

Corona Virus Pandemic: Answer to Concerns

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My brothers and sisters,

Assalamualaikumwarahmatullah. All the best wishes, peace and tranquility and blessings from Allah be unto you. Today, the 4th April, 2020, the mankind is experiencing a vicious circle due to worldwide spread of Novel Corona, Covid-19 infection. Thousands are dying and more thousands are being infected. Till today, total death approaching 60, 000 and more than a million have been infected. Nobody is excluded from the risks of this disease. As NY Governor's words 'It does not matter whether you are smart or not, young or old and how powerful you are' all are exposed to this disease. To combat this situation, worldwide lockdown has led almost all the cities of the world to a standstill. Playgrounds, parks, sea beaches, cinemas, schools, colleges, institutions, universities, commerce and business centers, and even prayer places are closed. The large cities look like seized ones. City dwellers and rural people are asked to stay inside in respective houses and not to go outside except in emergency. This combat has brought multifarious affects to modern day life all over the world and turned in to a tense situation untenable by the wisest operative plan. If we try to find out the root cause of this disease and spread, we would be able to postulate theories, eg. food culture and related business, maintenance of physical distancing, practice of personal hygiene such as hand washing and sneezing & coughing etiquette, free migration of people from affected area, resurgence of non pathogenic nosocomial of certain animals at optimum temperature and genetic mutation of virus. Some of the causes are responsible for initial causation and spread. Some are responsible for subsequent spread due to distance migration of infected persons to other parts of the country and rest of the world. All these factors and later on would be discovered findings will definitely be attributed to human activities. Whatever are these theories and findings they are due to various human cultures practiced by modern civilization knowingly or unknowingly. Many of those activities are clear violations and causing disruption to the whole ecosystem of the world which has been denounced by The Almighty in The Al Qur'an Surah-AR RAHMAN verse 9, which refers to maintenance of Ecosystem of the world with utmost justified social activities. Allah said, "The Sun and the Moon maintain counting (days and years). And the Stars and the Plants bow down (as sign of allegiance and obey rules set down by Allah). And the sky: He has extended it, and He has set up the Balance. So that it is not disturbed. "And 'O' Mankind (and Jiin) establish social justice, and do not destroy (ecological) balance (Surah-Al Ar-Rahman, Verse-5 to 9) ". Man has been sent to this world with the responsibilities of KHALIFA i.e., Viceroy (ref-Al Quran, Verse-30, Surah Al-Baqarah) and Allah proclaimed (in Verse-21)," 'O' Mankind, Worship and Obey your Rob (creator, patron, sovereign authority) who created you and your forefathers so that you can become Muttaqun (always vigilant and fearful)". But human nature is such they hardly follow this instruction. In Surah Ya Sin (Verse-45), Allah said, "And

when it is said to them, 'Fear about which is before you (worldly torments) and that which is behind you (torments in the Hereafter) in order that you may receive Mercy. And never came an Ayat (sign) from among the Ayats (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations etc) of their Lord to them but they did not turn away from it (Verse-46)".

In the Holy Quran, Surah Al-A-raf, Verse-51, Allah said, "Who took their religion as amusement and play, and their life of this world deceive them. So, on this Day (i. e, The Day of Judgment), we shall forget them as they forgot their meeting of this Day, and as they reject Our Ayat's (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations). Certainly, We have brought them a Book (the Quran) in which We have explained in detail with knowledge,-a Guidance and a Mercy to people (communities) who believe (verse-52)". In verse-56, Allah said, "And do not mischief on the Earth after it has been set in order, and invoke (pray to) Him with fear and hope. Surely Allah's Mercy is (ever) near to the good-doers ". In spite of this, Man continues to do bad things. Allah said in Al Quran (Verse-41, Surah-Ar-Rum),"Mischief has appeared on land and sea because of what the hands of men have earned (by oppression and evil deeds), that He (Allah) may make them taste a part of that which they have done, in order that they may return (by repenting to Allah, and begging His pardon)". In subsequent Ayat of Surah-Al-A raf (verses no.94-99) Allah said, "We sent no prophet to any city (in which) they (inhabitants) did not deny, but (then) We seized its people with sufferings from extreme poverty or loss in wealth and loss of health and or calamities, so that they humiliate themselves (repent to Allah for their mischief). If the people of the towns had believed and had the 'Taqwa' (become ashamed and fearful), certainly, we should have opened for them blessings from the Heaven and the Earth, but they denied. So, we took them (with punishment) for what they used to earn (verse-96). "Did the people of the towns then feel secure against the coming of our punishment by night while they were asleep (verse-97) ? Or did the people of the towns then feel secure against the coming of our punishment in the forenoon while they were playing (verse-98) ?" "And did they then feel secure against the Plan of Allah? None feels secure from the Plan of Allah except the people who are the (actual) losers (verse-99)". Allah says (Al Quran, Surah Al-An am, verse-65) "Say: " He has power to send torment on you from above you or from under your feet, or to cover you with confusion in party strife, and make you to taste violence of one another." See how variously We (Allah) explain the Ayat (proofs, evidences, lessons, signs, revelations, etc), so that they may understand."

In our Modern Civilization man maintains a lifestyle which has been inculcated through the teachings of their society, where there is hardly any room for thinking about teaching & guidance of Allah (The Creator). They have forgotten that the phenomenon and the facts which caused modern discoveries and inventions are actually provided by Allah

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(whom they consider as Supernatural Power sometimes). These phenomena were discovered and invented by wisdom and intelligence associated with hard-work and devotions granted by Allah. Allah said (in verse-100, Surah-Al-A-raf),

“Is it not clear to those who inherit the earth in succession from its (previous) possessors, that had we willed, We would have punished them for their sins. And we seal up their hearts so that they hear not (make in different)?” In Surah At-Toubah (Verse-126) Allah said, “See they not that they are put in trial once or twice every year (with different kinds of calamities, diseases, flood or famine, etc) ? Yet, they turn not in repentance, nor do they learn a lesson (from it)”. In Surah Yunus (Jonah), (verse-21), Allah said, “And when We let mankind taste mercy after some adversity has afflicted them, behold! They take to plotting against Our Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc)! Say: “Allah is Swifter in planning! Certainly, Our Messengers (angels) record all of that which you plot. He, it is Who enables you to travel through land and sea, till when you are in the ships, and they sail with a favorable wind, and they are glad therein, then comes a stormy wind and the waves come to them from all sides, and they think that they are being overwhelmed therein. Then they invoke Allah, making their Faith pure for Him Alone, (saying): “If You (Allah) deliver us from this, we shall truly be of grateful (Surah Yunus, verse-22). “But when He (Allah) delivers them, behold! They rebel (disobey Allah) in the earth wrongfully. “O” mankind! Your rebellion (disobedience to Allah) is only against your own selves,--a brief enjoyment of this worldly life, then (in the end) to Us is your return, and We shall inform you of that which you used to do [verse-23, Surah Yunus (Jonah)]”. In fact, Allah wants everyone obeys Him so that enjoys peace and happiness in this world and world hereafter. In Surah Yunus (Jonah) (verse-25), “Allah calls to the Home of Peace in this world and world hereafter (i.e., Paradise, by accepting Allah’s cause and) guides whom He wills to a Straight Path “.

After every test (i.e. signs, calamity, ill health, famine, epidemic, loss of life and property) mankind should repent and undertake true path. In Surah Yunus (verse-98) it is said, “Was there any community that believed (after seeing the punishment) and its Faith (at that moment) saved it (from the punishment)? (The answer is none)-Except the people of Yunus (Jonah); when they believed, we removed from them the torment of disgrace in the life of the (present) world, and permitted them to enjoy for a while”.

In the present context when the mankind and their leaders all over the world including scientists, specialist doctor, the WHO, economist and philosophers are at unimaginable concern; many people losing jobs and future employment is uncertain, migrants are suffering for lack of food and essentials, close associates of the infected and deceased are seeing them almost abandoned by the society in many cases; the question is ‘What is left for us?’ As per version of one of the leaders of the worst affected countries of the world: “We have only one place left to look at and that is the sky” (i.e., seek forgiving and assistance from the ‘Only’ authority of the world; of course, The Omnipotent Allah (The Almighty). The Most Forgiving and the Most Merciful Allah waiting for this. Allah declares in The Holy Quran (Surah Hameem As

Sijdah, verse-30 to 33) “Verily those who say; Our lord is Allah (Alone), and then they stand firm, on them the angels will descend (saying): “Fear not, nor grieve! And receive the glad tidings of Paradise which you have been promised (verse-30)! We are your “AWLIA” (friends, assistants, helpers and safeguards etc) in this world and the hereafter. And Therein (in paradise) you shall have (all) that your inner-selves desire, and therein you shall have (all) for which you ask (verse-31). “(This is a declaration of hospitality and) an entertainment from (Allah), the Oft-Forgiving, the Most Merciful (verse-32). (Allah declares) And who is better in speech than he who [says:” My Lord is Allah (and believes in His Oneness),” and then stands firm (acts upon His Order), and] invites (men) toward Allah’s (Guidance & Path), works righteousness, and says: “I am of those who bow in Islam (verse-33).”

Brothers and Sisters, frequently we experience different natural calamities like, earth-quake, volcanic eruption, heat waves, bush fire, landslides, severe snowfall, drought, flood and cyclones, etc in different parts of the world. These calamities cause immense sufferings to human lives associated with loss of lives and damage to properties. In such conditions and in the present context of CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC we must think about our actions and fate of TODAY AND DAYS HEREAFTER. We must take decision about remembering our LORD (ALLAH). We shall of course abide by the suggestions of our experts, but for smooth accomplishment we need Almighty Allah’s support and blessings. Now, it is time for all of us to SUBMIT ourselves to our Lord ALLAH, the Almighty for His FORGIVINGS and MERCY. We should CRY&CRY&CRY and say, “ROBBUN ALLAHU” “ROBBUN ALLAHU” (My Lord is Allah, My Lord is Allah) and remain firm and add, LAA ILAHA ILLALLAHU MUHAMMADUR ROSULULLAH (peace be upon him) and also say,” My Lord Allah is sufficient for me. La ilahaila Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He). InHim I put my trust and He is the Lord of the Mighty Throne “(Surah AT-Taubah, Verse-129). Allah says (Surah ‘Az-Zumar, Verse-53&54) Say,” O ‘Ibadi (My slaves) who have transgressed against themselves (by committing evil deeds and sins knowingly or unknowingly): Do not Despair of the Mercy of Allah. Verily, Allah forgives all sins. Truly He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful. And turn in repentance and in obedience with Faith (Islamic Monotheism) to your Lord and submit to Him (Allah) before the torment comes upon you, (and) then you will not be helped (Surah Az-Zumar, Verse-53 to 54).” So, This is our LAST RESORT, we must accept it for THE VERY NECESSITY OF MANKIND, and save humanity from perishing.

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It is requested to all who receive this to circulate to their friends of all races and religions all over the world. May Allah bless all of us! ‘O’ Allah save us and forgive!

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