

# Expected Paraclete

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*Ṣalātu l-Jum'ua* in front of the Tilla Kari Madrasa in Samarkand. Walter Ph. Schulz, *World of Islam*, Munich 1917, to. I, p. 91.

## Islam Is The Full Moon

**W**hich characteristic makes you be in a high rank in the Divine Presence? This is an important point. Everyone must ask and must know it, because we are trying to make our Lord, Allāh Almighty, pleased with us.

Which characteristic makes Allāh Almighty pleased with us? It is *tawāḍu'*, hu-

mility, that makes our Lord pleased with us. The first thing that made our Lord Almighty to be angry with His creatures was the opposite of humility. What is that? Pride; the first sin appeared from pride.

Sohbet from 'Aṣr/June 4, 1985 in: MS *Toward the Divine Presence*, Book Two, p. 29 ff.

The first one who raised his head and was rebellious to his Lord Almighty was Satan, and the reason was that he claimed to be proud over one of his Lord's creatures. Allāh Almighty created Adam, and then Satan claimed to be above Adam, not to be beneath his rank, saying, "I am more important than this creature. Then how are You ordering me to make *sajdab*, to prostrate myself before him? I see that my station is higher than anyone else's, particularly than that one who has just been created. I fill every square foot on earth and in the Heavens with *sajdab*; the most high respects I give to You, and that one, the new one, has not even made one *sajdab* to you. But yet You are saying that I must make *sajdab*, I must give my most high respect, to that one. I am the one who will never accept to make *sajdab* to anyone except to You," Satan said to Allāh Almighty, seeing himself as being above every creature, and particularly over Adam. That was pride from him, so that the divine anger or the divine curse fell upon him.

Therefore every prophet just came to advise people that they should leave pride and should be humble, because pride makes your Lord angry with you and humility makes Him pleased with you. That wisdom is enough for everyone throughout his life. But it is not so easy to make our ego accept that, particularly as our ego always votes for Iblīs, Satan, never voting for Allāh Almighty. Isn't it so? Everyone knows it. Always for Allāh? No! For everything that Satan does our ego says, "All right. Yes, this is correct, that is wrong." *Astaghfirullāh!*

Therefore each prophet came with holy books and with holy commands, *man-thuma*, a law including other laws, as prophets came from the Lord. And the last, the Seal of the Prophets, peace be upon him, also came with so many holy commands, bringing them to people in

his time and up to the Last Day, so that if this world were to continue, his Message would cover every nation even up to eternity. *And the summary or soul of all the holy commands that the Seal of the Prophets brought to the Children of Adam is for what? To teach people how they can be humble servants.*

In the Holy Qur'ān and in the Holy Sharī'ah, orders have been given for keeping – five hundred kinds of commands and good deeds that you may do as a respect to your Lord and as a charity to His servants, because all commands consist either of respect to Allāh Almighty or of charities to His servants, which are at the same time most high respects to your Lord. Therefore Islam is perfect because it brought people most high respects to give to their Lord and at the same time it brought the Children of Adam every kind of charity, good actions, and at the same time as you are doing or giving your charities, you are giving your most high respects to your Lord Almighty. From this direction, if you look at Islam, you will find it perfect because it covers every charitable work and includes every respect, most high respect, to your Lord. Yes, every charity that you can think of you can find in Islam, and every kind of most high respect to your Lord you can find also in Islam.

Then there are also eight hundred prohibitions, prohibited actions, so from that direction, also, Islam is perfect because you can't find any evil, any badness or anything that harms people, without its being prohibited in Islam. Any harmful thing, no matter how simple or unknown or un-thought-of, Islam brings in front of people to see that this is an evil, even such a thing that you can't imagine but which harms you, either in your faith or in your health or in your thoughts, because for prohibitions our ego always allies with Satan. And ego, *nafs*, al-

ways finds a taste in bad things. Therefore it generally conceals them and tries to show you that they are excellent. “What is wrong if you go to the pub? What is wrong with drinking wine and whiskey and spirits? Why are they prohibited when they give you so much enjoyment?”

That is nafs’ defense, wanting to make things seem good to present to you. And the Prophet, peace be upon him, said that when the Last Days approach, people will drink wine but will give it different names. They do not say “wine,” they say “whiskey,” “champagne”; they say, “This is vodka, this is brandy,” doing so much advertising, making so many beautiful-looking bottles, saying, “This is Johnny Walker. You must be like this when you drink,” doing so many things to cheat, to deceive people. Therefore your ego always comes with Satan and conceals prohibited things, saying, “This may be good. Particularly in our community, in our time, you must use it. You must also put a bar in your house. It must be there, and every kind of bottle.” I see some houses which are like a hotel; yes, up to here with bottles of wine and whiskey. One thousand Satans are in them, sitting – sitting quietly but when drinking, they appear, all of them.

Thus eight hundred things which are harmful physically or spiritually have all been prevented in Islam, so that no one object concerning any of them that it gave benefit and was useful to people but Islam prevented that.

Therefore Islam is perfect through its commands and it is perfect through keeping people from harmful things.

And when Allāh Almighty orders certain things, by each one He gives an honour. We said that there are five hundred respects, most high respects, to Allāh Almighty and also charities. Each one that you do, that you keep, gives you more honour. That is

*karāmab*, honour, and the prohibited things are for *bimāyah*, safety – for the safety of mankind physically and spiritually. That is perfection. For this reason Allāh Almighty said, “O My Prophet, beloved Muḥammad, I have just completed your faith, your religion, your Islam, and I am pleased with whomever comes to Me with Islam.”

It is complete now. No one can imagine a religion more perfect than Islam. Not to mention the twentieth century, if there came one-hundred-and-twenty centuries, Islam is perfect since Allāh Almighty created man as man, not creating men as monkeys or apes; no. He created man as man from the beginning. Apes were created as apes, monkeys were created as monkeys, but man was created as man, and He gave him his form. Even if one hundred centuries more may pass, no one can think of a more perfect form either for men or for women.

Therefore, when Allāh Almighty says that it is now complete, perfect, it is perfect. What is after the full moon? Islam has become the full moon; if you ask for something else after the full moon, you are going to find it waning. Therefore people now are running; they are not looking at the full moon of Islam and they are running to find something, particularly religions.

Christianity or Judaism are trying to make themselves like the full moon, but it is impossible because they were before Islam and Islam came as full moon. If anyone wants something after the full moon, he will find only deficiency; impossible. For this reason, Allāh Almighty says, “Who is the one who can bring something more perfect than what I brought to you, o Muḥammad? Tell them that anyone who can do that may do it, may try. But no one can.” And we are saying, as our Lord commands, “*Fa-baddith*,”\* issuing a challenge.

\* “Then proclaim.” [93:11]

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## From Holy Qur'ān and Hadīth

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**R**asul Allāh *ṣalla llābu 'alayhi wa sallam* said: “Allāh will say to the inhabitants of Paradise: ‘O inhabitants of Paradise! ... Are you contented?’ And they will say: ‘And how should we not be contented, O Lord, when You have given to us that which You have given to no one else of Your creation?’” [Bukhārī]

**O**ut of all His creations, Allāh *subhāna wa ta'ālā* chose you to give eternal life to. He made Jannat for you. Allāh wishes to be with you for eternity. For this He bestows eternal life to you. After you reach Jannat you become immortal. The ultimate pleasure in Jannat is that you will be allowed to look at Allāh's face. All that exists is perishable except Allāh's face. [Al-Qur'ān 28:88] Allāh *subhāna wa ta'ālā* tells us that He was a hidden treasure. He created us so that we could have this treasure. Those who realize this are intense in their love of their Lord. [Al-Qur'ān 2:165]

**A**llāh's justice demanded that He asks us to do something, no matter how insignificant, in exchange for which we are loved more than all creation and granted immortality. So He gave us free will – the choice to recognize Him or deny Him. But He loaded the scales heavily in favour of our being able to recognize Him. He created all our souls at the time that He created Adam *'alayhi s-salām* and we all testified to Allāh being our Creator and Cherisher at that time. Our testimony is embedded in our subconscious mind, because of which we know instinctively that

He is to be worshipped and that the beauty of the universe is His doing.

**M**ay we Love Allāh *subhāna wa ta'ālā* as He should be loved, and may we worship Him as He should be worshipped. A du'ā' made by a bedouin that particularly impressed Rasūl Allāh *ṣalla llābu 'alayhi wa sallam* was: “Oh Allāh; Make my best day – the Day that I meet You.”

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