

# Ramadan 2014, The 2nd Day



You who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you - so that hopefully, you will fear [and respect] Allah. (Surat al-Baqara, 183)

“Islam is based on five things: the testimony that there is no deity but Allah and that Muhammad (saas) is His servant and messenger, the observance of the prayer, the payment of Zakat, the pilgrimage, and the fast during Ramadan.” (Bukhari, Muslim)



Praising Allah and giving thanks to Allah is done very rarely among people. Giving thanks to Allah.. Recently, I was talking to an acquaintance of ours. He was constantly talking about some blessings he had been given, I said; "Alhamdulillah," [Praise be to Allah] and he did not say "Alhamdulillah". I kept talking and he still did not say "Alhamdulillah".

have said; "My friend, my beloved brother, giving thanks to Allah is very important. Note that all those you have just talked about are blessings, so give your thanks to Allah in everything. "

Allah mentions giving thanks to Allah in the Qur'an. Look, He says; [I seek refuge with Allah from the satan] "If you are grateful, I will certainly give you increase." If you give your thanks, that is. The man does not get it. In fact it actually increases. I mean there would be prosperity and abundance in the whole Turkey. There would be prosperity and abundance in his life as well. It does not increase for him as he does not give thanks to Allah. They expect things to happen within an hour or so. In fact it happens sometimes only after a month, sometimes after a year.. but it certainly increases. Giving thanks to Allah is very much important. Alhamdulillah. ([A9 TV, June 24, 2011](#))



Let Us Give Thanks For And Not Squander The Blessings Bestowed On Us By Our Lord In The Holy Month Of Ramadan

Almighty Allah has permitted us to spend yet another month of Ramadan with our Muslim brothers and sisters, and has brought us to the time of this most excellent observance in a state of health and security.

As revealed in the Qur'an in the verse "Beforehand we certainly used to call on Him because He is the All-Good, the Most Merciful" (Surat at-Tur, 28), Allah is He Who bestows countless blessings and beauties through the course of an individual's life. Everything that exists comes from Him. All beauty and blessings are manifestations of our Lord's omniscience. This is revealed in the Qur'an:

He has given you everything you have asked Him for. If you tried to number Allah's blessings, you could never count them. Man is indeed wrongdoing, ungrateful. (Surah Ibrahim, 34)

Every moment of our lives, we encounter innumerable instances of Almighty Allah's blessings. In return for these blessings, Allah wishes us to give thanks to Him.

By His mercy, Allah does not hold human beings responsible for their errors or what they forget. He imparts no responsibility in situations beyond their power. He lifts their burden by teaching them patience, fortitude and trust in Him. The name of Allah as Al-Haleem (The All-Clement, The Lenient) is revealed in the Qur'an as follows:

Allah keeps a firm hold on the heavens and earth, preventing them from vanishing away. And if they vanished no one could then keep hold of them. Certainly He is Most Lenient, Ever-Forgiving. (Surah Fatir, 41)

There is a purpose behind the creation of every blessing. Blessings are not created in order for human beings to use them irresponsibly and heedlessly at the promptings of their earthly desires. With the blessings He bestows, Allah shows us His love and compassion. One aspect of the wisdom in the granting of blessings is that the person using that blessing turns towards Allah. People must not forget that they will be held to account for every blessing bestowed by our Lord, the Most Compassionate of the compassionate.

Allah wishes His servants to make use of the blessings He has created, but has forbidden us to waste them. He has revealed this to His servants thus in the Qur'an:

It is He Who produces gardens, both cultivated and wild, and palm-trees and crops of diverse kinds, and olives and pomegranates, both similar and dissimilar. Eat of their fruits when they bear fruit and pay their due on the day of their harvest, and do not be profligate. He does not love the profligate. (Surat al-An'am, 141)

Almighty Allah has forbidden all forms of profligacy, great or small. For that reason, thoughtlessly throwing away food or other things is incompatible with His approval. Allah produces thousands of different crops from the same soil. The earth itself is inedible, its taste and color is almost the same everywhere. But with the rain He sends down from the sky, Allah produces very different bounties with different tastes and flavors from that soil. Even green, yellow and red apples taste very different to one another.

The foods that Allah brings to our tables must not be considered solely superficially. All these bounties are miracles of Allah. If Allah were to take these blessing away, there is no other power that could bring them back. Allah reveals this in another verse:

Say: "What do you think? If, one morning, your water disappears into the earth who will bring you running water?" (Surat al-Mulk, 30)

Allah has created an abundance of blessings to meet all human beings' needs. One of the main reasons for hunger and poverty in this world is the failure to prevent waste. It is most important to seek ways of making use of all blessings without allowing corruption to creep in.

It must not be forgotten that it is satan who encourages waste. Since satan knows that Allah finds profligacy displeasing, he encourages the idea there is no harm in waste and heedlessly throwing things away. Believers must be on their guard in this area and call on each other to behave in a manner compatible with Allah's approval.



## Complexity of RNA Molecules Refutes Evolutionist Claims

Probabilistic calculations make it clear that complex molecules such as proteins and nucleic acids (RNA and DNA) could not ever have been formed by chance independently of each other. Yet evolutionists have to face the even greater problem that all these complex molecules have to coexist simultaneously in order for life to exist at all.

Evolutionary theory is utterly confounded by this requirement. This is a point on which some leading evolutionists have been forced to confess. For instance, Stanley Miller's and Francis Crick's close associate from the University of San Diego California, reputable evolutionist Dr. Leslie Orgel says:

It is extremely improbable that proteins and nucleic acids, both of which are structurally complex, arose spontaneously in the same place at the same time. Yet it also seems impossible to have one without the other. And so, at first glance, one might have to conclude that life could never, in fact, have originated by chemical means.<sup>1</sup>

The same fact is also admitted by other scientists:

John Horgan, "In the Beginning", Scientific American, vol. 264, February 1991, p. 119

DNA cannot do its work, including forming more DNA, without the help of catalytic proteins, or enzymes. In short, proteins cannot form without DNA, but neither can DNA form without proteins.<sup>2</sup>

Douglas R. Hofstadter, Gödel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid, New York, Vintage Books, 1980, p. 548

How did the Genetic Code, along with the mechanisms for its translation (ribosomes and RNA molecules), originate? For the moment, we will have to content ourselves with a sense of wonder and awe, rather than with an answer.<sup>3</sup>

1 Leslie E. Orgel, "The Origin of Life on Earth", Scientific American, vol. 271, October 1994, p. 78

2 John Horgan, "In the Beginning", Scientific American, vol. 264, February 1991, p. 119

3 Douglas R. Hofstadter, Gödel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid, New York, Vintage Books, 1980, p. 548



## The Proliferation Of Sedition (Fitnas)

The word fitna (sedition) describes events, environments, and conditions in which all people, especially believers, face intensified tests of their faith. Such tests, in which living conditions are difficult and efforts are made to weaken or destroy people's faith, are all described as fitna in Islamic sources.

The following hadith describes how believers' faith will weaken prior to the Mahdi's coming and the causes thereof:

The Mahdi, one of my children, comes into being, by the blessing of Allah, when the Day of Judgment approaches and the believers' hearts weaken because of death, hunger, the disappearance of the Sunnah, the emergence of innovations, and the loss of the means by which to enjoin the right and forbid the wrong. His justice and prosperity will ease the believers' hearts, and friendship and love will settle between the non-Arab and the Arab nations. (Al-Muttaqi al-Hindi, Al-Burhan fi`Alamat al-Mahdi Akhir al-Zaman, p. 66)

To summarize, the following events will take place before the Mahdi appears:

- 1) Death: Public security will disappear in the face of anarchy, widespread slaughter, and the ensuing tension.
- 2) Hunger: The high cost of living, as well as catastrophes and natural disasters, will cause a rise in hunger and famine.
- 3) Fitnas (Sedition): Sin will be encouraged and spread, and all kinds of immoral actions will take place before people's eyes.
- 4) Un-Islamic innovations (bid`at): Customs that have no place in true Islam and that were added on and gradually came to be accepted as a true part of it, will emerge.
- 5) Being Unable to Preach the Religion: An emptiness caused by being unable to teach how good is commanded and evil forbidden; in other words, the preaching of religion.

Sedition enables strong believers to enhance their faith and fortitude, as well as their degree in the Hereafter, whereas they lead those with weak faith to become further removed from faith, and those whose faith is artificial to lose it altogether. The Mahdi will appear at a time when such a climate of corruption is being experienced in its fullest and most violent form.

Another hadith imparts the tidings that there will be confusion, sedition, and fear in the "west":

Disorder, sedition, and fear will emerge in the west... Sedition will proliferate. (Mukhtasar Tazkirah Qurtubi)

Another hadith reveals that the Mahdi will come when sedition is everywhere:

A kind of sedition will surface from which no party will be able to protect itself, and spread immediately in every direction. This situation will persist until one comes and says: "O people, from now on your leader is the Mahdi." (Ibn Hajar al-Haytami, Al-Qawl al-Mukhtasar fi`Alamat al-Mahdi al-Muntazar, p. 23)

In other words, a sedition that opposes religion and Allah will target people's faith. Today, this sedition is materialist philosophy, the supposed scientific basis of which is Darwin's theory of evolution. Although it is completely irrational, unscientific, and devoid of any scientific or logical proof, materialist circles are seeking to impose this theory on every society through intensive propaganda, deception, and misrepresentation.

This theory enters our homes through the press and television, whether we live in the West or in the Muslim world. Forming a part of most science and other textbooks, it is imposed upon children from the early grades through constant repetition, such as its most famous claim: that people are descended from a common ancestor with apes. Young people are fed these evolutionist lies from primary school to the university.

In addition, the sedition referred to in the prophetic hadiths can only become so widespread through modern-day technological means (e.g., the press, publishing, the Internet, and satellite communications). Indeed, such widespread sedition has never been seen before today. All of these are important signs that the Mahdi's coming coincides with our own time. The hadiths also state that this sedition will end when the Mahdi comes.

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