

What Islam Can Offer the Muslim Youth

▪ Introductory Du'a

Allah SWT says in the Quran Al Kareem after BismAllah Al Rahman Al Raheem:

مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ رِجَالٌ صَدَقُوا مَا عَاهَدُوا اللَّهَ عَلَيْهِ فَمِنْهُمْ مَّن قَضَىٰ نَحْبَهُ
وَمِنْهُمْ مَّن يَنْتَظِرُ وَمَا بَدَّلُوا تَبْدِيلًا ﴿٢٣﴾

Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allâh [i.e. they have gone out for Jihâd (holy fighting), and showed not their backs to the disbelievers], of them some have fulfilled their obligations (i.e. have been martyred), and some of them are still waiting, but they have never changed [i.e. they never proved treacherous to their covenant which they concluded with Allâh] in the least.
[TMQ 33: 23]

Indeed the ummah of Muhammad SAW she has no shortage of Men, her history is rich with personalities who their display of courage and valour, the nobility of their character, the strength of their iman and their achievements for the sake of Islam have given many a knew father a dilemma, when naming his new born son.

Shall I call him Musab after he who opened the dawah in Madinah and sacrificed his life wealth and position for the deen?

Shall I call him Khalid after the sword of Allah Khalid bin Walid who at his blade many an enemy of Islam has perished and many an army have been conquered?

Shall I call him Usamah or Tariq after the young Generals of Islam who raised the Rayah of Allah above land and sea and spread His Deen by word and sword?

Or Shall I call him Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman or Ali after the khulafah a rashideen whose immense contribution to this deen we know only to well men who were some of the dearest of all men to Al Mustafa SAW. Men, who have remained true to their covenant with Allah and spent every ounce of their energy, sweat and blood for Allah and His Messenger SAW.

What a menu of Characters my dear brothers, what a well of piety to chose from and this is just a small selection of names a handful of names from an ummah whose men used to glitter like the stars in the sky, whose men were a worthy role model for he sought guidance.

Subhan Allah!

How great is this deen, how great is this deen that can transform the personality in such a magnificent way. How great is this deen that can make the Tyrant of Jahiliyah Umar ibn AlKhattab a Pillar of Justice and the friend of the weak and the oppressed.

Al Hamdu Li Allah indeed Al Hamdu Lil Allah Ala Nimat Al Islam wal iman wa kafa biha nima
Indeed Al Hamdu lil Allah for the blessing of Islam and Iman and what a sufficient blessing.

And the way that this naming is meant to work my brothers and every parent will tell you this is that when you give your son such a beautiful name you seek a desired affect, that your son will tread the path of the great man after whom you've named. That he will, by the Mercy of Allah, posses some of these qualities found in the person of Muhammad SAW and his companions.

But we find that more often then not specifically when we look of the Muslim youth of today or when we look at our communities today there are huge disparities between the name and the lifestyles there are huge contradictions between the name and the ambition, between the faith of this individual and his actions.

We find that some of our youth and Hamdu lil Allah not all of them for more and more a returning to their deen due the fruits of revival and the dawah taking root, we find that some of our youth the believers who have been entrusted with the duty of carrying the Haq, the believers who have inherited the struggle of the Prophets today are carriers of Batil and have inherited the dawah of shaytan. We find that instead of guiding mankind to the light of Islam they are been guided to the darkness of jahiliyah. Instead of following the guidance of Islam they are driven by their whims and desires no different from how the kuffar undertake their actions.

Now for the kafir it is understandable as to why he would behave in such a manner. He looked at life and said it in all arrogance it does not matter if there is a God, the fact that He is my creator is irrelevant, inconsequential as to how I would live my life. What happens to me after I die is not important, who cares. What matters is this short miserable life and that I have as much fun as possible whatever my whims and desires regard as fun. This is the life of the Kafir, therefore of course drink, of course fornicate, steal, rape, mug and overdose on heroin cause all you have is this short miserable life therefore you might as well enjoy it and make the most of it

But what is inconceivable that he who believes that he was created by Allah and that his purpose in life is to worship Allah and that when he dies he will be accounted by Allah on how he spent every second of his life, what is unacceptable is when such a person behaves like the Kafir. You name it. Drugs, gang violence, theft, the common practices that come with adolescence in this kafir society that should be absolutely alien to a Muslim because he/she understands as a Muslim that Jannah is a fact and that Jahnam is a fact and that our accountability is an inevitable reality, we find that these have become norms in our Muslim communities.

And it gets worth because this filthy disease that comes with integrating in such a kafir society does not discriminate between genders and will touch our honour, our daughters and our sisters.

Ya Ibad Allah are the seeing and the blind alike?

Is the Roar of the Lion equal to the Bark of the Dog?

Is he who believes equal to he who rejects?

[TMQ 20: 123-126]

﴿١٢٣﴾ فَمَنْ أَتَّبَعَ هُدَايَ فَلَا يَضِلُّ وَلَا يَشْقَىٰ

(Allâh) said: " then whoever follows My Guidance shall neither go astray, nor fall into distress and misery

وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا وَنَحْشُرُهُ
يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَعْمَىٰ ﴿١٢٤﴾

"But whosoever turns away from My Reminder (i.e. neither believes in this Qur'ân nor acts on its orders, etc.) verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection."

قَالَ رَبِّ لِمَ حَشَرْتَنِي أَعْمَىٰ وَقَدْ كُنْتُ بَصِيرًا
﴿١٢٥﴾

He will say: "O my Lord! Why have you raised me up blind, while I had sight (before)."

قَالَ كَذَلِكَ أَتَتْكَ آيَاتُنَا فَنَسِيْتَهَا ۖ وَكَذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ تُنْسَىٰ
﴿١٢٦﴾

(Allâh) will say: "Like this, Our Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) came unto you, but you disregarded them (i.e. you left them, did not think deeply in them, and you turned away from them), and so this Day, you will be neglected (in the Hell-fire, away from Allâh's Mercy)."

What is the reality of the life of this world brothers that would push us to throw away the gift of Islam and the eternal bliss of Jannah. What miracle have the kuffar packaged, what product are they selling that has tempted us from our Lord and made us face Jahnam?

Is it the Money?

Their Women?

Their magnificent homes?

Mention Ali Incident of the Grave

The best provision is taqwa. The only currency that has any value on the day of resurrection is Taqwa. We can't come flashing our sterling pounds and our dollar bills they hold no credit.

You can't enter Jannah and be saved from Jahanam by showing your bank statement.

You can't enter Jannah and be saved from the torment of the blazing fire by flashing your car keys or naming your girlfriend. You can't be saved from Malik the keeper of Hell by giving your address of residence.

196.	<p style="text-align: center;">﴿١٩٦﴾ لَا يَغُرَّتْكَ تَقَلُّبُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فِي الْبِلَادِ</p> <p>Let not the free disposal (and affluence) of the disbelievers throughout the land deceive you.</p>
197.	<p style="text-align: center;">﴿١٩٧﴾ مَتَاعٌ قَلِيلٌ ثُمَّ مَا أُوتُوهُمْ جَهَنَّمَ وَيَسُ الْمِهَادُ</p> <p>A brief enjoyment; then, their ultimate abode is Hell; and worst indeed is that place for rest.</p>

[TMQ 3: 196-197]

Wa Ghala Tala:

مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ حَرْثَ الْآخِرَةِ نَزِدْ لَهُ فِي حَرْثِهِ ^ط وَمَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ حَرْثَ
الدُّنْيَا نُؤْتِهِ مِنْهَا وَمَا لَهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنْ نَصِيبٍ ﴿٢٠﴾

Whosoever desires (with his deeds) the reward of the Hereafter, We give him increase in his reward, and whosoever desires the reward of this world (with his deeds), We give him thereof (what is written for him), and he has no portion in the Hereafter.

[TMQ 42: 20]

Wa Ghala Tala:

11.	<p style="text-align: center;">يُبْصِرُونَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْمُجْرِمِ لَوْ يَفْتَدِي مِنْ عَذَابِ يَوْمِئِذٍ بِبَنِيهِ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">﴿١١﴾</p> <p>Though they shall be made to see one another [(i.e. on the Day of Resurrection), there will be none but see his father, children and relatives, but he will neither speak to them nor will ask them for any help], - the <i>Mujrim</i>, (criminal, sinner, disbeliever, etc.) would desire to ransom himself from the punishment of that Day by his children.</p>
12.	<p style="text-align: center;">وَصَحْبَتَهُ وَأَخِيهِ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">﴿١٢﴾</p> <p>And his wife and his brother,</p>
13.	<p style="text-align: center;">وَفَصِيلَتِهِ الَّتِي تُؤْوِيهِ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">﴿١٣﴾</p> <p>And his kindred who sheltered him,</p>
14.	<p style="text-align: center;">وَمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا ثُمَّ يُنْجِيهِ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">﴿١٤﴾</p> <p>And all that are in the earth, so that it might save him[□]</p>

My dear brothers this world is nothing and death shall overcome us all. The angel of death passes each one of us 72 times a day asking Allah SWT for permission to take our soul, are we ready brothers, what act will we be undertaking at such a time a friend of mine by the name of Mustapha whose parents named him after Rasool Allah with high expectations, when his time came brothers he had a needle of heroin in his veins, he overdosed.

Brothers what actions will we be undertaking at such a crucial time will we be men who have remained true to their covenant with Allah or will we be in an evil state. Will we die while distributing a leaflet, or fighting Jihad, or giving a talk in mosque on Islam, or accounting the rulers, or working for khilafah will we die an honourable death, or will we die the death of a coward the death of a fasig on our way to a gathering of Kuffur, on our way to the night club or the pub, in a car accident after having a little too much to drink, overdosing on drugs, in the company of women that we have corrupted and who corrupt us, some of them could even be Muslims. What will be our end???

What path have we chosen???

Is it not bad enough that some of us live another mans life, cause wa Allahi the life of sex drugs and rock n roll or in the case of Asian communities sex drugs and hip hop is not the life of the Muslim, Is it not bad enough that we live another mans life but we also dream another mans dream.

Have we forgotten who we are and what we stand for?

Have we traded the roar of lion for the bark of the dog, the obedient dog that fetches slippers and newspapers for his master?

Today the ummah of Islam she cries for her men to tread the path of their predecessors. She cries for every able bodied Muslim to work for reviving her. Take a good look around from Palestine to Kashmir, from Iraq to Chechnya and now Afghanistan, I challenge anyone to point to the Muslim ummah and show me prosperity or show me security. Instead we will find orphans and widows and gruesome stories of rape. Instead we will find that which Allah values more than the Kaba and its surroundings the blood of the Muslim to be the cheapest commodity on the face of this earth.

What would be our response to this brothers?

The roar of the lion or the bark of the dog?

I am young is not an excuse the concept of age holds no value when it comes to reward or punishment. You are either a child who is yet to attain puberty or you are a man who has reached puberty

Where are the Alis of this ummah, Ali ibn Abutalib the first youth to accept Islam Ali who when Rasool Allah SAW

When the Holy Prophet started to preach openly, he invited all of his family members to a feast and announced his mission before them. Nobody listened to him, but young Ali stood up and said. **"Though my eyes are sore, my legs are thin and I am the youngest of all those present here yet I will stand by you, O Messenger of Allah."**

In front of the leaders of his tribe, its elders, its nobles a ten year old will make such a bold statement. And indeed he was true to his words and supported the Holy Prophet in his mission from the beginning till the end. He carried the dawah of Islam, and fought Jihad with Rasool Allah, and earned the title of Asad Allah the lion of Allah. Ali the youth who used to say to the people **"there are three things that I love passionately the fast in the summer, to strike with my sword, to be hospitable to the guest"** What three things do we love passionately brothers?

Ali whom Rasool Allah said of him that he loves Allah and His Messenger much and they love him. Ali who became the fourth Khalif of the Muslims, and ruled the ummah with justice and mercy. Where are the Alis of this ummah let them roar like lions and be an asset to their deen but not a hindrance?

Where are the Musabs?

Musab ibn Umair the young man of Quraish envied by many for his wealth and nobility, the best dressed amongst them who abandoned all the luxuries of the world for Allah and his messenger. Musab who was imprisoned by his own mother because of his rejection of her kuffur. Musab who became the first envoy of Rasool Allah and was instrumental in preparing Madinah for the Rule of Islam and the establishment of the Islamic state. Who one day when he was walking the streets of Madinah and was spotted by the prophet and the sahaba they lowered their gaze and began to weep for him for they saw that he who was the best dressed amongst them in Makkah has become the poorest in his display of dress. And this man brothers it was not enough that he sacrificed all his wealth and position for the Deen it was not enough that he

worked to establish the first Islamic state as part of the Prophets group and was his first envoy, but brothers he sealed his noble life with a final chapter filled with courage and valour and died as a shaheed in the battle of Uhud defending the state that he built with Allah's messenger.

Where are the Musabs of this ummah let them roar like lions?

Brothers have you heard of Al Ahnaf ibn Quays he was no companion of Rasool Allah, but he was a companion of Umar ibn al Khattab. The youth who when his tribe accepted Islam and sent a delegation to the Khalifah of the Muslims Umar he was a part of it. And as with the custom at the time they used to request money and financial aid and assistance in their personal as well as their tribal matters. And when it was the turn of this young boy and he was asked what he wanted for himself he said nothing. But I have only come to tell you of the condition of your army that is doing ribat in such and such a place. I have been watching them for some time **CONTINUE the story.**

Brothers who here when he gets angry 100,000 swords get angry with him, which bad boy commands the respect of the masses to such an extent because he has adopted their interest and cares for their affairs that his word moves hundreds of thousands of people.

And speaking about bad boys ie those who we consider to be cool and tough.

Let me show you what a real man is, some of us we think that we have had a few fights that we have beaten a few people up you know we command respect. We can hold our ground we are tough.

The question is and it is a justifiable question to pose to 17 year olds have you conquered a land, have you opened up a country for Islam? Have you commanded an Army, or do you have a mountain named after you. You want to speak 'bad boys' i.e. people worthy of respect

Then speak of Tariq bin Ziyad. 17 years old and a general who commanded 7,000 troops. Who crossed from Africa into Spain with his troops on the boats and to send a powerful message to his enemies he instructed that his boats be burnt.

When this was done, he turned to his soldiers and said:

"Brothers in Islam! We now have the enemy in front of us and the deep sea behind us. We cannot return to our homes, because we have burnt our boats. We shall now either defeat the enemy and win or die a coward's death by drowning in the sea. Who will follow me?"

The soldiers gave a mighty cry of "**Allahu Akbar**" and rushed towards their enemy crushing all in their path.

The Spaniards turned and ran bewildered and defeated leaving the battlefield to the Muslims.

Any 17 year olds in audience brothers? Do you know what the name Gibraltar stands for?

Jabal Tariq, after its conqueror.

Brothers these are your role models this is the path of the Muslim a path of glory and achievement a path of courage and valour of honour and dignity. We are not of their world we don't believe in what the kafir believe so how can we live like how they live?

These personalities I mentioned they were men, not angels, they were disciples and not prophets they were Muslim and such is the path of the Muslim.

Usama bin Zayd 18 years old conqueror of Syria
Mohammed bin Qassim 17 years old conqueror of India
Mohammed al Fatih 21 years old conqueror of Constantinople.

These were the youth of the Muslims, what has made them what they are is not beyond us, what has shaped them and moulded their personalities is accessible. What has changed brothers has Allah's word changed, La walahi, has the example of his messenger changed la Walahi, here is our training manual intact an eternal miracle, an accessible manual to life, there is no izza without Islam, there is no glory without Islam.

Therefore what has changed?

Let us forget this defeatist image of Islam as a Religion that has come to be dominated by Kuffar. This solution free Islam that deals only with matters of worship and not even on a societal level this weak Islam that Muhammad SAW and his companions no nothing off, let us not be that type of Muslim. But instead look at the true Deen of Islam, the Islam that has created Muslims who have come to rule and not to be ruled, who have come to lead and not be lead, who have come to correct and not to deviate.

Let us tread the path of the Prophet and inherit his SAWs struggle. Let us work with the ummah to revive her and lead her towards the noble goal of the Khilafah so her affairs can once again be governed by the Quran and the Sunnah and so that our youth can once again command armies, educate and enlighten and go claim their place amidst the hall of fame.

There are still mountains waiting to be renamed Jabal Imran Jabal erfan and Jabal Farhan

There are still lands waiting for the true Mercy of Islam.

Rasool Allah SAW said:

"Take benefit of five before five: your youth before Your old age, your health before your sickness, your Wealth before your poverty, your free-time before your Preoccupation, and your life before your death."

Narrated by Umar (ra), Bukhari vol. 3, no. 629: **"If you survive until the evening, do not expect to be alive in the morning, and if you survive until the morning do not expect to be alive in the evening, and during health**

prepare for illness and while you are alive prepare for your death"

Allah's Messenger (SAW) said: **"He whom death overtakes while he is engaged**

in acquiring knowledge with a view to reviving Islam with the help of it, there will be one degree between him and the Prophets in Paradise."

[Al-Tirmidhi Hadith 249. Narrated by Al-Hasan al-Basri. Transmitted by Darimi].

For the Prophet (saw) once asked his companions,

"Who do you think has the most incredible (extra-ordinary and envied) Iman?"

The companions replied, "The Angels?" The Prophet (saw) replied, "And why should it be the Angels when they are in the company of Allah Himself?" The companions then said, "Then the prophets (as)?" The Prophet replied, "And why should it be the prophets (as) when they have been sent the Message (communication) from Allah Himself?" The companions then said, "Then us?" The Prophet (saw) replied, "And why should it be you when you are the companions of the Messenger of Allah himself?" The companions then said, "Then who?" The Prophet replied, "There will come a people (not from you and after you), and they will not have any of these things, but they will take their Iman only from books." (Tabarani)

Ya Ibad Allah there are three types of people in this world, Those who make things happen, those who watch while things happen and those who wonder what happened, the last two categories have nothing to do with Islam.

The work to establish the deen of Allah is the most noble of work, it is a duty upon our necks, it requires patience and commitment, it requires sincerity and a strong belief, and requires it requires an ummah that is deserving worthy of Allah's victory. Lets make things happen.

"Verily Allah has gathered the earth for me, so I saw its east and west and verily the authority of my Ummah will reach the parts of the earth which have been shown to me"

Let us take our place ya shabab in the pages of history which its lines gleam with honour and not the ones that weep in shame.

MAKE YOUR MARK, TAKE YOUR PLACE AMONGST THE NOBLES OF THIS UMMAH

Alahuma arfah rayat al jihad wa al deen, wa aiza biha al Islam wal muslimeen wa azila bi al kafarh wal mushrikeen ya Rab al alameen.

Ya Wadoodun ya Wadood, Ya Wadoodun ya Wadood, Ya Wadoodun ya Wadood. Ya zal Arsh Al Majeed, ya falun lima tureed, nasalak Allahuma nasrun min indaka Ghareeb nasalak Allahuma nasrun min idaka Ghareeb

Wa aghoulo ghawli haza wa istaghfar Allah lee wa lakum.