

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

The Search for Solutions to Critical Global Problems

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Humans by nature are looking for peace and justice, even though if some of them do not provide the same to others, but they still seek it for themselves. Cruelty, brutality, and barbarism are never welcomed or appreciated anywhere. The after effects of tragedies are fear and terror on one hand and a better thinking about the root cause of tragedies on the other hand; as to why it happened and how we can stop it.

Unless we understand what the motivations behind such actions are, we can not prevent repetition of such tragedies in the future. When a clock stops, we ask why? Is it not plugged in? Is the battery dead? If not so, then why is it broken?

When you have a problem, if you do not ask why and get some good answers and act on them, it will persist and become critical, chronic and later on untreatable. To prevent it, it is absolutely vital to understand "*Why?*"

Scientific knowledge is developed in such a way, that if we will not address the basic and root cause then the next step will not only be to use a bomb or an aircraft to hit a building, but to use biological, chemical, and radiation attacks. This is human nature, no matter how thin the enemy is, or how strong you are, you can not prevent it. Even though you will go to your utmost, it will make your enemy more courageous and he will try to go to any extent, which is also bad and vital.

Mankind as a living entity has its own nature and nobody may try to tamper with that nature, as the natural process will certainly take its course. Tampering with nature will be counterproductive. But it is said, "*Ubi Jus ibi remedium (Where there is a will, there is a way).*"

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, "*God has never created a disease, but created a treatment for the disease as well.*"

Worldly life is a combination of opposites. Whenever a disease occurs, the treatment must be sought. Sometimes you have to take preventive precautions so it may not occur, but when it happens, it should be diagnosed properly, studied thoroughly, and treated as well.

If the disease is a simple one, then medicine available over the counter should be taken. If it is a bacterial one and it gets critical, then antibiotics should be taken, and if it is a virus, then let nature take its course, otherwise, if using antibiotics for viruses can damage your immune system, or can cause problems to one's kidney and liver, which can cause death because it has nothing to do with viruses.

The problem of the present world is unrest because of suffering, atrocities, barbarism, and injustice. God Almighty said, "*Evil has appeared on land and sea because of what the hands of men have done,*" (30:41). He further said, "*And whatever*

affliction befalls you, it is because of what your hands have done," (42:40). We the human beings are the basic cause of calamities, either directly or indirectly and that calamity is natural as God said, *"No calamity befalls, but with the leave of God,"* (28:11). Leave of God means a natural process created by God.

Sometimes we are not directly involved, but as humanity is a single unit and especially when the world has become a global village, and whenever something happens, all of humanity has to suffer. A happening that affects one directly affects others indirectly, as we are tied to one another in one single garment, so all of them have to think about the world at large to address the issues and to resolve problems. The suffering one does not care about anybody because of their frustration.

God Almighty said, *"And fear the affliction/misfortune which affects not in particularly those who do wrong (but others as well),"* (8:25). To find out the solution, we must find out where from the problem started.

Human Nature:

When studying the human nature, we find certain natural demands and requirements of the human nature as he has been created in a perfect proportional nature. God Almighty said, *"(I swear) by the human nature and its proportional perfection,"* (91:7).

So he has the talent to do good or bad as God Almighty further said, "*He (God) has inspired in nature to know and to do good or bad,*" (91:8).

Then by nature he wants to do well, to have peace to feel easy and relaxed, but when his natural demands are snatched, he becomes frustrated. His demands and natural requirements are four in number:

1. Existence:

Every living entity struggles for its existence to the best of its power and ability if his existence is at stake; he cannot tolerate it and uses every possible means if the entity concerned is intellectual, like human beings. When he feels that he can not maintain his existence, then he tries to cause the same to one who has put his existence at stake.

2. Liberty and Freedom:

To be free or to feel free is another natural demand of living entities, even if an ant felt its freedom is in danger, it bites. A cat that is humble by nature tries to cut the rope she is tied to or to take it off of its neck. So what about the humans who have wisdom and intellectual approach?

Natural laws given by the Creator grant and guarantee the same. The common call of all the Prophets of God was to believe in the Lordship of Allah alone and of nobody else. Pharaoh had enslaved the children of Israel and deprived them of their fundamental rights. The first ever demand of Prophet Moses was, *"Set the children of Israel free with me."* When Pharaoh was reminding him his favor, Moses said, *"That is your favor to me that you have enslaved the children of Israel."*

A companion of Prophet Muhammad said to a governor of the Persian Empire, *"Our mission is to set free the human beings from the slavery of anybody and to make them the servants of Allah."*

Sir Patrick Henry said, *"O God! Give me liberty or give me death."*

3. Equality:

All the human beings are equal regardless of their race, color, sex, religion, or sect, so they must be dealt with equally - No discrimination should take place anywhere.

God Almighty said, *"O Mankind! We created you from one male and one female (Adam and Eve), and made you in nations and tribes, verily the honorable one in the*

sight of God is the most righteous amongst you," (49:13). Prophet Muhammad said, "Human beings are equal like teeth of a comb."

Regarding race and color Prophet Muhammad in his last sermon said, *"There is no virtue and superiority of an Arab over non-Arab, nor for a non-Arab over Arab, nor for a black over white, nor white over black, all of you are children of Adam and Adam was made of clay"*.

Regarding non Muslims he said, *"Their blood is as sacred as ours, their wealth is as safe as ours, they have their civil rights as we have ours, and they have all those legal/constitutional obligations as we have, so leave them alone with their religions and rituals."*

4. Equity and Justice:

Justice must be done to everyone on social, civil and legal basis. Justice in Islam is required morally and legally. God said, *"Verily God enjoins you to do justice, goodness, to give favors to your kith and kin, He forbids you from bad and evil actions and transgression. He admonishes you so you may understand, think, and ponder upon."* God further said, *"The enmity of someone may not overtake you to do unjust," (5:8).*

John Martin Luther King said, *"Peace does not mean that tension disappeared but it means that justice prevailed"*.

Keeping in view these natural requirements, whenever disorder, tension, frustration exist, it means some wrongs have been done or felt even. It may be in a community, state, or on a global level.

In today's world we have U.N.O, which is the worldly organization of all states. That organization must be given due importance, every member state may be given an equal status, its motions must be honored regarding every worldly issue in any region or regarding any nation. If equality is not played or equity avoided, the suffering nation feels injustice and grievances and as we said the frustrated people or nation does not honor any norm or rule. They think it's the only way to express their grievances as they feel that there is no forum where they can take their complaints and grievances.

The suggestions are:

- I. The issues of suffering nations must be addressed properly.
- II. The nations must be dealt on the basis of equality and equity.
- III. The adopted motions of the UNO may be implemented.

- IV. Ground facts must be considered and duly honored.
- V. The poor nations must be helped to the level of their needs and necessities
- VI. Every Global issue must be resolved through dialogue and use of force may be the last resort.
- VII. The sovereignty of every state may be honored to its fullest extent.
- VIII. Every nation must be given the right to implement a system of their own, may be on the basis of their religion or secularism, provided the rights of the individuals are safeguarded and nobody may be harmed on the basis of religion, ethnicity, race, sex, or sect.
- IX. Every citizen may honor and respect the laws of the land they are living in.
- X. UNO must be free in its decision-making.

In brief the existence of every individual and nation may be safe guarded. Every individual and every state may be treated on the basis of equity and equality. Their freedom and the sovereignty of every state must be honored.

God bless us all and God bless the humanity. Ameen