

Unleash Your Potential

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**Living a Purposeful Life
Making a contribution to Society**



Unleashing Your Potential

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Karbala – Soundbites

- Of the meaning of tawhid
- Of the knowledge of God
- Of resignation and submission,
- Of fortitude and manliness,
- Of honor and dignity,
- Of the love and quest for freedom,
- Of concern for mankind,
- Of the passion to serve humanity
- Unique and without a parallel.

Purpose of Religion

- To instruct people to worship God,
- To promote love and justice in society.


- 'Rights of God's creatures' (huquq ul-'ibad) are as important as the 'rights of God' (huquq allah).

- *To strive for fulfillment of Muslim's need is better than circumambulating around the Holy Kaba seventy times.*

» Bihar al-Anwar vol. 74, p-311.

Holistic Concept

- Concept of ibadah comprehensive
 - fulfilling obligations to Allah (Huquq-al-Ibad)
 - obligations towards fellow-beings (Huquq-al'Ibad).
- *Actions in Obedience* في طاعة الله
- *Done sincerely* اخلاص الني
- both Huquq Allah and Huquq-al-'Ibad be integrated to attain success.



Creatures of God need to have their rights respected, while God is in need of nothing

- Not a passive acceptance of the rights of others,
 - nor is it an individualistic affair.
- Incumbent on all Muslims to actively struggle against injustice
- work for a socially just world
 - no poverty, illiteracy, hunger and want
- **But We have analysis Paralysis**

Analysis Paralysis



- An optimist -things could have been worse
- A pessimist –things will get even worse
- A philosopher – you only think you are in a pit
- A Self-pitying person : you have not seen anything until your have seen my pit.
- News reporter –asked for an exclusive story
- A politician – promised to do something about it
- **after the elections !!!!**



- A mathematician Calculated how to The pit
- A scientist calculated the force necessary to get him out the pit
- A geologist told him to appreciate the rock strata
- The city Inspector asked him if he had permission fall in in pit
- An educationist gave him a lecture on the Elementary Principles of the Pit
- **What will you do ?**




You will take him by the hand and lift him out of the pit because you are **Caring** person and realize that what he most needs is a hand to get out of the pit

- Hukul Ibaad means being sensitive
- ***Man with a present for the Prophet -***

Definition of a Shia

Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq AS

- How were your brothers when you took leave of them?"
- **Do the rich visit the indigent when they fall ill?"**
- *"they seldom do".*
- **Do the rich seek to know the condition of those who are poor?"**
- *"Rarely",*
- **Do the affluent ones help out the poor and the needy?"**
- *"You speak of attributes which are rare amongst our people".*

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- **"How then do these people consider themselves to be (our) Shia'h (Al-Kaafi)**

Mission Statement of Ummah

وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَى
وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ

*Co-operate with others on that which leads to
goodness and righteousness . "[Qur'an
5:2]*

Concept of the society of believers

- The Prophet (saw) gives us a beautiful simile:

–In their mutual love, compassion and sympathy for one another, believers are like one body: When one part of it suffers a complaint, all other parts join in, sharing in the sleeplessness and fever“

Fulfillment of His Mission

- A divinely inspired reformist
 - kindness and compassion not only to those who belonged to the Islamic fraternity but also to those outside its fold.
 - *CHRISTIANS OF NAJHRAN*
- Created a morally pure, socially vibrant, racially and religiously coherent, and economically prosperous society.

So what is wrong?

- We are one Billion Muslims,
- What goes on in Syria, Palestine, Afghanistan, Iraq Kashmir, Pakistan , North Africa and everywhere in the world ?
- Why are 75% of World Refugees – Muslims?

Foam on the surface of the current

- “There will come the day when the nations will fall upon you like the hungry eaters over a bowl of food.”
- They asked, “On that day, is it because we are too few?”
- The Prophet (SAW), answered,
 - *“No, on that day you will be very many, but you will be like the foam on the surface of the current.”*

Joint Responsibility

- Individual Responsible for Society
- Society is also responsible for the welfare of the individual.
 - So duties and rights correspond harmoniously.
- Amr Bil Marouf & Nahi Anil Munkar
 - Man digging a hole in the boat.

Man needs Community

- A person that has no need for any community either be a god or a beast”

» Aristotle

- Distinctive Feature of a Muslim Community
 - In all its affairs it is based on the world view of Tauheed

Path To Progress

- Consensus of mind
 - Members share the same vision, not the same view (We can Agree to disagree)
- Consensus of heart
 - Members holds the same values.
- Consensus of commitment to activism
 - Members exert themselves to actualize their values through constructive involvement.

From Geese - 1

- As each goose flaps its wings it creates "uplift" for the birds that follow. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.
- *People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.*

Lessons From Geese - 2

- When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.
- *If we have as much sense as a goose we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others*

Lessons From Geese - 3

- When a goose tires, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies to the point position.
- *It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. It is to the benefit of the entire group for the group to avoid burnout for any member, and rotating leadership, or at least spreading the workload around makes the team more efficient.*

Lessons From Geese - 4

- The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.
- We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement the production is much greater.

Lessons From Geese - 5

- When a goose gets sick, or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again.
- *If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.*
- *Each member is important; each member knows that he will be supported in time of need. This attitude in a human team breeds loyalty and compassion,*

Essence of Being a Member of your Center

- You care about the well-being of community and humanity
- Believe in the cause of the Organization and its value.
- Volunteer with a purpose to serve our faith and our community.

To serve for the pleasure of Allah

What can you give?

- Intellectual Capital
 - Offer diversity of skills, talents, expertise and experience
- Social Capital
 - Provide an element of passion and enthusiasm for the community
- Progress of a Society
 - More Givers than Takers

The Flint, the sponge and the honeycomb

- *The wealthy who does not wait to spend in the way of Allah until a needy comes to his door but goes to the abode of the poor to mitigate his suffering is the true Muttaqi*
 - » The Holy Prophet (saw)
- For how much is to be given (the limit), the example has been set in Karbala by Imam Husayn (AS).

Leaving a Legacy

- **“By death the scroll of life gets folded for ever - three groups are exempted from it:”**
 - » The Holy Prophet
- **-A scholar who has left behind a scholarly work as a reminder for the guidance of the people.**
- **-A good and pious offspring who remember their parents during the supplications with goodness.**
- **-A person who has left behind endowments and charities by which the people are profited**

Moving with Husayn

- Do not move with Husayn in history
- The issue is not to cry much, even though crying has its meaning.
- Instead, the issue is to move with him in the present, activism, and change