

The Speech of Eid al-Adha of 1428 (AH)

Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest

Allah is the Greatest when people reply to the call for Pilgrimage

Allah is the Greatest when the word of monotheism is said on the Earth and in the Heaven

Allah is the greatest when the Muslims are jubilant for the coming of the Eid to illuminate the universe

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There is no god but Allah. Allah is the Greatest infinitely.

Praise be to Allah Who is Uniquely has pride and glory, giver of grace, lifter of disaster and grief. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah {There is nothing like Him, and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer}, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger, the Arab, the illiterate, Prophet of mercy and kindness and the Messenger of wisdom and honesty, God's peace and prayers may be upon him, his companions and whoever follows their example beneficently until the Day of Judgment.

I advise you and myself to have fear of Allah and know that Allah is with those who fear and those who do good.

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O, Servants of God,

How delighted are the Muslim on this day! It leaves a so magnificent effect on the self and soul. On that day the great order of Allah was demonstrated. It was a test for one of His prophets. It was a trial for his obedience and loyalty to Allah. On this great day the Prophet prays humbly to Allah, expressing his absolute obedience to Him. Consequently, the outcome of this experience was happiness of the soul, strong belief in God, and being a model of servitude to God. He received the mercy of God and became the choice of God. {Then when he reached the (age of) working with him he said, "O my son! Indeed, I have seen in the dream that I am sacrificing you, so look what you see." He said, "O my father! Do what you are commanded. You will find me, if Allah wills, of the patient ones." (102) Then when both of them had submitted and he put him down upon his forehead, (103) And We called out to him that "O

Ibrahim! (104) Verily, you have fulfilled the vision." Indeed, We thus [We] reward the good-doers. (105) Indeed, this (was) surely [it] the trial clear. (106) And We ransomed him with a sacrifice great, (107) And We left for him among the later generations. (108) "Peace be on Ibrahim." (109) Thus We reward the good-doers. (110) Indeed, he (was) of Our slaves believing. (111)"}

These are days of wisdom where Allah gifted his servants with rites. Heavenly days which God destined them to be so. These days include one day which is the most venerable of them all.

Eid Al-Adha always comes to remind us of the tremendous trial so that we meditate the lesson inspired by the great event which took place thereon, and meditate the meaning inspired from the tremendous trial to be aware that glory is the gift for those who show patience at the time of trial instead of disturbance, complain and despair which shouldn't be the conduct of the strong believer or the pious servant of Allah. The right thing to do under such severe conditions is show content, acceptance, tranquility and obedience. Allah does not want to torment or harm his servants by trial; he wants them to lovingly turn to Him with utter submission in the time of joy and sorrow and to win his love and choice. **{And WE appointed from among them leaders, who guided the people by Our command, because they were steadfast and had firm faith in Our Signs. (24)},**

Some people are of weak belief. He is happy with the good befalling them; however, when a trial befalls them in their property or in the worldly gifts they forget about their duty under such trial and demand what they are not entitled to. How evil are such people! **{And among mankind is he who worships Allah as it were, upon the very edge (i.e. in doubt); if good befalls him, he is content therewith; but if a trial befalls him, he turns back on his face (i.e. reverts back to disbelief after embracing Islam). He loses both this world and the Hereafter. That is the evident loss. (11)}}**

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O, believers!

History is weaved from events. The human knowledge and sciences mature through continuity of human experience. The human kind is on the way destined for them. Each individual will have his position destined by the mercy and the justice of Allah. **{Verily We take upon Ourselves to guide (12), And certainly to Us (belongs the End) the Hereafter and (the Beginning) the first (life) (13)}**

The events that occur on Earth are based on the will of God; they never occur by blind coincidence or without calculations. A famine befalls a nation, a flood befalls another, while a grace may happen to some; all these are trials and destiny for preaching, reminding or admonition. **{And everything with Him is measured} (8).**

The stream of life does not stop, and people are always competing powers, opposing energies and all endeavors to their respective goals. The inevitable result is the estimated interaction of the human kind. This is necessary for life to continue and for the hidden power of life to come out. This is a method created by God for goodness, reform, pushing back the injustice and establishing justice. **{And if Allah did not check one set of people by means of another, the earth would indeed be full of mischief. But Allah is full of Bounty to the 'Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists) (251).}**

It is not strange that people have opposing goals and intersecting interests. Here, the principles shall govern the situation; The wise deals with the situation with his patience rather than anger. This lives and contacts peacefully with the others, regardless of the changes taking place in terms of time, place and people. However, when man let anger prevail, he refuges to power and war for immediate worldly gain or glory which he proclaims to achieve.

In order to make people accept the application of principles and make the followers follow such principles this has to be formulated in an effective religious or human method which can be a matter of competition or a reason for sacrifice or a slogan approved under a banner of an individual or a state. It has been known that civilization which is based on a religious or human content is easily regulated in terms of dealing with followers and opponents in times of war and peace, as well as in respect of the interior positions.

Furthermore the common principles of such civilizations are applicable in their international relations due to the fact that their outlook is based on religious or human principles.

In light of this principle we can understand the reasons for progress and retreat of civilizations **{If a wound hath touched you, be sure a similar wound hath touched the others Such days (of varying fortunes) we give to men and men by turns: that Allah may}**.

Throughout the course of history God's destined that the benevolent servants who apply the Islamic thought inherit the land and govern the society on the basis of favor and justice. Allah delegated us to turn people from worshipping God's creatures to worshipping God exclusively, from the injustices resulting from the corrupt creeds to the justice of Islam, and from the worldly and narrow outlook to a wider outlook that guarantees happiness in this world and in the hereafter. Those are appointed as successors in accordance with the method made by Allah and His wisdom, and the fruit shall be for the pious **{Surely the land is Allah's -- He gives it for an inheritance to such of His servants to inherit it as He pleases, and the end is for those who guard (against evil) (128)}**.

This is why God wanted Muslims to have a civilization of a religious content and human trend which can protect them from unconsciousness of the reality which characterizes the other civilization and from the going astray away from the Godly method. The content of the Islamic civilization guarantees the survival among other nations in safety, peace, understanding and harmony. This is why Allah described the nation as “an exalted nation” with all the meanings of the Arabic term. It is the nation of superiority and moderateness at the same time; it is moderate in terms of sensuality and superior in terms of morality and the establishment of justice among other nations. **{And thus We have made you an exalted nation that you may be the bearers of witness to the people and (that) the Messenger may be a bearer of witness to you}**.

Then Allah destines that the historical events in some ages of history are not in the favor of the Muslims due to religious inattentiveness, weakness or failure; therefore;

consequently, land and power transfer to other nations. **{And Allah is predominant over His affair, but most of the people do not know(21)}**.

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O, Muslims!

The history of human civilization is far reaching in terms of oldness. The number of civilizations is incalculable. A nation among other nations from the time when Adam and Eve were created is a drop of water in a sea. After the creation of Adam and Eve people formed into tribes and nations. Legislations were sent down from heaven, and then came the sects and creeds and each team had its path.

Before Islam the Arabs were dwelling in the Earth, but they were underdeveloped. When the Qur'an was revealed to an Arab, the Prophet Muhammad, God's Prayers and peace be upon him, and the Islamic Sharia was established people knew about it and the Arabs had a great position among other nations and built a great civilization. Allah refers to this gift in the Qur'an where He said **{We have revealed for you (O men!) a Book in which is a Message for you: will ye not then understand? (10)}** This means that thanks to this heavenly gift the Arabs had honor, glory and power among other nations.

According to the method set by God this honor was given to the Arabs to enable them to perform the duty assigned to them. They are responsible before God and before people. **{ And verily this (the Qur'an) is indeed a Reminder for you (O Muhammad and your people(44))**. The Arabs who responded to the mission bore witness on the other nations and were responsible for publish the mission. They had a mission to educate people and elevate them so that they could contribute to the human progress. They were responsible for restoring to humanity the lost values and morals whenever the other nations divert from the right path, while Allah and His messenger are witnesses to their performance. By means of the Sharia, knowledge and morals guidance comes to replace darkness and elevate man's soul. **{Lord creates and chooses whom He pleases; to choose is not theirs; Glory be to Allah and exalted be He above what they associate (With Him (68) }**.

The assignment of the mission was a great matter with numerous aspects and consequences; therefore in order for the nation to perform well in this regard Muslims should stick to knowledge and wisdom so that they can direct other nations in the right direction. **{And he is Allah; there is no God save Him. His is all praise in the former and the latter (state) and His is the command, and unto Him ye will be brought back (70).}**

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O, Muslims!

Allah ordered us to pray and ask Him for help **{(Muhammad), if any of My servants ask you about Me, tell them that the Lord says, "I am near I accept the prayers of those who pray (186)}.**

O Allah: bless Muhammad and his family as Thou didst bless the family of Ibrahim. Verily Thou art Praiseworthy and Glorious, O Allah."

O Allah, We sincerely pray to You for blessed provision.

O Allah, make us love what you love and detest what you detest

O Allah, we ask you to help us to fear you in the unknown and the known, Oh Allah, we ask you to make us say the right word at anger and contentment and moderateness in poverty and richness

O Allah, make us live upon the word of pure faith, upon the religion of our Prophet Muhammad (SAW), and upon the religion of our forefather Ibrahim, who was a Muslim and of true faith, and was not of those who associate others with Allah."

O Allah, we pray that You support our Sultan with Your wisdom and help him achieve the best, save him for us with Your care and support him with you strength, O Allah, possessor of majesty and honor, and pride.

O Allah, we pray that You make Oman safe and secure and tranquility. O Allah protect us against the envious enemy, provide us with Your provision and protect us against the seen and unseen evil.

O Allah, save the Islamic countries, bless their sustenance and make their homes secure

{Our Lord, grant us good in this world and good in the Hereafter, and save us from the chastisement of the Fire (201)}

{Indeed, Allah orders justice and good conduct and giving to relatives and forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded. (90)}

{ And the close of their request will be: "All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all that ...(10)}