

What is Happening in the World?

What Can I Do?

Allah SWT promised to spread His Noor (His light –guidance and mercy). Allah SWT is the Most Merciful and due to His mercy, He wants His servants to be guided to the right path and to enjoy eternal bliss in heaven, Jannah.

Meanwhile, the evil forces are in cahoots. Shaytaan, the wicked and the sick souls get together to generate war against Islam, the truth.

There is nothing new and unusual about it. This is the sunnah of Allah from the time He SWT created the Earth and sent Adam AS to inhabit it; and it will remain that way until the day of Judgement.

Every era and time, in every community and society, Allah SWT will choose those who elevate His Deen, spread the message, carry the banner of Islam, and spread the Noor of Allah in Earth.

And you will also always have the other group of people. By the knowledge and justice of Allah, they will side with the enemy of Allah—shaytaan, and try to stop and diminish the Noor of Allah.

Don't worry about it. It is not our business. It is Allah SWT's Deen and He has promised to take care of it.

It is a done deal! It is Allah's responsibility and He will fulfill it!

يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَيَأْبَى اللَّهُ إِلَّا أَنْ يُتِمَّ نُورَهُ، وَلَوْ كَرِهَ
الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾

They want to extinguish the light of Allah with their mouths, but Allah refuses except to perfect His light, although the disbelievers dislike it. (9:32)

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They want to extinguish the light of Allah with their mouths, but Allah will perfect His light, although the disbelievers dislike it. (61:8)

Let's try to make sense of what is happening in the World today.

We are living in one of the most extraordinary times. It is one of those rare moments in history when the enemies are no longer hiding their prejudice and hatred to Islam.

It's clearly visible.

Only Allah SWT knows the true extent of this hatred because with all our intelligence and resources we can only see a very small part of their plots and plans against Islam. These plots and plans are wide-ranging with multiple end-goals. Their agenda is spread through media, movies, cartoons, games, and through spreading deception and doubt about different knowledges in Islam. Those vulnerable people who are either ignorant or have weak hearts often slide and get trapped in this web of deception.

Even an encyclopedia won't be large enough to detail all the plans and plots against Islam and Muslims. Their end goal is shaytaan's end-goal: to take Muslims out of the fold of Islam and to distant them from their faith.

This is mainly accomplished by creating massive confusion and distraction. And this machinery of deceit is churning full-blast.

We are not left on our own devices to navigate these difficult times. Allah SWT and His Prophet SAW informed us and told us what to do if and when we encounter these challenges. If ever we are in doubt and not sure what is happening, that is a sign of lack of knowledge and time to search authentic knowledge.

Rasul Allah SAW warned us about these years of deception, saying:

'Before the Hour comes, there will be years of deceit, in which a truthful person will be disbelieved and a liar will be believed; and the insignificant will have a say'. (Ahmad)

Allah SWT has repeatedly warned us, and consoled us, about the plots and plans of enemies against Islam and the ummah.

Read the following verses and see how Allah SWT promised to respond to them!

These will console your aching heart.

 وَمَكْرُؤًا وَمَكَرَ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ خَيْرُ الْمَكْرِينِ

And the disbelievers planned, but Allah planned. And Allah is the best of planners. (3:54)

وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَا فِي كُلِّ قَرْيَةٍ أَكْبَرًا مُجْرِمِيهَا لِيَمَّا كُرُوا فِيهَا وَمَا
يَمْكُرُونَ إِلَّا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿١٢٣﴾

And thus We have placed within every city the greatest of its criminals to conspire therein. But they conspire not except against themselves, and they perceive [it] not. (6:123)

وَقَدْ مَكَرُوا مَكْرَهُمْ وَعِنْدَ اللَّهِ مَكْرُهُمْ وَإِنْ كَانَ مَكْرُهُمْ لِتَزُولَ
مِنْهُ الْجِبَالُ ﴿٤٦﴾

And they had planned their plan, but with Allah is [recorded] their plan, even if their plan had been [sufficient] to do away with the mountains. (14:46)

وَمَكَرُوا وَمَكَرْنَا مَكْرًا وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾
فَأَنْظُرْ كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ مَكْرِهِمْ أَنَّا دَمَّرْنَاهُمْ وَقَوْمَهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٥١﴾

And they planned a plan, and We planned a plan, while they perceived not. Then look how was the outcome of their plan - that We destroyed them and their people, all. (27:50-51)

وَلَا تَحْزَنْ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا تَكُنْ فِي ضَيْقٍ مِّمَّا يَمْكُرُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾

And grieve not over them or be in distress from what they conspire. (27:70)

مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ الْعِزَّةَ فَلِلَّهِ الْعِزَّةُ جَمِيعًا إِلَيْهِ يَصْعَدُ الْكَلِمُ الطَّيِّبُ وَالْعَمَلُ الصَّالِحُ يَرْفَعُهُ
وَالَّذِينَ يَمْكُرُونَ السَّيِّئَاتِ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ وَمَكْرُ أُولَئِكَ هُوَ يَبُورُ ﴿١٠﴾

Whoever desires honor - then to Allah belongs all honor. To Him ascends good speech, and righteous work raises it. But they who plot evil deeds will have a severe punishment, and the plotting of those - it will perish. (35:10)

أَسْتَكْبَارًا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَكْرَ السَّيِّئِ وَلَا يَحِيقُ الْمَكْرُ السَّيِّئُ إِلَّا بِأَهْلِهِ فَهَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا
سُنَّتَ الْأَوَّلِينَ فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لِسُنَّتِ اللَّهِ تَبْدِيلًا وَلَنْ تَجِدَ لِسُنَّتِ اللَّهِ تَحْوِيلًا ﴿٤٣﴾

[Due to] arrogance in the land and plotting of evil; but the evil plot does not encompass except its own people. Then do they await except the way of the former peoples? But you will never find in the way of Allah any change, and you will never find in the way of Allah any alteration. (35:43)

وَمَكْرُؤًا كَبِيرًا ﴿٢٢﴾

And they conspired an immense conspiracy. (71:22)

وَأَكِيدُ كَيْدًا ﴿١٦﴾

فَهَلِ الْكَافِرِينَ أَهْلَهُمْ رَوِيدًا ﴿١٧﴾

But I am planning a plan. So allow time for the disbelievers. Leave them awhile. (86:16-17)

These verses not only confirm the insistent nature of enemies to continuously harm Islam and Muslims, they also clearly layout our response.

BELIEVE.

Believe that Allah SWT is not un-aware of the enemies' wickedness.

Believe that He will take care of His Deen.

Believe that you are not sent here without a purpose and a mission.

Believe that you are responsible for the Deen of Islam by spreading its true teachings.

Believe that your life is meaningful only when you embody the teachings of Rasul Allah SAW and become a role model.

Believe that Allah SWT will ask you what you did for His Deen and how you spread it in the world.

Once you believe, be busy with living according to your belief.

Islam is Allah's Deen. You and I embrace it. We follow it. We honor it. We choose to live by its teachings.

We don't need to worry about 'defending' it. After all, who can harm Allah's Deen?

What we need to defend is our faith and our lifestyle – from deceptions, confusions, diversions, distractions, intimidations, traps of shaytaan and his cahoots, until we meet our Lord SWT.

If we act other than how Allah SWT and His Prophet SAW want us to act, we fail.

If we react to the plots and schemes of enemies, instead of acting according to the teachings of Islam, the enemies succeed.

يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الشَّهْرِ الْحَرَامِ قِتَالٍ فِيهِ قُلْ قِتَالٌ فِيهِ كَبِيرٌ وَصَدٌّ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ
وَكُفْرٌ بِهِ، وَالْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ وَإِخْرَاجُ أَهْلِهِ، مِنْهُ أَكْبَرُ عِندَ اللَّهِ وَالْفِتْنَةُ أَكْبَرُ
مِنَ الْقَتْلِ وَلَا يَزَالُونَ يُقْتَلُونَكُمْ حَتَّى يَرُدُّوكُمْ عَن دِينِكُمْ إِنِ اسْتَطَعُوا وَمَنْ
يَرْتَدِ دِينَكُمْ عَن دِينِهِ، فَيَمُتْ وَهُوَ كَافِرٌ فَأُولَئِكَ حَبِطَتْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ فِي
الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَأُولَئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٢١٧﴾

They ask you about the sacred month - about fighting therein. Say, "Fighting therein is great [sin], but averting [people] from the way of Allah and disbelief in Him and [preventing access to] al-Masjid al-haram and the expulsion of its people therefrom are greater [evil] in the sight of Allah. And fitnah is greater than killing." And they will continue to fight you until they turn you back from your religion if they are able. And whoever of you reverts from his religion [to disbelief] and dies while he is a disbeliever - for those, their deeds have become worthless in this world and the Hereafter, and those are the companions of the Fire, they will abide therein eternally. (2:217)

يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِنْ تُطِيعُوا أَفْرِقَاءَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ يَرُدُّوكُمْ بَعْدَ إِيمَانِكُمْ كَافِرِينَ



O you who have believed, if you obey a party of those who were given the Scripture, they would turn you back, after your belief, [to being] unbelievers. (3: 100)

يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِنْ تُطِيعُوا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يَرُدُّوكُمْ عَلَىٰ أَعْقَابِكُمْ فَتَنْقَلِبُوا خَاسِرِينَ



O you who have believed, if you obey those who disbelieve, they will turn you back on your heels, and you will [then] become losers. (3: 149)

يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مَنْ يَرْتَدَّ مِنْكُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِ ۖ فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِي اللَّهُ بِقَوْمٍ يُحِبُّهُمْ وَيُحِبُّونَهُ ۖ أَذِلَّةٍ عَلَىٰ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِزَّةٍ عَلَىٰ الْكَافِرِينَ يُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا يَخَافُونَ لَوْمَةَ لَائِمٍ ۚ ذَٰلِكُمْ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ ۗ يُؤْتِيهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ



O you who have believed, whoever of you should revert from his religion – Allah will bring forth [in place of them] a people He will love and who will love Him [who are] humble toward the believers, powerful against the disbelievers; they strive in the cause of Allah and do not fear the blame of a critic. That is the favor of Allah; He bestows it upon whom He wills. And Allah is all-Encompassing and Knowing. (5: 54)

أَتَخَشَوْنَهُمْ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ أَهَقُّ أَنْ تَخْشَوْهُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ

Do you fear them? But Allah has more right that you should fear Him, if you are [truly] believers. (9:13)

هَآأَنْتُمْ هَآؤُلَآءِ تُدْعَوْنَ لِتُنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَمِنْكُمْ مَنْ يَبْخَلُ وَمَنْ يَبْخَلْ فَإِنَّمَا يَبْخَلُ عَن نَفْسِهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ الْغَنِيُّ ۗ وَأَنْتُمْ الْفُقَرَاءُ ۗ وَإِن تَتَوَلَّوْا يَسْتَبْدِلْ قَوْمًا غَيْرَكُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَكُونُوا أَمْثَلَكُمْ

Here you are - those invited to spend in the cause of Allah - but among you are those who withhold [out of greed]. And whoever withholds only withholds [benefit] from himself; and Allah is the Free of need, while you are the needy. And if you turn away, He will replace you with another people; then they will not be the likes of you. (47:38)

What is my duty?

What I can do?

Read these verses carefully as they hold the answer to this question:

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحِبُّكُمْ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ

Say, [O Muhammad], "If you should love Allah , then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful." (3:31)

قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ فَإِن تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْهِ مَا حُمِّلَ وَعَلَيْكُمْ مَا حَمَلْتُمْ وَإِن تُطِيعُوهُ تَهْتَدُوا وَمَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ

Say, "Obey Allah and obey the Messenger; but if you turn away - then upon him is only that [duty] with which he has been charged, and upon you is that with which you have been charged. And if you obey him, you will be [rightly] guided. And there is not upon the Messenger except the [responsibility for] clear notification." (24:54)

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ
عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿١٢٨﴾

فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقُلْ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ
الْعَظِيمِ ﴿١٢٩﴾

There has certainly come to you a Messenger from among yourselves. Grievous to him is what you suffer; [he is] concerned over you and to the believers is kind and merciful.

But if they turn away, [O Muhammad], say, "Sufficient for me is Allah; there is no deity except Him. On Him I have relied, and He is the Lord of the Great Throne." (9:127-128)

As a Muslim who belongs to Allah and believes in the Message, my duty is to strengthen my belief and understand what it requires me to do. I need to learn my responsibility towards the Deen.

I have to do my best to be a role model of its teachings.

I have to be an ambassador of the Prophet SAW towards humanity to the best of my capacity and ability.

I have to make a conscious and firm decision to stand for truth, and to be among those who elevate the Deen of Allah, spread its Noor, and share the guidance of Islam with humanity.

My life should be devoted to spreading the message, not only with my heart and tongue but in every way possible—time, talent, wealth, spreading the correct knowledge.

To do my utmost so when I die and meet Allah, I can say to Allah...I tried my best.

If you feel lonely in this thinking and understanding, you are not alone. Rasul Allah SAW said:

“Islam began as a something strange and it will return to being strange, so blessed are the strangers.” (Muslim)

Don't be afraid of being a stranger.

If you are not sure about something, ask the learned people you trust. Always seek knowledge, and verify the authenticity of the knowledge before you spread anything.

It is also very important to learn ourselves and teach our youth about the distorted history against Islam. The history is written and spread by the imperial powers. It is shown from their perspective and promotes their impression of us. All the while excluding their own atrocities and heinous acts.

We don't even know what they have done to us – from colonizing the Muslim ummah, generating fitnah to destroy Islamic leaderships, stealing our wealth, killing our men, raping our women, brutalizing entire generations, and that's just the tip of the iceberg.

We are living in an era of information. If you want to find the truth, Allah SWT will lead you to it.

Rise up!

Feel the sense of responsibility towards yourself, your family, to the future of the ummah, and to the future of mankind. Recognize and respect the trust Allah SWT has given us and will question us about it — His Deen!

Rise up! Rise up! Rise up!

We owe it to the ummah and our future generations to leave them our struggle, and a brighter future.