (Sm) says, “I swear by Allah, (who controls my life) you must enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong. Otherwise, the punishment of Allah will soon descend upon you. Then you will keep on praying (to get rid of it) but your prayers will not be accepted”. [25] Prophet Mohammad (Sm) says, “If a person commits a sin and the people of that nation don’t restrain him from it despite their strength, Allah will inflict a terrible punishment on that nation before death” [24]

Review of the Holy Qur’an and Sunnah shows that the real causes of torment are human crimes which occur in three stages.

- 1) Personal Level
- 2) Social Level
- 3) State Level

1) Personal crime; for example, lying, drinking alcohol, committing adultery, eating haram food, stealing, adulterating foods and products, committing hypocrisy, cheating, knowingly disobeying Allah’s commandments, etc.

- 2) Social crime; such as the use of indecent clothing both men and women in society, open drinking, gambling, interest transactions, bribery, obscene songs and music, free association of men and women, syndicated trade in adulterated products and foods and social rebellion against Allah, etc.
- 3) State crime; e.g. there is a provision to committing adultery without marriage, having a legal basis for drug use, persecuting and killing the followers of the religion of the opposite religion, legality of pornography, declaring homosexuality legal, abuse of power and unjust enjoyment of state resources, etc. The people in power in the state oppress and torture their subordinates.

Some Examples Of Allah's Punishment In The Holy Qur'an

People also disobey the command of the prophet and disobey Allah. As a result, for the three reasons mentioned above, Allah has sent down torment in every age. Here are some descriptions.

- 1) The torment on Prophet Nooh (A) and his people: The followers of Nooh (A) declared rebellion against Allah and Nooh (A). Prophet Noh (A) invited his Ummah to obey Allah's command for almost 1000 years. But they refused to accept his invitation. So, Allah destroyed them with a flood.[3] (Surah Nooh-5-10, Surah Ankabut-14, Surah Hud-38-40).
- 2) The people of A'd and Shamud nations were strong. Allah sent Hazrat Hud (A) and Hazrat Saleh (A) to them to follow His commandments but the people of two nations refused. So, Allah destroyed them by a single storm for 7 nights and 8 days. [3]
- 3) During Prophet Loot (A), people they were punished by Allah for their homosexuality and they were perished. [3]
- 4) The fate of the nation of Prophet Musa (A): The Ummah of Musa (A) named Boni Israil took a stand against Musa (A) and were led by Qurun and Pharaoh. Allah destroyed them because they were involved in various evil deeds. [8] [5]

Remedy

Now, the question is what to do to get rid of corona virus and protect human civilization. As much as a mother loves her child, Allah loves His creation at least 99% more than anyone else. Therefore, Allah Himself has provided various protections to save human beings and other animals from disasters. Allah mentions in the Holy Qur'an, "Surely your Allah is the Protector of all things" (Surah Saba 11). Allah's most beloved and beautiful creation is the man. Allah loves human beings most. He created everything for them in the heavens and on the earth. But in the real world, human beings are working against Allah most. Allah knows that all the people of the world will not obey His command. But most people will go too far in His disobedience. So, He punishes to correct them when they do extreme. Allah says about them, "Mischiefs have appeared on land and sea because of that the hands of men have earned, that Allah give them a taste of some of their deeds in order that they may turn back from evil (Ar-Rum-41)". To save from destruction or loss, Allah has announced some programs liberally. It can be said that if most of the people of the world, irrespective of race or creed, carry out the order of Allah without any religious cover, then all the calamities that have befallen them today will surely be removed. Corona virus can also be recovered.

There are some points of remedy given below:

- 1) Belief in Allah or the Creator:

If you consider yourself conscientious, then there should be no objection to accepting Allah as the Creator and Lord. Because no one else can do these things. No special religious terminology or point of view is necessary in this regard. Rather, it is important to believe in Allah as Creator. Allah says, "So if a person calls his Creator by any name, He will

respond.”[10]

2) Do Good Deeds:

It does not mean just the obligation of Islam. Good deeds are those deeds that a healthy conscience considers as good deeds. Allah says “You do well, as Allah has been good to you” [8]. Prophet Mohammed (Sm) says, “Whoever does not show mercy to man, Allah will not show mercy to him” [21]. The Prophet (Sm) says more about this, “Have mercy on the inhabitants of the earth. He who is in heaven will have mercy on you” [25].

3) Advocacy of justice:

In case of justice or testimony, speak with an understanding of justice and injustice. It is a humane duty to oppose injustice and to reject it. In this case, there is no opportunity to judge one’s race, religion etc. It has been said in the Holy Qur’an, “O you who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah even as against yourselves, or your parents or your kin”. [4] So, it is obviously true that, Islam does not allow the slightest kinship to reveal the truth.

Once, the Prophet was a judge between two persons, one of whom was a Muslim, and the other non-Muslim. The verdict went in favor of the non-Muslim. The Muslim man could not accept it. Allah has sent down verses in this regard, “But no, by your lord, they can have no faith, until they make you judge in all disputes between them, and find in their souls no resistance against your decision, but accept them with the fullest conviction”. [4]

The whole world is plagued by an epidemic of injustice, lawlessness, nepotism, racism, selfishness, envy, violence, and hatred which are more terrible than natural epidemics. If world humanity can be the bearer of justice, the preventer of injustice, the possessor of a generous heart, always benevolent, then it is to be hoped that Allah Ta’ala will take away the torment Covid-19.

4) Patience:

Patience and restraint in any adverse conditions is the key that persist to be one of the ways to solve any problem. Allah says, “Bear with patient constancy whatever betide you, for this is firmness in affairs[14], the world has become much more advanced in the knowledge of science, art, literature, resources, and population. In contrast, religious orthodoxy, selfishness, and narrow-mindedness have left the world far behind. That’s why, human beings, the best creatures of all creations, are destroying their civilization.

5) To follow the method described in the Holy Quran and Hadith in order to fulfil the rights of helpless people:

The Holy Quran and Hadith are true friends of helpless people. It contains the solution to all the problems of humanity. There are various instructions in the Holy Qur’an and Hadith to help the helpless people compulsorily towards the rich. They are given below:

a) *Zakat*: Zakat is obligatory on the rich. Every year two and a half percent of their wealth is given as Zakat to the helpless people. Zakat is described in 30 verses of the Holy Quran. This has been mentioned in the hadith as the main foundation of Islam.

b) *Ushor*: Like Zakat, it is also obligatory. One tenth of the crop of agricultural land has to be given to the poor.

c) *Fitrah*: It is also compulsory. The rich have to give it to the poor before the holy Eid-ul-Fitr prayers.

d) *Atonement*: This is also the right of the poor.

e) *Hibah*: It is called a gift for the aristocratic helpless.

- f) *Will*: While living, a person owes up to one-third of the property to his successors can go with will to give to the helpless.
- g) *Waqfah*: In the service of humanity, any person can waqfah his property
- h) The skin of the sacrificial animal: The poor also deserves it.
- i) *Sadaqaha*: In addition to the mentioned donations, the name of giving something to any helpless person in any need is sadaqah.

The rich can give the said wealth directly to the poor. The society or the state can also collect the mentioned resources and distribute them among the helpless and poor or they can provide permanent solutions to the helpless by arranging employment. By following the above methods, it is possible to solve the problems of the economically disadvantaged people due to the pandemic of Covid-19.

6) Standing Next to Helpless People:

Allah says, "By no means shall you attain righteousness unless you give (freely) of that which you love and whatever you give of a truth, Allah knows it will". [19] The characteristic of the Prophet(Sm) was to stand by the people in natural calamities.[21] The Prophet (SM) says, "Allah says: O Adam's Children, keep on giving to the helpless, and I will keep on giving to you". [21]

7) Seek Help from Allah:

- Allah says, "And remember when Ayyub cried to his Allah, "Truly distress has seized me but you are the most Merciful". [20]
- He(Musa) prayed, "O my Allah! I have indeed wronged my soul! You then forgive me so Allah forgive him: for He is the Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful" [8]
- Who say, when afflicted with calamity: "We are the creation of Allah and to Him we shall return." [21] So, it is our responsibility to ask him for help.
- The Prophet says, "O everlasting Allah, I cry out for your mercy". [26]
- He says, in another Hadith, "O Allah! I seek refuge in you from leprosy, insanity, putrefaction, and incurable diseases." [24]

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Follow the 7 points mentioned in above on the point of "Remedy" like: Belief in Allah, do good deeds, advocacy of justice, patience, standing next to helpless people, and seek help from Allah.
- 2) To follow The instruction of Prophet Mohammad (Sm), "If you hear of an outbreak of plague in a land, do not enter into it; but if the plague breaks out in a place while you are in it, do not leave that place." [21]
- 3) The Qur'an is not only meant for the Muslims but it is for the whole universe. So, follow the rules and regulations laid in the holy Qur'an and those set by the government.
- 4) The government must stop entry for outsiders so that the people would safe from them. Stranded people must inculcate patience and stay there wherever they are till the virus goes out.
- 5) Taking some steps to control over the movement of heavy vehicles which run from one region to another or must keep all drivers away from their homes.
- 6) The quarantine centers must be congenial and pollution free.
- 7) Government must establish and make available counseling programs. 8. Inculcate and conduct the patients with good behavior and humble cooperation so that they can be encouraged.
- 8) The government must provide counseling about the causes and preventive measures

against the virus, not against the patients.

9) Administration must avoid hatred elements and develop positive attitudes towards infected persons and curative precautions to the virus.

10) Not to hurt religious feeling and people of one religion have respect for another religion.

5. CONCLUSION

Allah has created mankind as the best creature of all His creations. As a creator, he loves people. But if man transgresses the limits, goes against the law of Allah, engages in acts contrary to conscience, takes part in immoral acts, partakes in terrorism and unjust killing, then the Creator is patient and after reaching the final limit, inflicts various diseases and gives punishments. Covid-19 pandemic is a part of them. The epidemic began in December 2019 in a Chinese state named Wuhan. It is now spread all over the world. The whole world is helpless today. No one knows when it will end. We hope in the court of Almighty Allah, may mankind be one, may humanity prosper, and may civilization survive for centuries. Let everyone believe in one Creator and learn to love Him as much as their own life. So far till today 1, 88, 18,243 people are infected and 7, 06,711 died. Because of this virus, humanity today is devastated, economically damaged and socially imprisoned. The only way to get rid of this is to seek help from Allah. May Allah save us from this disease. Amen.

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