

Meet the

BLACK



STONE

*dark-brown in colour, now in broken fragments,
embedded in the central cavity, set up
into the elongated oval silver frame,
jutting out from the Eastern
corner-angle of the cub-
ical Ka'bah, at about
chest height from
the ground
level.*

Read its True Story in

IS THE BLACK STONE AN IDOL?

IS PILGRIMAGE A PAGAN RITE?

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Foreword

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All Praise to God, the Lord of the worlds, Who did not create anything in vain. To Him belongs Creation, as well as Command. Everything else in the Universe is but His slave and subject. He has made mankind in order to worship Him. Nothing exists but either worshipper, or worshipped. Man is the worshipper, the slave; only God is the Worshipped One, the Lord of all and everything.

Prof. R. K. Abdullah's masterly contribution, *Martyrdom of the Modern Caliph*, is a collection of many useful points. It is originally written to eulogize the Late King Faisal, as the most powerful personality to fill the post of a Modern Caliph to lead Muslims of the world, and their affairs. Unfortunately, now that is a hope impossible of achievement. Incidentally, however, the writing serves well to revive the glories and urgent need of this vital, forgotten institution, viz: the Khilāfat, in the Muslim mind.

A master of English, the author has forcefully utilized this opportunity to lay bare to the world the hollowed moral fabric of the Modern West. How shameful, therefore, for people of the East, especially the Muslims, to ape blindly all Western ways of life and culture. The cogency of his indictment of Western ills lies in the fact that he uses citations from the best known authors, poets and thinkers only from the West itself.

As far as the Palestine Problem is concerned, the author does not spare in the least the White perpetrators of gross aggression, injustice, usurpation and barbarity. He exposes the crimes of both the settlers of Israel, as well as their military and

economic patrons, especially the U.S. A.

Tracing the events of the October 1973 war, he rightly predicts the doom of these over-confident born foes of Muslims. Of paramount importance, however, are his exhortations to the Muslims to shed their decadence, to reform and rise to the occasion by re-Islamizing themselves to the required standards. No doubt, that is the most urgent need of the moment.

The author possesses an unusual insight into the mind of the Muslims' professed allies, the Christian nations. For, though professing friendly relations with the Muslims, they are inwardly in toe with their allies, the Jews. He sounds a timely warning, therefore, to the usually unwary Muslims to be wide awake to the subtle enmity of such allies. In this he takes his cue from the Qur'ān itself, which warns the Muslims, time and again, against the combined enmity of the People of the Book.

The writer has a thorough grasp over global effects of the oil weapon, so ably used by the far-sighted Late Saudi Arabian monarch. He handles them with telling effect in graphic terms.

THE UNTOLD TRUTH

After retailing the salient features of this compilation, the writer of this note feels the author has fought shy of presenting any helpful, constructive solution to these formidable problems. Hence some words to cover this lacuna may not be, I hope, out of place here.

The whole world at large is passing today through an unprecedented series of critical crises. All the civilized world is engulfed in untold grief and woe and misery. In the words of the Qur'ān: "*Corruption has appeared in the land and the sea on account of what the hands of men have wrought*" (xxx : 41). In such an hour of utter chaos and unparalleled distress, it is the duty of Muslims, "*the best of the nations raised up for the benefit of mankind*" (iii : 109) to save today's troubled world. Muslims ought to stoop even to their foes in order to help them, and help them sincerely for the Sake of God.

Who is not aware of Jew-Christian enmity to Islam and the Muslims ever since the advent of Prophet Muhammad to this day? If proof were wanted, see the Crusades, see Palestine.

But no... You have to follow the Prophetic tradition. "*Repel (evil) with what is best*", the Prophet is told for achieving the best of results... "*When lo! between whom and you was enmity would be as if he were a warm friend*" (XLI : 34). The very Jews and Christians shall become your warm friends, your true brothers-in-faith; the Palestine dilemma shall be solved in no time; and, what is more, all the world shall be saved from chaos.

And what is this Utopian Remedy the Muslims could offer to end world misery? That Remedy is as simple as it is sure. It is the Remedy offered by God Himself to all His creatures, viz: the Remedy of total Submission to God, the Lord of the Worlds, or ISLAM. A Remedy that is COMMON between the Jews, the Christians, the Muslims, and HUMANITY at large. It is a Remedy which only Muslims could afford to offer to all, and not the Jews, nor the Christians. Nevertheless, it is a Remedy equally shared by them with the Muslims.

Dear friends! The whole cause of the present world unrest is to be traced to God-abandonment. This is told by God Himself after telling them: "*Corruption has appeared in the land and the sea on account of what the hands of men have wrought*", thus: "*that He may make them taste a part of that which they have done, so that they may return*" (xxx : 41), i.e. Return to their Lord after having tasted His passing punishment—Return to a life of **Belief** and **Fear of God and His Hell**, which holds this promise:

"*And if the people of the towns had **believed and feared God**, We would certainly have opened up for them blessings from the heaven and the earth*" (VII : 96). This is not a promise of plenty sans blessings, as at present; but of plenty with Divine Blessings, which count in every way throughout human lives.

The Remedy is, therefore, to return to that forgotten Merciful God, in perfect Submission to Him, which is called ISLAM. That Submission is to own our single-hearted worship to the One

and Only Being ever to be Worshipped, God our Lord. That only is God's True Religion taught by all His Prophets, Moses, Jesus, and others.

Because "*The (true) Religion with God is Islam*" (III: 19). "*And whosoever desires a religion other than Islam, it shall not be accepted from him, and in the Hereafter he shall be one of the losers*" (III: 85). Muslims must fight Jews and Christians, on the one hand, on account of their Disbelief; while, on the other hand, they must invite them to accept Islam. They are told to "*Fight those who do not believe in God, nor in the Last Day, nor do they prohibit what God and His Apostle have prohibited, nor follow the Religion of Truth, out of those who have been given the Book*" (IX: 29). This is the first command.

Even so, the Prophet of Islam, and the Muslims in every age, are charged with inviting, as their equals, all the Jews and Christians living in that age. They are ordained to

<p>Say: "O People of the Book! Come to an equitable proposition between us and you: that we shall not worship any but God; and (that) we shall not associate aught with Him; and (that) some of us shall not take others for lords besides God" (III: 64)</p>	<p>قل يا أهل الكتاب تعالوا إلى كلمة سواء بيننا وبينكم ألا نعبد إلا الله ولا نشرك به شيئاً ولا يتخذ بعضنا بعضاً أرباباً من دون الله (آل عمران: ٦٤)</p>
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That is the Message of God, not to Jews and Christians alone, but to the whole of mankind, which is being told to own:

"THAT WE SHALL NOT WORSHIP ANY BUT GOD".

That is the very purpose behind the entire Creation, the very Law of Existence. The mighty heavens and earth and everything in them are ever bowing to their Maker in meek submission and obedience. Hence, by becoming a faithful worshipper of God, man gets in complete harmony with the whole of Nature and Natural Laws, as planned and designed by God. By refusing to worship Him, man becomes the lone offender in God's

overall Scheme of Creation, and hence deserves His curse.

Just as with the entire Creation, the Caravan of the Faithful in the whole history of man, led by God's Prophets from Adam to Muhammad, has been ever marching with this unerring purpose. The invariable call of each and every Prophet to his people has been: "*O my people! Worship God; you have no god other than Him*" (VII: 59, etc.). That selfsame call holds good even today for the entire humanity that has erred away from it.

Again, this golden purpose is solely for the benefit of man himself, and not in any way for the benefit of God as such, God being absolutely Wantless. Man must worship God Alone only in order to free himself from, otherwise, worshipping Satan and Self, Men and Mammon, Sex and Stomach, Kith and Kin, Farm and Fatherland, Idols and Images, Angels and Apostles, Popes and Priests, Saints and Sadhus, Graves and Gravens, etc., etc.

"WE SHALL NOT ASSOCIATE AUGHT WITH HIM,"

God being One and Alone and Unique. Godhood, Lordship, Dominion, Creation and Command all belong to Him Alone, with none else to share it with Him. Hence dissociation, singling out and unification, total and complete, is the way of Monotheism. All association, mingling and multiplying becomes Polytheism.

**"WE SHALL NOT TAKE EACH OTHER FOR
LORDS BESIDES GOD"**

for breaking up priesthood, blind obedience to man-made laws, custom and convention. To recognize no "lordship", "order" and "command" except from God Alone, the Sole Law-giver through His Prophets and Apostles. A complete repudiation of all man-made laws, codes, creeds, theories, systems and isms.

This heralds the birth of true Freedom and Independence for humanity. Bondsmanship to God Alone frees man from every kind of slavery to other than God. Today's Civilization is bound in total slavery. As against this, God is calling man to enjoy total Independence.

That is the Message of One-God Worship, Dissociation from aught else, and Freedom from slavery.

“NO TURNING BACK”

Muslims are asked to give this bright Message to Jews, Christians, and all others. They are told, in the end, to say: “*but if they turn back, then say: Bear witness that we are Muslims*” (III: 64). Yet today’s man, being highly developed and advanced, when presented with such a sensible proposal for achieving instant Relief and complete Freedom, cannot be expected to “turn back”. He is sure to accept it at once, and to act up to it. Let the Muslims, therefore, launch their clarion call with full faith and confidence. Let them launch it here and now.

I am perfectly aware of the immense gravity of this Herculean task. Muslims themselves, in general, do not conform today to the true pattern of Islam, and hence are unfit to call others to its fold; that they stand in need of self-reform. But all this cannot deter genuine, learned, God-fearing Muslim leaders from making an immediate, urgent beginning in this direction. This itself shall serve as an impetus to the lesser elements to improve, rise and reform.

The fittest venue to propagate this Universal Divine Message from, should be the centre of the earth, Mecca itself. Let the Government concerned start it without any further delay.

Being an Indian myself, I sincerely hope that my compatriots of the sub-continent, both Government and people, will, in particular, be the first to welcome this all too benign an invitation. That will usher into this land of misery an era of much-needed peace, order, blessings and contentment.

Finally, to be frank, personally I am not for the portraiture of living beings. And the last of our prayer is: Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds!

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HERE v/s the HEREAFTER

“Every soul shall have a taste of Death : and only on the Day of Judgment shall you be paid your full recompense.

“Only he who is saved far from the Fire and admitted to the Garden will have attained the object (of Life).

“For the life of this world is but goods and chattels of deception”.

(Qur’ān, III : 185)

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