

Hamd & Shukr

Worth recollecting & reflecting as we travel to Abu Dhabi for ASHARA MUBARAKA 1445 H.

ASHARA MUBARAKA 1430 H

New Year 2009 Message from Mombasa

Expression of Shukr

Imam Husain (SA) Shukr was exceptional. He recited this dua on the day of A'ashura.

'O LORD ! I offer you my gratitude, permeating every pulsating vein in my body, for every morsel and droplet you have provided, by the number of follicles in my body.'

Aqa Moula (TUS) interpreting the meaning of the supplication, expounded.

'Though the blood was flowing from his veins, though he had not tasted a drop of water for three days, though wounds abounded his entire body, Imam Husain (SA) expressed his gratitude to Allah.'

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2nd Muharram Vaaz Mubarak- Reflection

Salaam e Jameel

Forwarding a poem with the help of Chat GPT

A Poem -Hold True based on the five sayings of Imam Zainul Abedeen on Ikhfa as narrated in the 2nd Muharram vaaz mubarak of A'ali Qadr Muffadal Moula 1445 H

In shadows veiled, a wisdom hides,
From Imam Zainul Abedeen heart it abides, Five sayings woven, profound and deep,
On Ikhfa's path, our souls to keep.

Conceal your lack, your needs unseen, In humble guise, a wealth you glean, For in your heart, contentment thrives,
Though simple may be your outward lives.

Good deeds, a garden, bloom unseen, A secret blossom, rare and keen,
Let not the world in praise applaud,
But in silence, seek closeness with God.

Let charity be silent grace,
A treasure hidden, no eyes can trace, For in the quiet of your soul,
The seeds of goodness find their goal.

Suppress the tempest, anger's fire, With patience, let your soul aspire, Appear as calm as tranquil seas,
Though storms may rage beneath the breeze.

In Ikhfa, a lesson found,
To mask our virtues all around, With humility, we strive to be, A mirror of divine decree.

So let the world perceive us not, In hidden grace, our hearts begot, In modesty, our strength is sown,
Through secrets held, our souls have grown.

Embrace the teachings that remain,
From Imam Zainul Abedeen , wisdom's reign, And let our lives, like mysteries be, A symphony of Ikhfa's key.

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3rd Muharram Vaaz Mubarak- Reflection

Salaam e Jameel

In the 3rd Muharram Vaaz Mubarak 1445 H Aqa Moula (TUS) dwelt in detail on the ease of conducting business, we being a business community at large.

In this context he narrated the Hadees of Nabi (SA) and expounded in it.

'Truly of the most beloved of Allah's servants is the one who is easy-going, especially in matters of trade and commerce; in his selling and his buying, in giving and taking, and in settling dues and receiving payments of debts.'

The easy going samhan (سَمْحَانِ) is the beloved of Allah.

Mumineen inculcate an 'easy going nature' in your business dealings and become beloved of Allah, beloved of your customers, of all your stake holders, your family and your Aqa Moula (TUS)

Took help of Chat GPT to understand the easy-going nature. Enjoy and inculcate.

Easy Going Nature - A Poem

In a world of haste and endless rush,
There dwells a soul with a gentle touch,
An easy-going nature, a calming breeze,
A beacon of tranquility, the heart to ease.

Flexibility woven in their very core,
Embracing change, an open door,
In the face of storms, they stand tall,
Adapting gracefully, they never fall.

With stress dissolved like morning dew,
They find joy in the skies so blue,
In the simple things, they see delight,
Contentment found in every sight.

Their friendships bloom like flowers rare,
A soothing presence, beyond compare,
Through conflicts' storm, they softly tread,
Seeking unity, where peace is spread.

Innovators of the creative mind,
Open to thoughts of every kind,
Their open hearts, the world may sway,
Finding solutions, the easy way.

Amidst life's twists and turns, they find,
Patience and strength intertwined,

Resilience blooms, like flowers bright,
Bouncing back from the darkest night.

With self-reflection, they grow strong,
Knowing faults, admitting wrong,
Yet kindness flows, as rivers flow,
Toward themselves and others, they bestow.

Their health blooms like a garden fair,
For stress and worries, they rarely bear,
A balanced life, a secret key,
To well-being and harmony.

Oh, easy-going soul, rare and bright,
Your presence is a guiding light,
In your embrace, hearts find reprieve,
A world of love and peace, you weave.

Drop the garb of pride and haughtiness mumineen, and adorn the soft, rustling and fragrant attire of the easy going.

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4th Muharram Vaaz Mubarak- Reflection

Salaam e Jameel,

In the 4th Muharram vaaz Mubarak 1445 H Aqa Moula (TUS) narrated the Hadees Sharif of Nabi (SA)

أحب البقاع إلى الله المساجد

Masaajid (pl. of masjid and masjad) are the most beloved of places to Allah. Why Masajid are the beloved places ? As Sajda (prostration) is performed.

This act of humility is very uplifting, an act of total submission to ALLAH as a result of which HIS boundless blessings overflow and enrich our lives and souls.

There is a Moula in every age who inspires mumineen to embrace humility and what other better way than praying regularly namaz in Masjid.

Besides providing loftiness in different aspects of our lives Aqa Moula (TUS) said it enhances the ability to focus . My reflection on the ability to focus.

One Hudood Kiram, a bright and radiant star in the Fatemi Dawat fermament, came readily to my mind, whose single act of focus resulted in the glorious Badri Duat kirams of Hind in his progeny.

His single act, as the magrib time neared encompassed Masjid, Namaz and Sajda !! His only focus was to get water from the well to perform vudhu.

The jewels that came in his 'dol' were of no value.

Unwavering focus is a signature trait of the Hudood Kiraam QR who diligently serve the Du'at Mutlaqeen RA with humility.

Sharing a poem composed with help from Chat GPT

Oh, the grace of prostration, a touch of divine act,
Masajid in Islam, where souls and hearts rejoice
With every whispered prayer, with every humble plea,
Comes the elevation of the soul, setting the spirit free.

Amidst the grandeur of the masjids, from humble bricks they rise,
A testament of unity, where all souls harmonize,
No contribution too meager, each giver plays their part,
In the building of these houses, where souls find peace and start.

The beauty of devotion, as hands and foreheads meet,
Surrender to the Almighty, in this sacred, hallowed feat,
It's not the grandeur of the gift but the intention that's pure,
Every heart that offers sajda, finds blessings to endure.

In these sanctuaries of solace, where souls find their reprieve,

Lies the essence of humility, a lesson we receive,
For in the act of prostration, pride and ego cease to be,
And the soul's true elevation, is in humbling, setting us free.

So let us strive for humbleness, in every step we tread,
And in the masjid's embrace, find solace in soul's stead,
For in the act of sajda, lies a truth so pure and vast,
A journey of elevation, in humility that endures.

In sajda, focus deepens, like stars that brightly gleam,
A sharpened mind, a tranquil heart, life's challenges redeem,
Amidst the chaos of the world, where distractions often swarm,
Sajda centers our existence, bringing calm in every storm.

The above poem tries to include all the points enumerated by Aqa Moula (TUS) in Vaaz Mubarak.

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5th Muharram Vaaz Mubarak- Reflection

Salaam e Jameel,

In the 5th Vaaz Mubarak 1445H Aqa Moula (TUS) expounded on the following Hadith Sharif of Nabi (SA)

أَحَبُّ الْأَعْمَالِ إِلَى اللَّهِ أَدْوَمُهَا وَإِنْ قَلَّ

The deed dearest to ALLAH is that which is consistent, even if it is small.

Consistency in our efforts, even if they are small, can lead to a wide range of advantages and positive outcomes in various aspects of life.

Progression over time can be noted, leading to significant achievement.

Consistency helps in forming and reinforcing positive habits. Once something becomes a habit, it becomes easier to maintain, and you're more likely to stick with it.

Increases efficiency.

Helps in developing discipline and self-control. It helps in the ability to stay focused and committed. It motivates and keeps one inspired.

Consistency helps to develop resilience, winning appreciation, and trust of people around you, you come to be known as 'dependable'.

Improving health and well-being: Consistent efforts towards a healthy lifestyle, such as regular exercise or a balanced diet, can lead to improved physical and mental well-being over time.

Besides the above there are other positive benefits.

In summary, being consistent in your efforts, even if they start small, can have a profound impact on your personal and professional life. It's about the persistence to keep going, the dedication to see things through, and the belief that small steps can eventually lead to significant achievements.

The Seinfeld Strategy is the most practical tool for being consistent.

What is most striking in our DEEN, our Fatemi Taiyebi ethos is that we follow the middle path and have rational and practical approach.

My reflection: Consistency is good but in which acts or in which line of thinking one is consistent depends on the final outcome, for we mumineen are more concerned and focused on 'ma'ad' the final outcome.

Aqa Moula (TUS) narration of the consistent act of praying Namaz by the Muslims who came to be known as 'Men of Pillars' is the case in point.

These fellows were consistent in their pious acts, but without belief in Wali Allah, praying rak'at after rak'at for prolonged time, in the manner a hen pecks grain.

What was the end result of their pious consistency. Interested to know. Read on.

A man seeing them was so impressed to which Huzaifa al-Yaman asked him, 'If I were to tell you that these Men of the Pillars are the most evil of all men, would you believe me?' The man replied that he would not. Huzaifa then asked him to make a note of these individuals. The man counted that there were 25 of them, praying behind the pillars day and night. Then, following the Battle of Nahrawan, he counted 24 of them amongst the Kharijite rebels who fought against Moulana Ali (SA) and the 25th was also located in the pile of the dead.

This narration makes you sit up and think. We are blessed to have A'ali Qadr Moula, our rehbar and spiritual guide who sets out our life priority, and tells us and encourages us to be consistent even by doing small acts (praying two ra'kats but with mare'fat and valayat) which will go a long way in your journey to Akhera't.

Sharing a personal observation, which takes me back in time. In those days, when I was growing up, our city hosted famous zakereen parties from other cities each Muharram. They were a treat to listen to and get immersed in aza e Hussain (SA)

The local city zakereen party had a very partisan young mumineen followers, who it was observed frequently quietened the outstation zakereen party by matam and loud nida of Ya Hussan ! !

Outwardly a very pious act but the intention behind raised questions.

There is so much to share with my readers, but because of time constraints and priority. The topmost is attending vaaz mubarak kabl al waqt.

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6th Muharram Vaaz Mubarak- Reflection

Salaam e Jameel,

Today 6th Muharram 1445 H our worldwide community got the sharaaf of video relay of vaaz mubarak of Hayyul Muqaddas RA delivered twenty years ago in Burhani Masjid- Dubai to a gathering of approx: 40,000 mumineen.

I was blessed to attend then, and reminiscent about those days.

Hayyul Muqaddas Moula started the bayan mubarak with the following Quran Ayat and expounded on it .

قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Say; 'Behold, my prayer, all my act of worship, my life and death are all for Allah alone, the sustainer of the worlds. He has no partner; thus I am commanded and I am the first of Muslims.

We mumineen thus should dedicate our life to such acts that our Nabi (SA) should be proud of. Muqaddas Moula then narrated on the 'act of seeing ' in the context of ayat sharifa

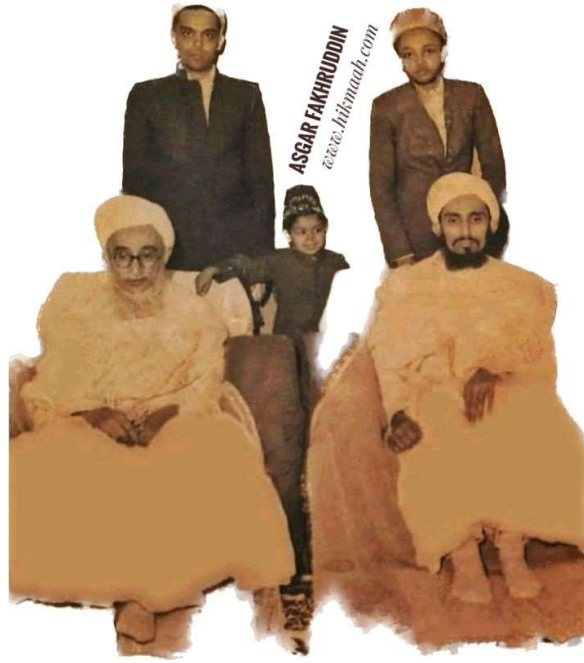
وَلَقَدْ رَآهُ نَزْلَةً أُخْرَى

And verily he saw him yet. another time, which implied our beloved Nabi (SA) saw Allah twice. With physical eye and with intellectual power of discernment.

I recall many years ago having written an article on the 'act of seeing ' on how the act of seeing depends on who is seeing.

Muqaddas Moula provided an insightful commentary on photography. How photos are to be taken correctly, for photos taken haphazardly, defeat the very purpose.

Photos are treasure trove of fond memories. I share one memorable picture of mine, with 'beve' Moula - a priceless gem Fond memories to be cherished forever.



Dua ni iltemas.

7th Muharram Vaaz Mubarak- Reflection

Salaam e Jameel,

In the 7th Vaaz Mubarak Aqa Moula (TUS) expounded on the twin aspects of fadl (justice) and adl (benevolence) and the delivery mechanism with 'qist' fairness in the light of the following Hadith Shareef of Nabi (SA)

ان احب الناس اهل هلالا يوم القيامة وأدناهم منه مجلسا إمام عادل

Indeed the most beloved of people to Allah on the day of Qiyamat, and the one seated closest to him, is the just imam.'

Pray who else but Moulana Imam Ali (SA) is the just of all the just Judges, and he will be the one who will be sitting close to Allah.

Aqa Moula (TUS) then narrated several riwayat which brought our the nuances of dispensing Justice with 'adl' 'fadl' and 'qist.

In Rasa'il Ikhwan al-Safa, Imam Ahmad al-Mastur AS offers a fascinating insight into how 'adl (justice) and fadal (benevolence) combine. Allah has endowed His creation by apportioning every class and category of creatures with what it requires.

By doing so, He has ensured that balance and fairness prevail in every thing. For example, Allah Ta'ala has assigned large bodies to the elephant and camel, but has made them feeble of will and weak of hearts.

However, He has allocated small creatures like the bee and silkworm fragile bodies yet has made them resolute and tough of spirit, enabling them to craft their products with exquisite proficiency and dexterity. They are able to create honey and silk respectively, both of which are prized for their unique properties. Through this distribution, a harmonious balance is maintained in the world.

How true that if Allah had granted animals like the camel and elephant strength of character and willpower, they would have wreaked havoc amongst creatures.

Syedna TUS then referenced a bayan mubarak of al-Dai al-Ajal Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA in which he recited the ayat shareefa:

لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي أَحْسَنِ تَقْوِيمٍ

Verily, We have created man in the best of form.

Thus we humans are the best of His creation, so we should have the best balance in all aspects of our lives. Does not it make sense ?

It is for this very reason our Fatemi Taiyebi Deen teaches us how best to inculcate balance in our day to day living and in all aspects of our lives.

My Reflection :

Balance- Mizan in all aspects of our lives. A few examples

In our Deen we mumineen are encouraged to seek balance in various aspects of life, both physical and spiritual. The concept of balance is reflected in the teachings of the Qur'an and the Hadith of Nabi (SA)

Balance in Material Pursuits:

Our Deen encourages us and sets guidelines to work and seek sustenance, it also warns against excessive greed and pursuit of wealth at the expense of moral values. Hadees of Nabi (SA) : "The best richness is the richness of the soul."

Family and Social Life: Deen emphasizes the importance of maintaining strong family ties and fulfilling social responsibilities. We are encouraged to balance our time judiciously, between family, work, and community obligations.

Physical and Spiritual Health: Deen teaches a balanced approach to health and well-being.

Nutrition and exercise for body and regular prayers and spiritual reflections for soul.

Mercy and Justice: Inculcate balancing of compassion with accountability and justice.

Balance in Knowledge and Action.

Our Deen acknowledges the importance of individual growth and development, at the same time a balance for working collectively for the greater good of the community.

Our Deen encourages forgiveness and reconciliation at the same time lays emphasis on the importance of being accountable for one's action and seeking forgiveness from Allah.

These examples demonstrate how the concept of balance in life is a fundamental aspect of Fatemi Taiyebi teachings, aiming to create harmony and well-being for individuals and society as a whole.

In the symphony of existence, balance prevails,
With Allah's wisdom, truth exhales.
Embracing all, His guidance true,
In harmony, our souls renew.

The quest for knowledge, minds ignite,
Yet wisdom blooms when actions unite.
For theories learned, with deeds they blend,
Illuminating paths that never end.

Dua ni iltemas.

8th Muharram Vaaz Mubarak- Reflection

Salaam e Jameel,

In the 8th Muharram 1145 H vaaz mubarak, in which 1,07,000 mumineen in Emirates and other designated countries got the Sharaf of hearing A'li Qadr Muffadal Moula expound on Hadith Sharif of Nabi (SA)

الْحَلْقُ كُلُّهُمْ عِيَالُ اللَّهِ فَأَحَبُّهُمْ إِلَيْهِ أَنْفَعُهُ

لِعِيَالِهِ

All of Creation is a family dependent upon Allah; therefore, the most beloved to Him is the one who benefits His family the most.

Personally, I repeated aloud the above more than ten times, so that it ingrains in my psyche. Anyone who helps the Creation of Allah is the beloved of Allah. PERIOD.

The assembled 1,07,000 mumineen who were blessed to hear this and all those who thru different mediums will come to understand it, will surely make this world a better place to live if they implement this Hadith Sharif in their day-to-day life.

All of Creation is Allah's family because every being is dependent on Allah for its sustenance, upbringing, and well-being.

The word anfa' means benefits the most.

Rasul Allah (SA) came to this world as Rehmat al Alameen (mercy for mankind, jinns and all that exists)

Thus all narrow mindsets with this single Hadith Shareef gets buried in the dust.

Our Nabi (SA) is a perfect example of compassion and kindness, emphasizing the importance of treating all living beings with care and respect.

The concept of Universal Brotherhood begins with him.

Islam is meant for all of humanity and creation.

Islam promotes understanding, empathy, and peaceful coexistence with people of diverse beliefs and practices.

Environmental Consciousness: Recognizing the mercy of the Prophet towards all that exists extends to the environment as well. Islam encourages stewardship of the Earth and prohibits wastefulness and environmental harm.

Nature should be treated with respect and gratitude as our Deen considers it as manifestation of Allah's Creation.

Aqa Moula (TUS) emphasized on conservation and rainwater harvesting. He detailed how during the glorious Fatemi Era large water conservation projects like canal building were undertaken and similarly, our Doa't kiram and Hudood fozola undertook nature harnessing and conservation projects, big and small.

Allah's love for those who benefit His Creation is proportionate to the quality and quantity of the benefit they impart.

In this respect Aqa Moula (TUS) did bayan of Moulana Ali (SA) far reaching beneficial actions in the Battlefield of Khaybar.

Aqa Moula (TUS) urged mumineen to help others with their expertise.

Dua ni iltemas on layali Ashura and Yaume Ashura.

9th Muharram Vaaz Mubarak- Reflection

Salaam e Jameel,

In the 9th Muharram 1445 H wa'z Mubarak the aspect of Shauq (desire) and the Hadith Sharif of Nabi (SA) was the central theme :

من أحب لقاء هلالاً أحب هلالاً لقاءه ومن كره لقاء هلالاً كره هلالاً لقاءه

Allah desires to meet those who desire to meet Him; Allah loathes to meet those who loathe to meet Him.

فَاذْكُرُونِي أَذْكَرُكُمْ

Surah Al Baqara : Ayat 152

Remember me, I will remember you.

Similarly when a mumin pines to be with Waliullah, in such instance Waliullah also desires to keep the mumin before his eyes

Imam Sadiq (SA) brings more clarity by stating:

فذكره لك اجل واشبهه واثنى من ذكرك له واسبق

Allah's remembrance of you is greater, more delightful, more commending, more complete and swifter than your remembrance of Him.

Likewise, Maula's care and attention in preparing to meet Mumineen is always far greater.

The riwayat of Imam Mehdi bi Allah's desire to meet his dai Aflah b. Harun is a good example.

It is the shauq that increases, that takes hold of a mumin's heart and soul that results in a fusion, resulting in Waliullah- Moula seeing the mumin, every moment of his life and does not sperate from him.

It so chanced that in today vaaz mubarak I happen to sit near a screen that displayed English translation of Aqa Moula's bayan mubarak, and the following made me reflect.

'When a man wishes to meet Allah- Allah wishes to meet him more'

After salavaat jaman as I awaited my family to take me back home, I contemplated on the above as it interested me greatly to understand how Allah wishes to meet the man who wishes to meet Allah.

Gathered my thoughts and with assist from Chat GPT managed to find answer in the following poem.

Shauq of Allah:

In the realm where faith and wonder blend,
Where souls seek solace, hearts transcend,
Resides a truth, divinely ordained,
That Allah's love can never be constrained.

He, the Merciful, the All-Seeing Light,
Remembers those who seek His sight,
In every breath, their praise they send,
Guided by love, their spirits ascend.

When hearts remember, His grace does pour,
A connection formed forevermore,
In whispers soft, their prayers arise,
A bridge between earth and the infinite skies.

But for those who crave His sacred gaze,
Whose longing eyes are set ablaze,
He turns His glance to meet their plea,
For those who yearn, His vision's key.

The humble hearts that bow in awe,
Find strength in Him, no fear to draw,
In depths of faith, their spirits soar,
Their every step, blessed to explore.

So let us remember, and we'll be known,
In Allah's heart, our souls are sown,
His love a beacon, forever bright,
Guiding us through the darkest night.

In gratitude, we humbly tread,
Upon the path that He has led,
For in His memory, we find our way,
To eternal grace, where we will stay.

Dua ni iltemas on layali Ashura and Yaume Ashura.

10th Muharram Vaaz Mubarak- Reflection

Salaam e Jameel,

The day of Ashura dawned on Iman e A'lam and during the morning vaaz mubarak, Aqa Moula narrated the most appropriate Hadith of Nabi (SA)

"ما شربت شربة أحب إلى الله من شربة ألم بلعتها"

Rasulullah says: There is no sip more beloved to Allah rather than that sip of hurt which is swallowed.

Imam Hussain (SA) on the Day of Ashura and in the preceding days, while trying to bring the wayward and astray back into the fold of rightful Islam gave many emotional and enlightening 'khutba' to the Ummayad army but received taunts and rebuke.

However, for the sake of Islam he patiently sipped and swallowed those hurts, because he was the most beloved of Allah and Nabi (SA)!

Enduring pain and hardships and not falling in the trap of retribution, is a sign of reaching highest spiritual station.

Swallowing sip of hurts signifies to patiently enduring pain, suffering, or difficult circumstances without complaint or resentment.

It highlights the importance of accepting trials and tribulations with grace, trusting in Allah's wisdom and mercy. In modern parlance to accept the 'isness' of circumstances.

"Give glad tidings to the patient, who, when afflicted with a calamity, say, 'Truly, to Allah, we belong and truly, to Him, we shall return.'" (Quran 2:155-156)

Bearing stoically is an act of worship and the swiftest way to attain closeness to Allah.

It reflects a deep spiritual connection and a profound understanding of the transient nature of this world and the eternal rewards that await those who endure trials with fortitude.

Poem: Sip of hurt.

In the realm where faith and hardship meet,
A sip of hurt, with patience replete,
A cherished act, beloved of divine,
In trials endured, a soul will shine.

When sorrows knock upon your door,
And oceans of despair do pour,
Invoke the strength to stand upright,
To trust in Allah, to see the light.

In pain, find peace, in patience, grace,
In tears, behold a hopeful trace,
For Allah's love will gently pour,
On those who bear and still adore.

The soulful imploring and praises showered by Imam Ali Zainul Abedeen on the 11th Night of Ashura in his dua 'Molaya Molaya' is a fine example of how Awliyah Allah stoically bear trials and tribulations, and their closeness with Allah grows.

Dua ni iltemas.