

IS HAPPINESS REALLY BEYOND REACH?!

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The civilization of this time has reached the highest degree of development and scientific rise by the inventions and unique achievements which the technical outburst produced; and thereby people nowadays have attained all means that allow them to enjoy a life that is more comfortable than the life they lived before. They put laws and systems in order to employ the natural sources so that they may give them more and more and create for them better and higher ways of living. Thus cars and planes were industrialized, electricity and electronics were discovered, towering palaces were built and large factories were founded and provided with machineries of high technology.

Beyond all of that, mankind was seeking after a welfare life so that they may enjoy happiness. However, despite all the plans and the rules they adopted and despite all the means they created, there has still remained one missed cycle in the chain of their life whose absence caused stern spiritual anxiety in the hearts of all humanity.

Although modern and developed science prevailed over the countries and supported people with great laws, discoveries and high technique, they have missed happiness and all feelings of heart pleasure. The thick

material veil has thrown its dark shadow over the spirits until it closed up the entrances of light and delights into them and deprived them of enjoying the Godly heart life and happiness.

Having realized the absence of happiness from their life, a group of scholars turned to look for a way to attain it. They wondered if they can put their hands on the core of happiness by physical laws, so that they may reach it scientifically and enjoy it by following them!! But...

Can worldly scientific laws, whatever great they are, control happiness and make it surrender to them and give them its reins?! Will they actually help them taste happiness so that the earth may turn into a garden of paradise?!

How great this achievement would be if they could do it!!

In the early decades of the twentieth century, one scientific team studied the ways which may help them overrule happiness by physical laws.

For this purpose and out of yearning for happiness and loving for finding it, one researching staff in Britannia set to studying this important problem (happiness) and threw an arrow so that they might hit the target which all their inventions were but ways to attain. This British team

consisted of master of geniuses, scholars, philosophers, and specialists in psychiatry; they began to study all the social classes of humanity, the upper class and the lower one, the poor and the rich, and searched deeply and carefully into each of them. They examined the measure of happiness existing among the members of each class to know where it could be found, which class might enjoy it and live in it and how one can reach it. They did so trying to introduce a method with rules that can be followed by any society and be taken as a guide that leads people to absolute pleasure all during their life without suffering or disturbance. So, by following these precise rules and laws, everybody shall ride the ship of the happy people to sail in seas of serenity and felicity and enjoy a life filled with joy and delight. They shall roll in eternal bliss and rise up from good and beautiful one to another better and more beautiful with wonders that attract minds and captivate hearts until they become wholly absorbed and immersed in high happiness and great enjoyment. Many are those who seek after a better life so that they may become happier, more comfortable and more peaceful. That is because striving for perfection which is accomplished by the attainment of happiness according to inclusive law that all humanity can apply

and be distinguished from other creatures by, is the desired hope.

In the world of people of wealth

In the view of the majority of people, perfect happiness and good life are not be obtainable unless man has abundant money, great wealth, wonderful palaces and kingdoms to which the heads bow; therefore you see them compete one another in amassing money and treasure as much as possible and make every effort to get them. They make studies, projects and businesses, and may even travel to faraway lands, sea and air to get degrees caring not about the troubles and dangers which they may meet. They look for picking up the fruits of happiness materially and immaterially, concluding favorable trading transactions, or getting great monetary enterprises, and bear for that what they bear. The money, in their view, enables them to get whatever they want and wish, as it removes any obstacle that prevents them from leading a pleasant life with the utmost level of luxury and advancement. So, by money the worldly life will open its doors before them saying: “come on, here I am”. But how far! How far!!

The British scientific team began to search and to make investigations among that section of society, that is to say, the upper class which contains the rich people and those living in great luxury, so that it might find its long-pursued aim (happiness) therein within material laws; but

it was not long until it came back disappointed, having wasted time and effort for nothing.

The researchers stood before a bitter fact when they realized the anxiety and restless life of this class. Its members set to remembering their past life, yearning for the days when they were possessing nothing to be mentioned but, however, enjoying a peaceful and pleasant life, far from distress, grief, and troubles.

But why?!

That is because when they possessed the magnificent palaces and the large factories and workshops, the competition took place extremely between one another then it turned into contention and stormy struggles which, as usual, ended at litigations and taking cases to court. Thus, the hearts of every party became filled with ill will towards the other one until they spent most of their time in scheming and laying plans and machinating against their competitors in order to surpasses and overcome them, they are obliged to spend evenings and nights in preparing and making accounts and therefore they neglect their duties towards their wives and children and consequently they fail to enjoy the homely happiness, amassing money and aggression have distracted them from giving their relatives and families

their rights, and of course they completely forgot the share of the needy and the poor people. Not to mention the horrible nights which they spent without sleeping whenever they feel that their competitors are going to gain a lot in their deals whereas they have lost their commerce.

As a result, those people cannot feel tranquility or find a way to be at ease. They fear lest they be killed or face ruin and failure. They are the center of attraction for criminals and thieves; therefore worry does not leave their minds. If they could take safe steps for protecting themselves, the possibilities of loss and failure would be always before their eyes. They fear unsalability for their merchandise therefore they are always absorbed in the account of profits and losses.

Their hearts are trembling out of their concern lest the structure of the fortune which they have built fall down and vanish.

In such circumstances, how can happiness find a way to creep into their hearts?!!

Nothing other than distress and chagrin are that which have settled in their hearts. Thus, although they have abundant money and enjoy various materials pleasures they are not happy.

Out of curiosity and loving for more inquisitiveness, the team which was looking for happiness began to ask and to speak with those people. It questioned some of them. Perhaps happiness is hidden somewhere behind a puzzle that none knows except the people of palaces and wealth. Yet the answers of those were completely clear and open. They said: “since we became of abundant money we became wholly busy, distressed and unhappy. We tasted no flavor of pleasure or joy, moreover we became remiss in giving rights to their people, for in the midst of such conflicts we have no free time. Thus we neglected the rights of our wives and children, fathers, friends and relatives. We became longing for the sweet sleep as we are always obliged to burn the midnight oil. All of that is out of our concern about our wealth.

Indeed, amassing money has deprived us from enjoying this life and thrown us in heated struggles and material aspirations; and because of our large and many occupations, we forgot our religious duties and drew far from our Provider until our heart life became dark and bitter.

Apart from this, we have entered into struggles with the workers who wish to destroy us and follow the subversive faiths to overcome us (such struggle is inevitable)

Over and above, we humble ourselves before owners of authority so as to stand by us in our strife against our emulators of people of factories and wealth. Thus we have missed happiness, tranquility, safety, heartsease and peace of mind. In fact, we would like now to live as the simple people live so that we may become carefree, sleep in peace and wake up in delight.

Oh! Had people known the miserable spiritual life which we live, they would have never thought that money may ever bring happiness.

Now, we mention some actual incidents which affirm this fact. We say:

Shahn-shah the prior king of Persia and the king of kings gave evidence on T.V. and admitted this undeniable truth before all people. He declared the actual fact which all kings and rich people live in when the revolutionaries kicked him out of his country to America “which later on banished him to Egypt”. So, he fell a victim of a spiritual shock and suffered a great distress. He said: “everybody hoped to possess what I was possessing; nay they envied me for the graces I have got and the kingdoms I have founded. Indeed, I built a large amusement city at the sea shore so as to play as I like and to enjoy whatever I want. I threw a great unexampled

banquet and invited to it all kings and presidents in the world. All the services of that banquet were made of resonant yellow gold; however, I gave every invitee all pieces with which he ate even one morsel.

Now here I am standing before you, alone and expelled, with no possession or money. I swear by God, the Great, that I did not taste the flavor of happiness once all during my life, and that nothing found way to my heart save discontent, restlessness and ill-being”

Take lesson from the story of the king of kings, you who are endowed with insight; and how true saying is that which serves: “take whatever you want form this world but suffer distress equal to it”

Accordingly, happiness is not got from what surrounds us, nay it is generated in the depth of spirit and shines in it so that it colors it with garments of beauty, delight and serenity. As for those opulent people, the tools of luxury and lavish expenditure for them are like doses of anesthetic which are given to patients afflicted with chronic diseases; so when their effect finishes soon the agony of boredom and tiredness and the severe pains return to settle in the body and the heart of this poor man. All the means and the ways of amusement and self-indulgence which they create or import to completely

fulfill their desires do not serve in putting an end to the boredom and tiredness which usually return to them after they satisfy themselves by them to add more moans and sighs to their spirits without knowing where they come from and how to get rid of them.

Despite the obtainability of the various means of amusement to those people which work as painkiller doses, they could not draw happiness to them after they used them up and felt bored of them. They suffer severe spiritual pains, and complaint and displeasure overwhelm their life as well as troubles and spiritual afflictions come over them from everywhere to full up their spirits; therefore there remains no way to escape from such miserable life in the view of the person who has surrendered to his suffering except death and suicide so that they may change the horrible state and the hellish heart fact which they live in.

You wonder and I wonder, nay all people and authors everywhere wonder at the suicide of the world millionaire who was the king of diamonds in America although he had the biggest riches in the world. We heard how he entered his room, closed its door and locked it then he put his revolver at his head and shot it to fall dead!! Why did he do that when Karoon's riches were between his hands and allowed him enjoy all his

desires?! Why did he kill himself?! The puzzle kept incomprehensible for the minds of the western researches that have the view of that money (which is the material of all desires) is everything, nay it is the happiness itself.

This is also the belief of many people who know nothing about the fact of this life; they think that happiness can be got by money and that only rich people are the happy group.

Why then did money cause that millionaire to kill himself?!

Absolutely it is wrong to think that having abundant money may draw happiness to hearts.

In fact, the ratio of suicide in the rich and developed countries has reached a horrible number that warns their societies of total ruin. For example in Switzerland, suicide became permissible officially and the government there gives licenses and commercial registers for many companies which have been established particularly for introducing painless ways for death for those who want to commit suicide; and as a result a new tourism called suicide tourism came into existence in Switzerland as well as new graveyards were assigned for the foreign suicides. So, anyone who wants to kill himself on those

lands should pay 25 S.F. in order that the company helps him die in painless way. Those companies justify their work by referring to the Swiss statistics which show that more than 63,000 Swiss citizen committed suicide in 1995 without receiving any help. According to the ways which they used in suicide they are divided as following:

- 338 have suicide by poison.
- 16 by narcotics.
- 16 by sharp tools.
- 382 by hanging.
- 99 by drowning themselves.
- 392 by shooting themselves.
- 128 by throwing themselves form high floors.
- 4 by throwing themselves in front of cars of high speed.
- The rest by other ways.

The first report about suicide in china denoted that the rate of suicide cases comes to 287,000 every year; and according to the Chinese news agency, the cases of suicide form 3.6% of the total death in china.

Approximately, this is what happens in Britain, for among every 100,000 person of the population, there are about 14 one who commit suicide.

In France about 40,000 French teenagers try to kill themselves yearly; there are 800 ones from among those that met death at the moment of suicide.

In America, there are 18526 ones who kill themselves yearly.

Such rates are not found in our countries, not even the developing ones of them although the spirit's requirements and desires are not obtainable as they are in the developed countries of high rates of suicides.

An authority in forensic medicine said in his report that although Dubai Emirate has the high rate of suicide among the Arab countries yet it is still less than that known in European countries, Canada and America.

Other than that, it is noticeable that cocaine, opium, alcoholic beverages and drugs are widely spread among people in the advanced countries. They addict themselves to them in order to forget the horrible states of their spirits which make their heats flaming with fire and often lead them towards suicide and death. They think that death will drive away their gloom and save them from their feelings of tiredness, hardship, boredom and annoyance. But, in fact, they act like that who seeks refuge in fire from swelter. Alas! All their worldly

sciences avail them nothing in acquainting them with the terror which they shall face after death.

Now, here is an actual event that evidently illustrates this fact to us.

One day our humane scholar, Mr. Mohammad Amin Sheikho met one head of a family that was well-known with wealth and authority in our lovely country Damascus. When he looked at his face, he saw him dejected and overwhelmed by grief, blues and boredom. So, he asked him: “what is the matter, Bey? What makes you too distressed and unhappy?! You have great palace in Bloudan, the famous summer residence, and another in Lebanon, the charming country. Not to mention your hotels and project in Switzerland, Europe and America. So why do you not go for a ride in those countries so that you may amuse yourself and relieve it?!” But the millionaire answered: “Oh Bey! As for Bloudan, I know it by heart and feel bored of it. So regarding Lebanon, Switzerland and America, I have become fed up with them, rather sick and tired of them. Oh Bey! I am too bored and I can find no way to turn from this feeling which is about to kill me. I have seen everything in this world and have become tired of everything”

It was no more than four days after that meeting and conversation when the scholar read the death announcement of that millionaire of papers on the walls.

He had loathed this worldly life with all its pleasures. He loathed the money and hated it. Although he could get everything yet he could not get happiness; on the contrary, his riches brought him nothing other than straits and miserable life.

That is exactly what the Prophet Mohammad (cpth) told of in his noble saying when he said: “unhappy is he whose heart follows dinar or dirham” (Dinar, dirham: are currencies which were used in Arabic and Islamic countries in old time, and they are still used in some Arab countries now).

This is the fact of this life. You find those who love it seeking it and running for enjoying its pleasures, but when they obtain everything by means of the money, they find themselves quite far from feeling happy; therefore they prefer to die or to commit suicide.

There are also the patients of melancholy who do not find any way to be cured of it; as for the medicines they take, they give them only temporal alleviation with no use or recovery. But what is the reason behind all that?! In fact, the power of human body is limited. It cannot

satisfy the spirit's aspiration and its limitless desire. The spirit wants to get all enjoyments and treasures and to relish all pleasures, but it is broken by the little limited abilities of the body. So, the source of pain and ill-being comes from setting something of limitless power on another of limited power. This looks clear at old age after fifties and sixties when the body loses power and becomes used up; so it becomes unable to fulfill the limitless aspirations of spirit because of diseases, disability and exhaustion, in addition to failure of sight and hearing and continuous bodily depression. All of that drives the spirit to despondence so it loses hope and sometimes commits suicide.

An Arab poet said: "I have become bored of the troubles of this life for he who lives for eighty years surely will feel boredom"

Many are the rich men who possess millions of dinars but wish in their depth that they have nothing but can enjoy good health, activity and vitality as other people enjoy.

Can a sick man that has been worn out by affliction and suffers a lot from bodily pains, diseases and anguish that overwhelm him and deprive him from enjoying any delight, I say, can such man feel happiness in any way?? However, any sensory enjoyment that is fulfilled by the

body does not produce true happiness. They are merely transient and passing delights and gratification of desires followed by suffering. There is a big distance between the momentary delights and the eternal happiness. How different they are!

Happiness settles in the spirit and it intermixes and combines with it. The spirit is the conscious self which has unbounded powers, as for the body, its power are bounded; hence it cannot respond to all desires and hopes of spirit. So, as previously mentioned, to set unbounded power on one bounded makes the latter unable to achieve the purposes of the first one, that the spirit is like a mare, whenever it satisfies itself by one desire, it seeks another without feeling tiredness or boredom. The essence of its composition (nature) is immaterial so it can enjoy all the delights of this existence without feeling satisfaction of quenching the thirst of its infinite (unlimited) powers.

The human spirit was not created to be filled with dirt, nay it was prepared to be filled with absolute perfection and beauty, to enjoy rising and everlasting happiness, to drink from inexhaustible source and to absorb a part of the endless beauty, magnificence, science and compassion of its Creator. Only then it will be happy and will drink continuously from that unceasing spring

with no cessation or turning, for happiness comes from God, alone, and it is accomplished by the nearness to God who is the Creator of everything: of all beauty and all happiness.

Death is the unavoidable fate

Those who are living in luxury look at the material welfare as a means that saves them from ill-being and suffering. Therefore, the running begins, seeking to find new and unfamiliar varieties, and thereby the life course moves towards complication instead of simplification, and misery takes the place of happiness.

Anyhow, whatever humanity achieves, they cannot escape from the unavoidable fate which is death “the destroyer of all worldly pleasures and the scatterer of groups” and the end of lifetime. How horrible that hour is!! How miserable will be that who is in the throes of death!

It is the time of departing and moving to unknown world; and one is enemy to what he knows nothing about”.

They have forgotten that death and life are running abreast and that behind this life there is another life. They did not think of that hour when man will be dispossessed of everything he has, even the clothes they put on their bodies will be driven, alone and single, to the grave with no associate or close friend nor material bed or rest. The appointed time has come and how difficult the life is with no hope!

What shall money profit them?! Will it drive away anything from them?!

Even if they have the gold of this earth, what shall this avail them when they will be put in narrow graves and absolute darkness?!

Such is the fate of he who depends on physical lights and bodily senses all during his life without living in heart state of belief and witnessing divine sights; when they will be merely corpse having no senses and no light of eyes, they will sink into darkness knowing nothing. Their spirit will ask: “who am I?! Where am I?! How did I come to this world?”

The spirit and the body have become strange for them and the place is horrible and dark.

It is a quick and sudden moving!!

Where are the friends?!

Where are the lovers?!

Where are the riches and the children?!!

It is a prison with heavy shackles. At that time there will be no way to escape, for the last flame has died and the support with life has ceased; thus the foundation of the tower which he built on sand has fallen down.

If this is the fate, where is the hoped happiness then?! If the end is limited in such excavation, will be there any pleasure or joy?!!

Since returning to God is the definite fate and the eternal life is accomplished only by Him, so would be there any everlasting bliss or wished tranquility if humanity did not know or recognize the Creator?!

After many and many rounds, the great scientific team found that the welfare life has choking and burning taste at the rich people, admitted that the hoped-for happiness which they expected themselves to enjoy is like a mirage in sandy deserts which they mistake for water containing life and delight; but when they come up to it, they find it to be nothing but illusion and hardship. The fact is that, the money was the reason of their suffering and losing the true and everlasting happiness. Besides, when they die they will be put in graves, alone and undressed, having taken no dirham or even one penny with them.

In the world of poor people

Having reached this unexpected findings, the researching team which is looking for happiness turned towards the simple and poor people (the laboring class of society which work hard to earn living lest hunger may cause its members' death) so that they might find happiness in their world. But when this class was asked, their answer indicated nothing other than discontent, complaint and displeasure, and the door was opened to show a horrible sight of depression, and hopelessness.

Each poor man sat to wailing over his bad luck that he spent all his lifetime living in want and lack, and to singing songs referring to his yearning for having abundant money, big wealth and towering palaces like those which the rich are the happy people, therefore you see them work hard seeking to attain high glory but in vain!! According to their dreams and thoughts, they think that if they live in comfortable and luxurious life like that of the rich, they will be happy. The hunger has bitten them by its claws, the want has torn their clothes, and the penury has gnawed away their fingers. Thus happiness has no entrance to penetrate into their houses or even to hover in their sky.

The rich class has corrupted their living. The houses which they were used to see beautiful have turned into cheap hut in comparison with the high mansion which had been built next to their houses.

That is undeniable fact. In societies which are equally balanced, man keeps pleased with his living, but when unevenness takes place, all what they admired and deemed nice before would seem bad and low to their eyes and consequently they would feel discontent, irritation and tiredness with this life. People of wealth have debased the life of the masses of society; that is because not all people are able to build castles or to provide their houses with furniture of superior quality. That is why we see the poor people's spirits are filled with rancor, and that a great wish for revenge has wholly overwhelmed them. So, no wonder to see them band together against the rich people hoping to throw axes over their heads so that they may drink sups of colocynth like that which they drink. This arises in their spirits as a result of the injustice which the rich apply on them and the unwarranted advantages they take of their hard work (as they guess), although they come under lowness and indignity only for the sake of earning a proper living and well situation! This is a fact existing all over the world and the common people are passing through it. There is

no happiness neither in the high class nor in the lower one, for the class disparity between the rich and the poor gives way to irritation, complaint, bitter feeling and dissatisfaction to rise instead of happiness. The toiling workers are always putting plans to make a coup or revolution against the employers so that they may take revenge on them. They feel sorrow for their children who lead a hard life while the children of the rich enjoy warmth and luxurious life and eat the delicious.

Similarly, the simple farmers rise against the tyrannous feudal lords who put their feet on the mouths of thousands of them to crush them and reduce them not to demand the return of their robbed rights (according to their view).

So, day after day those indulging in luxury become more wealthy, masterful and profiteering while those suffering privation become more poor and more subjected and consequently more hateful and revengeful.

Having realized such struggles and conflicts, the team looking for happiness stood confused before an impenetrable wall. The high scientific committee has spared no effort in researching and investigation but in vain. All efforts availed them nothing, for they could not

find one print of happiness at the wealthy and self-indulgent people or at the simple and poor ones.

In the world of youth and adolescence

So, hoping for finding the lost and missing happiness, the team headed for another category which disavowed (discharged) itself from the burdens of responsibility and the charges of the hard life. They are the youth and the adolescents; perhaps, they enjoy it since they have no wife not child, and no charge to be carried.

The scientific team set to investigate their status and recognizing the depths of their life closely to know if they really bask in the aspired happiness so long as their burden is light and they enjoy the utmost degree of outflowing vitality!! Yet when inquiring and questioning, it was revealed that each unmarried youngster got lost from the path leading to achieve happiness and that none of them was satisfied with his situation which he lives. They have golden dreams that they aspire to turn into facts in the future. Each youth dreams of marital life which may give him a feeling of tranquility and quench the thirst of his heart. They have got troubled because of the ghost (thought) of the sexual life which inflamed sleeplessness in their spirit, as the sexual desire acts in the spirits of youth just like fire when it burns the straw. Their heart-tongues gave one answer that, “no life without a wife” thinking that they will not enjoy happiness unless they have a wife whom one

delights, and thus they will spend the rest of their life happy having achieved their uppermost wishes. By then, the team looking for happiness directed their scientific research towards the married category of the society where it guessed to find the happiness prevailing in their life according to the claim of the class of youth. Yet, it was detected that each married man was yearning for the days when he had been free and discharged of the bonds and burdens of the marital life which imposed upon him rules and duties that were dispensable for him when he was unmarried.

He became responsible for leaving home or being late, and so is it with his behavior; also the places where he may visit became defined and in certain days his absence from the house causes him troubles and quarrels that make him miss the soul (essence) of love, intimacy (harmony) and clarity among his family and feel a choke with every bite he has. The wife is calling upon her rights and the children need a part of his time especially for them; not to mention the idle talk which takes place between him and her family and between her and his family. In fact, the sexual enjoyment brings no happiness, for it is a mere temporal fulfillment of a desire which occurs repeatedly in one degree with nothing new, of which creates boredom after a period of time,

especially if there are quarrels. And it was said: “that who experience beauty knew that they are a light that hides darkness inside”

The wife often disapproves what is acceptable for her husband's relatives, and hereafter, disputes begin and oppositions become aggravated till they overcome any feeling with love and faithfulness. As for the poor husband, he sits on his hands failing to find an end or an effective solution for these discords which will cost him either to lose his relatives and kin or to separate from his wife by divorce. Thus he would hope that he had not got married for he could not find the happiness and pleasure which he sought after and dreamed of when he was single, enjoying freedom and far from troubles, responsibility and quarrels. The sweet and nice wishes could not be achieved and the desired happiness turned into mirage vitiated by controversy and lacking the hearty love and harmony at this stage, the scientific team stood puzzled before the problem of happiness for all the categories whom they met were complaining of their life. They wonder, for whom does this world smile, then?! Where is happiness?!

Actually, there is no happiness and everything they claimed about it was mere saying!

In the world of childhood

Yet, the team of scientific research kept having a glimpse of light when it dashed towards the innocent kids and joyful boys so that they may find their pursued target which is happiness. It was unobjectionable for the team to question them whether they were really happy in their life or not since they are quite far from the troubles and the opposite complexities of society. Yet it (the team) found them waiting for the process of years to reach the age of adults who are around them. For, by then, they shall be like them enjoying power, financial capacity and freedom of opinion which they lack in their father's house. The researchers noticed that each lad was nagging and grumbling with the limitations and the social rules and the other bounds that restrain their freedom, while they should forcibly obey them.

Every morning, the little child prepares himself to be showered with instructions and parental educational directions, such as, "go", "don't be late", "don't accompany so and so...", "don't say so...", "don't behave in this way...", "don't... don't..." etc., and after that there is another shower of bonds waiting for him in school. He spits out (got bored with) his life because of these limitations which block his freedom and he had unwillingly to obey. Thus he keeps discontent with his

situation and aspires for growing hastily to liberate himself from orders and obligations so that he behaves as he likes and enjoy happiness. But now strange! When the kids grow up and become youths and men, they sit during their untroubled times and set to remembering their lovely innocent life in the years of childhood. They look at them as joyful periods that do not leave their minds and the sorts of playing and fun keeps passing before their memories making them wish whole heartedly that they can turn back to childhood once again and never grow up.

But the children themselves were not happy during childhood, for they were shackled by the bonds of society, home and education and hoped to get released from all that which hinders their desires, while the other think that the happiness is available in their world. So, children are also lacking happiness!!

Oh! Is it possible that the happiness is nonexistent?!!

Thus, the ways were blocked up before them

Yes! The scientific team which was looking for happiness reached an obstructed way after the different studies which it was made about many sections and classes of society; therefore they came out before people to declare the findings of their researches. They said: “happiness is

an unobtainable aim. It likes mercury which flees easily from fingers. So the scientific rules cannot lead to it”

Hereupon, they supposed and considered the happiness to be mere fancy and imagination! But, the way thereby happiness might be attained remains as a wish that keeps tickling (striking) the philosophers’ and scientists’ thoughts, as they think that one day they shall control the nature and make it give birth to a neonate called (happiness) by means of what they put of positive theories and invent of material civilization and developed scientific technology. Such is their claim, while the unavoidable fact foils (disproves) their dreams and revokes (reverses) their suppositions.

What did civilization bring other than destruction, killing, ruin, hunger, poverty, shedding bloods and crying of innocent children?!!

Such is the production of the destroying war means which leave none of mankind but reach by its bullets’ humming and bombs’ peal that deafen the ears of the dwellers of the earth, I mean by bombs, the all-out destructive arms and the nuclear heads which are carried on satellites threatening the whole world to be utter ruined at the moment of their falling down on the earth. They set to competing for creating and inventing more

destructive arms of wider ruin for women and progeny under the pretext that: “if you want peace, get ready for war”. And hereupon, happiness, safety and tranquility got lost! Really, they went astray from happiness!

On His part, the Merciful God did never create any means of destruction and ruination in this broad universe nor had He made for man a canine or a claw to kill his brother in humanity; on the contrary, He granted us roses, flowers and fragrant, aromatic and flourishing basilis which attract the hearts to the Creator of their beauty, as well as, He created tasty fruits and lively plants and sparkling out flowing springs and fresh water rivers.

“The Peace” is one of Allah Supreme Attributes, therefore He has provided us with everything that gives safety, happiness and pleasure so as to let us enjoy pleasant life and sublime and pure love. He has created wonderful beauty in all His universal wonders (signs). Behold how He sends to us the drops of dew which animate the mellow leaves with most tender and sweet greeting filled with life! Behold how He overwhelms us with warm and brilliant sunrays containing various vital energies. Being the Most Merciful and the tender, He delights us with the singing of birds and the warbling of curlews and bulbuls and with the merry purl of water and the gentle wish of trees.

So, The Generous Creator has never brought us into being except for granting us liberally much of His benevolence and charity, and overwhelming us with His care and favor. He turned His Might, His Omnipotence and His strength to compassion, kindness, longanimity and clemency. So, He created a luminous moon crowned with brilliance and beauty, as He found great stars and heavenly bodies but made them appear to us like light and calm lamps decorating the sky at night.

He has never let the heavy clouds drop as mountains, nay He turned them into small drops (Al-Wadq) filled with life and manifesting God's tenderness, love and blessing.

Such is the making of Allah; now show me what is there that others besides Him have created!

It's He who has given everything its creation, then, He has guided man to the way leading to achieve peace, happiness, and security. Allah, the Almighty, does not please aggression, tyranny or sorrow for His servants, yet they, themselves have preferred blindness to guidance and selected murder, destruction and oppression. They compete with each other for that which is passing and temporal because of the thick material obsession that the technical revolt has thrown over their hearts. This

obsession has made the spirits sink in deep darkness to be veiled from the abodes of peace and safety.

They claimed that they can attain happiness through the sciences and the inventions which they discover and which soon turn into hellish devisal (inventions) and emulation towards armament for destruction and total ruin. It had never occurred to their mind that the best and the most everlasting is found at Allah's. Thus they drew far from the Almighty God, the Creator of the earth and the heavens who has created (and is still creating) everything and brought humanity into being before and is still doing so, then they tended to their destructive science which became really their god.

Alas! They did not know that this will entail them nothing other than total ruin and woe.

Is it for suffering we have been created?! Is it possible that the merciful Creator who found these heavens and Earth upon such wonderful discipline made no way for happiness in this existence so that it became unattainable goal that man moves blindly to find without getting any fruit?! Definitely not!

The absolute fact is that the Almighty brought us into this world in order to let us enjoy felicity in this life and in the life to come.

I say, the Maker of the heavens and Earth has created this being in utmost degree of accuracy, excellence, and magnificence so that humanity can find wide fields of contemplation, they can look and think how the sky is raised high, how the stars are tied up, how the mountains are fixed firm, how the oceans are filled up with water and how great is He who has filled them. They can watch the Earth and all that moves on it and think how He created them and provided them, and how He puts forth every kind of beautiful growth in pairs and irrigated them from His Splendid beauty (Glory to Him).

In wonder, who made and is still making all of this?!!
Who supported and is still supporting this existence with being in every moment?!!

He “Glory to Him” did not only create, but He also sent laws and legislation for humanity corresponding to the nature of which He disposed them.

Those laws lead man to know how they enjoy happiness here and there.

They are based on straight principles that lift up spirits to help them recognize their Provider and get a link with their Creator. Such a link is that which makes us happy; for the Almighty God is the source of creation and life He provides the bodies with food and drink, and

overwhelms the spirits and the hearts which are filled with good with endless felicity, eternal bliss and perfection, nay absolute perfection.

Thus, happiness is taken from God and it can be attained by the link with Him.

The only happy man is that who has true belief in God; for the Provider of everything is the Provider of happiness. So anyone that follows His laws can certainly attain happiness; and when they get it they will not suffer anymore; on the contrary they will enjoy it increasingly.

Since Allah has no end, therefore the happiness which man find by drawing nearer to Him is unceasing, growing, rising and everlasting.

When humanity approaches God, they will live in high and developing gardens of Paradise. There will be no boredom nor grief but only great happiness, and this happiness is not restricted to this life, nay it will remain after death until Doomsday to last them forever. Only then we can save ourselves from the love of material which distresses and destroys the spirits that are absorbed in it, whereas by believing in God and following His straight path such a material will turn into a means that helps in rendering favor and good deeds to lead later on to bliss and Paradise.

How can the factor of content be realized?

By belief, communication with God and true prayer, fear clears away while hope increases when man grows old and approaches his inevitable fate. He will never care – by then– whether he is lucky or not and will never mind if he falls ill or be smitten by a misfortune as he quite knows that this worldly life has no endurance, and the spiritual recovery is better and more enduring. It is the cause to attain paradises and blessing of an endless continuity.

In fact, happiness is found in content, that is, the content of man with his situation however days rotate and states change. That is because a real light overwhelms the heart (spirit) of the person who truly believes in his Provider this Godly light radiates in his heart through his communication with his Provider and reflects a bliss that cannot be described and all the worldly delights fail to give a bit of it.

This happiness is not material; it comes from Allah, the Creator of beauty. So, the eternal tranquility can be got only through communication with God which all prophets invited people to perform and it is that which produces content and bliss.

Only then you can get the happiness, for you will be pleased with all your situations, even if you are suffering from incurable disease that makes you unable to move or you are destitute having nothing.

So, “happiness” means to be content and pleased with all the situations of life that come over you: the sweet and the bitter, the hard and the easy. If all the states are equal for you and you are content with all of them, you are then a happy man and surely your spirit has a link with your Provider for He is the source and the origin of happiness.

But so long as you are engrossed in this worldly life and your spirit is unlinked with your Provider who is the Source of good and bliss, you will not be content with your situation, nor will you then taste happiness.

You may feel astonished at my such saying and wonder deprecating “Is it possible for man to be content with his situation when he lives a hard life after it has been easy, and becomes humble after being honorable??!

Who may accept your saying save him whose heart is as hard as the rock, or him who is certain of what will follow this distress of honor that surpasses every ease he was living in?!”

In reply I say: you are completely right in your objection and saying. Absolutely it is not easy for man to be satisfied with what was afflicted him of misfortunes and adversities. But if he certainly knows that there is one Hand that controls this universe and steers it within justice and wisdom and with full mercy, sympathy and clemency, he will change his mind.

Yet this knowledge cannot be got except by contemplating the signs (wonders) of this universe which lead to know the Creator “Glory to His Majesty” and by thinking of the great making of mountains, seas, and heavens which acquaint with their mighty Maker. That is the way which your father Ibrahim "Abraham", the father of the Prophets “peace be through him”, followed. So, if you tread in his steps and ponder on the creation, you will be guided to God, the Creator of beauty and the Source of happiness, and then your heart will enjoy everlasting bliss.

When you recognize your Provider, you will know then that His Hand “the Almighty” which directs the universe and His managing and wise Will which looked after you and built you up when you were an embryo in your mother’s womb so that it made hearing, sight and senses for you, then it did not neglect you when you became an infant so that it directed all this universe and

sent down the rain for your drink and feed, I say, you will know then that this Supreme Self is more clement and merciful with you than your mother, father, wife and sons, even than your spirit which is between your two sides, and that it drives to you what helps you become righteous and what brings in great benefit upon you. Besides, you will know that all what you suffer has indeed come over you because of your evil deeds so that you may turn from your wrong conduct and follow the straight path which leads to your advantage and happiness. So, all what the Almighty drives to spirit is a suitable (useful) remedy in accordance with its state and committing, and all that afflicts humanity of poverty, destitution, jailing, tormenting, facing killing or execution is to let the spirit submit to Allah and know that the affliction that has befallen it is but because of what it has done and committed of crime so that it may turn faithfully to God and resort to Him. If it does, it will see its bad deed, so it will withdraw from it and truly repent to its Provider who, then heals it and confers health, honor and money upon it in order to spend them in right ways and enjoy the blessing of this life and the life to come.

Then, how quickly the reality will be unveiled to it! It will realize that there is no God but Allah, so all actions

come into existence by Him, and the distress which encompassed it is nothing but mere compassion, charity and favor from Allah. Therefore it will thank Him for affliction and for what he has driven to it of the highest chastisement before the greatest chastisement.

Had He not sent to it that distress, it would have remained deprived of good. Thank God, then, for all afflictions, and praise be to Him for every situation. None but Him is praised for sending misfortune.

Thus, the spirit which becomes living in this state will be always happy, pleased and well-pleasing unto Allah, the Almighty.

A very important point

I say, man cannot attain such knowledge believe in this fact truly unless his spirit becomes sure of the inevitable coming of death hour in order that it loathes its worldly desires and becomes clear of its troubles. After that it should contemplate the making of these universal beings and heavenly creatures through which it can be guided to the great Creator and Maker and realizes His existence by witnessing a trace of His light.

When it reaches this point, it will know for certain that God is present with His universal signs as HE is present with man, providing him with life and moving his heart and lungs after He has created him from a semen and made him a perfect creature then turned him into a wise man; and since he is really existing so it is responsible before Him. He is the originator of these creatures which He wove perfectly therefore it has no right to transgress His possession. Thus man's spirit ascertains that there must be a Day of Reckoning and witnesses it by Allah's light, so he becomes straight and all his deeds towards the creatures will be filled with good and mercy and completely far from any evil.

Any good deed—after he has spirit to be confident of Allah's satisfaction with it, therefore it will flow to Him

pleased with its good deed and surely attain happiness from the Creator of happiness and beauty who manifests Himself upon man as He manifest Himself upon all worlds with qualities of benefaction, happiness, bliss, donation and growth and grants good and perfection to all.

Thereupon, this believer will witness Allah's favor and graces and will sense His love. He will remember His charity upon him since he was in his mother's womb and how He provided him and is still providing all with nutriment, life, and growth. So, he will love Him, appreciate Him and praise Him greatly.

He will feel, touch and taste the bliss of the meeting with this Benefactor and Obliging Provider, as he will believe then that all praising –i.e. the spiritual thanking– is but to Him who loves him as He loves His creatures and overwhelms him and them with sympathy and kindness. Thus he will perceive the reality of the statement “Praise be to God, the Provider of all worlds”

Praise be to God for every state

In fact, if man truly believes in the statement: “**Praise be to God, Provider of all worlds, the compassionate, the compassionate**” he will then feel tranquil and peaceful, and will submit wholly and be content with the vicissitudes of fate this contentment makes him feel no confusion for any situation nor does he complain the changes of time. How may he feel pain or confused when he finds that this merciful Hand and wise pitiful Will has deprived him the little in order to give him the much?! How may he feel that when he realizes his nearness to that Supreme Presence and witnesses of its perfection and its beautiful sublime attributes what makes anything else vanish behind them?!

Such a believer enjoys the bliss of being near to the Almighty and the delicious taste of having a link with Him, as he lives in feelings that all delights of life fail to be compared with. After those witnessings (attained through his communication with his Provider and by his link with Him), he will return beautified by virtue, and the love to God and the contentment with His good steering in every state are his gain and provision for facing the distress of life.

Thus, man cannot attain the real happiness unless he is content, and he will not be truly content unless he believes in his Creator and submits to Him. He should feel His sympathy and compassion and keep looking at Him with reverent insight and drawing nearer to Him. Thereupon, the Grand God will bestow upon him a part of His great revelations and a brand of the seas of His light so as to let him derive a light from the pearls of His abundant water from the springs of His love after which he will never be thirsty. He will dwell in the everlasting bliss which will flow upon him increasingly leaving no way for boredom to creep into his heart. This believer has become one of those whom Allah endowed with hearty Paradise as an entertainment from which they will wish for no change, they witness the Almighty's light, and by His light they watch His Majesty, beauty, and splendor, so they live in the greatest happiness in this worldly life before the hereafter. God says: **“and for him who fears his Provider, there will be two Paradises”**

The Holy Qur'an

Fortress (55) Ar-Rahman (the Mercy giving), verse (46)

That is one in the present life, and another in the life to come.

That is the everlasting life which has no limit or end. As for this worldly life, it is no more than a twinkling of eye or less than that in comparison with it (the everlasting one).

Have not you heard about the words of “Abu Yazeed Al-Bastami”, the believer, when he said, “had the kings known the bliss I have in my heart, they would have fought me with swords to get it”. He meant that if the kings taste, by their hearts, and witness the Creator’s flowing donation over me when communicating with Him, they will belittle their possession and turn away from it, yet, they will abandon it seeking the happiness which I get by God and from God. That is what happened to the magicians of Pharaoh when they communicated with God through our Master Moses (pth). They turned away from Pharaoh’s possession and sacrificed the worldly pleasures for what they had attained of happiness from Allah after they believed in the Provider of Moses (pth)

And when Pharaoh threatened them of death and losing their worldly life, they said: “as for this present life, it is worthless compared to what we had got from our Provider, Allah’s reward is better and more lasting. He who comes before his Provider with true faith and good deeds shall enter the highest Paradises”.

Heart-cured will be those who believe and prosper in this present life. They will attain the true faith from Allah when they approach Him by performing good deeds, and this is the plain prosper and the way to get the enduring happiness that lasts forever.

God says: **“the (true) believers have already prospered”**

The Holy Qur'an

Fortress (23) Al-Muminun (the believers), verse (1)

Hence, no prosper without belief.

As for those who turn away from their Creator and disbelieve in their Provider, you find them interested only in collecting dirhams and dinars although the fact is that money will never ensure to them what they seek of happiness. That is what the almighty indicates in His noble saying: **“and he that turns away from mentioning Me (in his heart) shall certainly live in woe”**

The Holy Qur'an

Fortress (20) Ta Ha (Ta-Ha)=Pure, verse (124)

So, everything save Allah is no more than a mirage which the spirit delights in for a while, then it terminates

as if it was not being to leave only disgraceful effects which draw evil, grief, and turbidity.

Thus, the evil deed that man commits will always bring evil upon him, for Allah is the Owner of Supreme Attributes and nothing comes from Him except what draws favor and happiness to man. So, if you want to enjoy a pleasant living and to be delighted in the abodes of felicity and gladness; if you seek tranquility and ease that is not mixed with tiredness or troubles; if you are longing for the overwhelming; smooth and pure laugh which flows out from every atom of your spirit and body; if you aspire for the eternal happiness which no worry, grief or distress may break so that you lead a life flooding, in all its faces and states, with delight, cheerfulness and towering worlds of bliss with various pleasures that are always growing in beauty, taste and magnificence; if you want to have a supreme love which is followed by loving of everything and every creature so that all what is around you draws forth real pleasure in your heart and makes it overfilled with bliss that you gain and never lose at all. I say: if you want to attain all of that, you have to believe in God and to seek might in your Provider all over the time. And through your movements and rests, so that you keep resorting to Him all during your life.

If you believe in Him by yourself, mention Him in your standing and sitting, seek protection in Him from every evil, grief, distress and fatigue and ask Him, the Almighty, to grant you a good life and a real pure happiness.

It is He, Glory to Him, Who created everything and brought them from nonbeing into being, as it is He who created the happiness when He created you and provided and is still providing with it.

So, if you turn towards Him, the Almighty, He will grant you happiness with eternal beatitude; but if you turn towards anything other than Him; you will miss it, and your life will become bitter and miserable in all its situations.

What is the way??

You may wonder: how can I seek protection in God and resort to Him?

What is the way leading to true happiness?! I say, this present life is no more than a school in which you have to study and get good result. God sent man to this world in order to prepare himself for that life which comes after death.

Out of His great care and grand compassion with humanity; He provided them with all what they need and all what help them attain the greatest happiness that He, the Almighty, wished for them. Therefore, He specialized them with that precious jewel and great system, I mean the thought, by which man disunites, assembles, infers and deduces many results, and then he can get into mind the realities hidden behind the shapes (appearances). As well as He granted him hearing, sight and other senses so as to help and support that system in his scientific research and his looking for the right, the truth, and the happiness until he becomes sure of the existing of God, the Provider of happiness.

Moreover, He made all what is in this universe, of Earth and Heavens with what they contain of creatures, even the man himself with what his body consists of systems

and organs, as great signs (wonders) and proofs that help man to get the degrees of true faith if he turns wholly to his Provider asking for might and protection and keeps remembering death and visiting the graveyards which are the inevitable worldly fate before entering the abodes of the other world.

This is the main pillar on which happiness is depending.

None is truly happy. Save the believer. If man does not believe in God, he will not attain happiness however he works hard and offers good deeds.

As for money which Allah the Almighty provides humanity with in this life just as He provides them with children and wives, with prestige and authority, with knowledge and power, offices and high posts, and all what He, the Almighty, obliges us with, they are no more than means which He honors us with and makes them between our hands in order to help us recognize Him through them. If we could know Him, we would derive perfect qualities and noble manners out of Him and get illuminated by His light so that we become able to distinguish between good and evil. None may draw evil to himself, but it is the heart-blindness that lets man see evil good. If man becomes of enlightened discernment, he will avoid the evil and rush to do good

to all mankind without discrimination and to be beneficent to all the creatures since they are all the production of the Merciful God. Only then, we shall be worthy of entering the Presence of the Compassioner to live under His wings and become immersed in that greatest happiness which begins since then in present life and lasts forever and ever, rising endlessly in real and true happiness.

So, if you strive and proceed earnestly in the way of believing in the Great God and the Generous Creator of you and of all creatures, and if you give the rights to their owners, your spirit will be sure of Allah's satisfaction with it, then it will draw nearer to Him and resort to Him, and by such nearness it will derive light, bliss and happiness from Him, the Almighty.

In fact, only the believer whose heart is enlightened by Allah, the Almighty, with true faith, knows the Godly aim behind creating this universe and sending man to this worldly life. So if you follow the way that your Provider legislated for you so that you recognize Him the Almighty and believe in Him truly then approach Him and proudly seek refuge in Him, you will certainly be happy. You will get the true happiness which intermixes the spirit and mingles with its atoms so that it spreads in it just as how electricity flows in wires and

water streams in branches. You will attain such happiness by your true communication with God, and none of mankind will be happy like you for you know well what blessings you earn every day, and what goodness you attain from the Provider of all providers. You will get boons and acquire honor by spending your money or lending a helping hand to the needy ones.

Yes, if you truly believe in God, you will be really and truly happy: happy in your house with your family... happy with your wife and sons... happy in your job or office... happy in your life and after death.

Blessed are those who get illuminated by God's light and become pure and blameless; for they are the only happy people.

May Allah join us to them to be like them and keep us from loving this worldly life or making its charms our greatest interest or the top of our knowledge.

And Praise be to God, the provider of all worlds

A Glimpse of the Life of the Eminent Scholar Mohammad Amin Sheikho (His soul has been sanctified by Al'lah)

His honourable birth

His full moon appeared over Damascus in the year 1890 on a blessed night when a Damascene tradesman had a newborn baby. The father loved his son very much because he resembled the full moon in its beauty, and for his good clever presence.

In his childhood, he was active, clever, full of motion and cheerfulness so as to create a serenity and happiness of life in the hearts of those surrounding him. Day by day he grew, and he showed an increase in cleverness and strength of personality, something which made his position greater before his parents. They venerated him and looked after him with love, affection and sympathy. But death soon snatched his affectionate father in his years of youth after an exhausting illness and tiring pain.

The death of the father had a great effect on the heart of everyone who knew him, for he left behind him a widow and two sons. Mr. Mohammad Amin had not reached seven years of age when he took responsibility for his mother's protection, defending her and keeping her away from the evils which appeared around his

family after the departure of his father from this existence, and his older brother Saleem's travel to Turkey.

Even in his orphanage, Mohammad Amin was distinguished by his patience with the difficulties of life. He bore patience that mighty men could never bear, because he was an individual in a small respectable family that had faced many difficulties.

The sunrise of his youth & A glimpse of his deeds

Because of his honorable lineage that relates to the great messenger (cpth) he could approach the high responsible personalities of the ruling Turkish state at that time so that his family could reside in Sarouja Quarter which was called 'Little Istanbul', a dwelling place for the Turkish statesmen at that time. He also was able to study in the Royal Ottoman Faculty in Damascus, Amber.

He completed his studies when he became eighteen years old. He graduated in the rank of security officer. He surpassed his colleagues in extreme courage, trust, truth, hard work and his perseverance and continuous work with distinction. He headed many police-stations in Damascus and became director of its counties. He was

the example, for no sooner had he taken his position than peace and safety prevailed in the region of his work.

He was the sleepless eye and the unmistakable arrow in the state's quiver. Whenever the state was confronted by a criminal or a crime, they used to ask for his help. When fear, killing, corruption and criminality spread over a region, he was the saving hope, who kept off danger and liberated people.

When decay began to bite the body of the Turkish state, and the torch of Islam was quenched, corruption and chaos prevailed all over the country until crime reached an unbearable limit, living became difficult, and the days were encompassed by danger, and the darkness of the night was horrifying: except in Damascus, its countryside and suburbs, for security was prevailing as a vigilant eye was watching and a merciful heart was dedicated to peace.

He faced storms of criminals in his work with courage and boldness, and he besieged many guerrillas and arrested their leaders. All his works were crowned in victory and support until he was surnamed 'Aslan', meaning 'the lion', for his audacity in facing difficulties. By his reliance upon God, he was the only officer who stood in the face of injustice and terrorism so that the

criminals and thieves used to surrender to him, fearing his bravery, to offer a plea to his justice, mercy and contentment.

Thus he advanced in the ranks and was moved among the police-stations until he was appointed director of the citadel of Damascus, which contained the warehouses and the prisons. He remained in this position for a very long time during which he achieved glories and displayed bravery that Damascus had never seen before. He was very audacious in freeing thousands of prisoners with capital sentences and putting them in the front lines to defend the country against the infidel enemy. His action was the cause of removing the gallows which were planted by Jamal Pasha, the butcher, in the marketplaces and quarters of the country and which used to swallow hundreds of young men every day. For that reason he was exposed many times to death. Thus Al'lah saved him by His Greatness, His Mercy, and His Assistance.

During the French mandate, as he was a civil security officer, he was returned to his position as the director of a district or the chief of a police-station until the great Syrian revolution took place. Due to his love for God and his noble wish to serve his country, he was the iron arm of the revolutionaries and the aorta of the

revolution. Its seal was in his trustworthy hand. He disquieted the French forces with his wonderful experiments in changing retreat into victory and in giving the revolutionaries the greatest arms deal between France and the Greater Syria. He handed these arms, which the French stored in Anjar castle in Lebanon, to the revolutionaries at night. General Catro, the governor of Syria at that time, lost his mind and ordered that Mr. Mohammad Amin be executed, but the Almighty God saved him and his assistant through His Complete Words, and he turned into a very trustworthy man for them despite their error of judgment.

The stage of guidance & invitation to Allah

After he became forty years old, God revealed to him His Omniscience.

He began to see the recitation of the prophet (cph) in his prayer (communication with God) of 'Al-Fatiha' (the Opening) Fortress in sight and in hearing. After that he began to guide his disciples and he bore the banner of guidance in extreme strength and worthiness.

He used to be called 'Amin Bey' for 'Bey' is a Turkish word meaning 'the pure'. His salon used to embrace the flower of youth of Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq, asking for irrigation from his Mohammadan spring, rich and

generous in giving an atmosphere of haughtiness, majesty, and sanctity.

If the noble deeds were mentioned...

In our horizons...

In you the example is given...

For all of us...

A glimpse of his invitation to Al'lah, his revelation and his great guidance

His sanctified assemblies were distinguished by charming and unique revelation in perfect and plain meanings, and complete presence of reality. His words used to hit the target and fall cool and peaceful in the hearts of the listeners, as a light that bewitched them to free their spirits to soar very high.

He drove away darkness, tore asunder contradictions, and finally obliterated the intriguing schools and barren argumentations which created a big gap in the minds of people between themselves and their God. He acquainted people with the reality of God, and the consummation of His Qualities... a Merciful God, Compassionate, Wise, Fair, Conferrer of benefit, Donator, deserved to be worshipped for Himself for He is the Owner of Beauty and Consummation. It is He

who is praised for any harm because this harm results in cure and donation. He is Needless of creation, and of our allegiance and our obedience, because He is Rich and we are poor and our obedience is for our own good and benefit. We need to enter His luminous fort of faith, to be protected from misfortune and adversity.

His honorable life history was a high interpretation and a clear constitution for the wonderful revelation that he brought, which contained facts for which heads bowed. The reality was a light, the form was a proof and the true practical application was a guide. His revelation was matchless in world civilizations and the positive laws of present life.

- Why are we created?
- What is this universe for?
- What is the use of religious rituals?
- What is hunger for, followed by eating in Ramadan?
- What is the output and benefit of prayer?
- Why do pilgrimage to a waterless and treeless desert?
- Why were we brought into existence?
- Where were we?
- What is death for? And what is really after it?
- What is the spirit?

- What is the soul?
- What is the mind?
- What is paradise?
- What is hell?
- What about the problem of fate?
- What is the pre-material world (the world of spirits)?

Facts and questions have not come to people's minds because they were busy in the tempting world and its deceptions, and they forgot to search in the files of existence and know its secrets.

The famous coeval English scientist, Sir John Godolphin Bennett, in one of his meetings with western scientists, said: "All the sciences that we have achieved are not equal to the sea of that great eminent scholar in the Orient."

His invitation to God is based on a course that is never mistaken: **"Say: this is my way: I invite to Al'lah with sure insight, I and whosoever follows me. Glorified and Exalted is Al'lah. And I am not of the polytheists."**

The Holy Qur'an,

Fortress 12, Yusuf (Joseph), verse 80

In the light of this honorable Ayah (verse), he began to call to God for more than thirty years a call concentrated on the following points:

Acquainting people with the consummation of the Almighty God, and showing His Mercy to His obedient people and His Justice with His creation. He refuted all that remained in human minds and whatever was circulated that contradicted the Godly Justice, Clemency, and Mercy and (all) Godly Consummations, and his guide was the Word of God: **“And all the most Beautiful Names (Attributes) belong to Al’lah, so call on Him by them, and leave the company of those who deny His Names. They will be requited for what they used to do.”**

The Holy Qur’an,

Fortress 7, Al-A’raf (The Heights), verse 180

Revealing the consummations of the messengers (pnt), of whom God witnessed in His Glorious Book as to their spirits’ purity and their impeccability, and made them supreme examples for the worlds to be guided by them as mentioned in his book: The Impeccability of Prophets, – a book the like of which could never have been written by his forerunners. He confuted every fabrication or exegesis that disagreed with their sublimity

and their high rank adhering in that to the Word of God
**“They are those whom Al’lah has guided, so follow
their guidance...”**

The Holy Qur’an

Fortress 6, Al-An’am (Livestock), verse 90

Calling people to adhere to honorable jurisprudence and to attain piety of God truly (witnessing by Al’lah’s Light), besides warning people not to let their spirits follow their capricious whims, and not to depend upon vain wishes but turning to the Word of God: **“It will not be in accordance with your desires, nor those of the people of the scripture; whosoever works evil, will have the recompense thereof, and he will not find any protector or helper besides God.”**

The Holy Qur’an,

Fortress 4, An-Nisa’ (Women), verse 123

And also calling to the tradition of the messenger (cpth):
“The discerning person is one who accuses himself and works for what is behind death, and the disabled is one who follows his caprices and asks God for wishes.”

Guiding people to the steps of true faith as shown by the messenger (cpth) to his noble companions, deriving them from the Book of God. No person has their heart mixed

with delight of faith but they straighten for God's Order and have a self-deterrent (from committing sins). God mentioned that in His noble saying: **"...and whosoever believes in God, He guides his heart."**

The Holy Qur'an,

Fortress 64, At-Taghabun (The Apparent Loss), verse 11

Revering God's messenger (cpth), glorifying him, and showing his high position with Al'lah, then guiding to the way of his love (cpth) and revealing what fruit comes out of loving that pure chaste spirit, from entering into Al'lah's presence through him, and dying with a believing spirit coupled through him to perfection from God, following the Almighty's saying: **"So those who believe in him, honour him, help him, and follow the light sent down with him, it is them who gain."**

The Holy Qur'an,

Fortress 7, Al-A'raf (The Heights), verse 157

It was a valuable age that this pure man had spent striving and seeking nearness to Al'lah. And through this nearness he acquired the high ranks and consummation that he acquired, and realized glories and works charged with holy humane strife, and great humane sacrifices. So that his life was the highest example for the highest behavior,

for supporting what is right through matchless heroic deeds that defeated falsehood and made it perishable.

He devoted his valuable life to the service of his human brethren. He competed with the wheel of time in its running and matched the sun in its light. The jet black nights of Damascus were changed at his hands into bright days for the glittering light of his works and the blessing grace of his sacrifices. He joined his night to his day overcoming rest. His eyelids never closed except for little naps to save his human brethren who were in swamps of sorrow and pain, not caring for the dangers of death or capital punishment or for what money or concessions he had paid in the service of God.

Many times he remained penniless despite his previous wealth. It is no wonder that God revealed to him that manifest revelation on a sacred night to let him witness the realm of God and ascend in his spirit into the sacred lofty Mohammadan worlds which were prepared for him because of his truthfulness, effort and sacrifice. Similarly, anyone who strives to attain this and be truthful in their love and their quest for God and the messenger (cpth) shall find the door open for them and for every truthfully desiring follower.

Joining the Highest Comrade (his death)

In this wonderful way, he spent a valuable life full of knowledge of God, which the heart does not feel safe without, and without which humankind won't achieve happiness. He was the lamp that gave light to generations on their way to happiness through the Book of God, and the cresset that guided mankind to felicity, consummation, virtue and good life from God until he joined the highest Comrade in the first days of Rabi' Thani in the year 1964. He was buried in the cemetery of God's prophet 'Dhi Al-Kifl' in Al-Salhiyeh Quarter.

God says: **“And who is better in speech than him who invites to Al’lah, and works righteous deeds, and proclaims: I am one of the Muslims.”**

The Holy Qur’an,

Fortress 41, Fussilat (Explained), verse 33

A Glimpse of the Life of the Researcher & Islamic Scholar Prof. Abdul-Kadir John Alias Al-Dayrani

Verifier & Publisher of Books of the Humane Scholar Mohammad Amin Sheikho (His soul has been sanctified by Al'lah)

His light rose on 24 July 1934, and he was lucky to see the light in the Damascene house of his father, a great scholar, Sheikh Mohammad Al-Dayrani (God has mercy upon him), a disciple of the great Sheikh Badrud-Deen Al-Hassani Al-Hussaini (God has mercy upon him), one of the great scholars of Hadith in Damascus at whose hands Professor Abdul-Kadir received a virtuous education full of knowledge. The extent of his learning was such that he left not one of his father's books unread in his youth.

Before he had completed his secondary education, he met with the scholar, M. A. Sheikho (his soul has been sanctified by Al'lah), and was astonished at his greatest of Godly sciences. He then adhered to him like his shadow for nine years, throughout which he was educated as a scholar. These were years full of great science and knowledge.

He finished his secondary education and started university, and got 10 university certificates.

Prof. Abdul-Kadir said:

These certificates have availed me no fact; rather, I got all the facts from my guide, the great scholar M. A. Sheikho. I have got a certificate in Arabic literature, but it has never profited me in philology or in understanding the meanings of language. I know the language with its meanings only from the scholar's mouth, and this is so concerning the other sciences.

All the books I have published are inclusively derived from the scholar's sciences, and include facts which have astonished every philosopher and scientist. Certain great sciences and witnessed facts are what I have received and heard from the great scholar's mouth; I have published them literally, as they are Godly revelations that cannot be attained by human science, even if all humanity assembled to aid one another. They are tangible and actual defiance, before which the sciences of humankind have vanished.

Some of these facts came to light and then removed obscurity; for example, the operation of cupping, which incomparably surpassed medicine when it cured diseases that had been considered incurable by the Arabic,

Roman and Greek medical sciences for thousands of years. This has been noticed by millions of people who have applied cupping, and therefore, it is considered a miracle of the present age.

Similar to this is the secret of mentioning Al'lah's Name aloud over carcasses while slaughtering them, which was discovered by the great humane scholar and has been a mercy presented to the eaters of humanity and to all cattle slaughtered in this way.

In addition, there is what he presented in physics, such as discovering the sources of spring water, an issue which had not been known before by anyone.

Besides this are the great Qur'anic sciences, such as revealing the meanings of the letters with which the Fortresses start, and his wondrous explanation of the exordium (Al-Fatiha) and of the meanings folded under the verse: "Praise is to God, the Provider of the worlds"; and further, the meanings of each verse of the Holy Qur'an (Al'lah's saying). And there are other sciences of the scholar which contain facts which have not been discovered by anyone before or after him.

I hospitably accept any discussion about these sciences: a scientific impartial discussion far from emotions, seeking

the truth and the absolute reality freed from any argument, quackery, or falseness.

Prof. Abdul-Kadir wrote a lot of collections through the Qur'anic lessons of his guide, the humane scholar, and he drank a lot from the spring of his sciences. He heard of the scholar's deeds from those who had witnessed them, just as he himself had viewed a lot of them.

When he devoted himself to guidance and the call to Al'lah, he collected, checked and examined what he had received from his scholar, and then he published these collections in order for their benefits to spread all over the world, in this time when humanity is greatly in need of such science.

The number of books which Prof. Abdul-Kadir Al-Dayrani has checked exceeds fifty-five, and his name has become widely known as being associated with the name of the great humane scholar M. A. Sheikho (his soul has been sanctified by Al'lah). He undertook unique modern scientific research about the operation of cupping which the scholar had taught to his disciples from the right holy prophetic tradition, and he became the head of the Syrian medical team who carried out a modern scientific study of cupping, where all the requirements of research and the application of cupping rules were fulfilled under

his auspices and with his guidance and consultation at every step.

This study has been spread widely all over the world so that many Eastern and Western hospitals have seriously adopted it, and it has become the talk of people and their chief concern because of what astonishing cures have been achieved in this way.

He also did more scientific research to prove the wisdom behind mentioning the statement 'in the Name of God, Al'lah is Greater' aloud over cattle when slaughtering them.

This was an astounding modern medical method based on the tests of great scholars of medicine and through which it was confirmed that mentioning the Name of Al'lah results in purifying the cattle's meat from microbes, saving it from the pain of slaughter, and curing it from the incurable dangerous diseases like mad cow disease and bird plague. This was a subject which had been elucidated by scholar M. A. Sheikho (his soul has been sanctified by Al'lah) through giving his Qur'anic lessons to his disciples.

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