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Hazrat Ameer's Ramadan Message

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وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

And I have not created the jinn and the men except that they should serve Me. (Al-Dhāriyāt, 51:56)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Assalam-o-Alaikum Wa Rakhmatullahi Wa Barakaato Hoo.

I wish you all the spiritual blessings of Ramadan.

The verse of the Holy Qur'an which I have cited above stresses the purpose of our creation, that is, to serve Allah. Serving Allah means that we tread on the path of obedience to His commands, seeking His nearness and pleasure. In His benevolence Allah has not only laid out an objective for us but has also facilitated us by showing the way to achieve it. The month of Ramadan provides a great opportunity for doing this.

Ramadan is the blessed month in which revelation of the Holy Qur'an commenced and was completed over a period of twenty three years. If we desire to achieve the purpose of our creation, we will find all the means to do so in this Book. The Holy Qur'an is a guidebook revealed by the Creator. By obeying its commands we will be able to achieve the purpose of our creation and will be blessed with His nearness and pleasure.

The month of Ramadan may be likened to a field from which a rich crop can only be harvested by the farmer if he takes advantage of the proper climatic and soil conditions needed for the growth of his crop.

Our soul too is like a field for which the right time to sow the seeds is Ramadan. It provides an immense

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opportunity to better
ourselves spiritually
by keeping up
prayers and
following the

instructions of the Holy Qur'an in letter and spirit, as also fasting in the true spirit. Just like the farmer who takes advantage of the proper conditions for sowing the seeds, the attainment of spiritual development of the soul too has to be achieved in the opportunity provided by Ramadan. If we do not utilise this opportunity the whole purpose of fasting will become futile.

Sisters and Brothers,

I pray that may Allah grant us the will and strength to carry out all our spiritual commitments during Ramadan. I also pray that may He protect us against the Covid 19 illness and rid the world of this scourge. While we take preventive measures against bodily illnesses, we should realize that it is equally, if not more important to take preventive measures against our spiritual illnesses during this Ramadan as also throughout our lives.

Aameen summa aameen.

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Abrogation of Verses of the Holy Quran

Whatever message We abrogate or cause to be forgotten, We bring one better than it or one like it. Knowest thou not that Allah is Possessor of power over all things? HQ Ch 2:V106.

O people, listen to the commands of God. Do not twist

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them, but continuously obey them. It is only God's prerogative to abrogate any command or cause it to be forgotten.

In this verse, Allah, Most High, has addressed the Jews and stated, (even though you are averse to any revelation being vouchsafed to another people), it is necessary to abrogate some of the

commands previously revealed to you which were for the needs of a different age and country. Some of these commands you have already forgotten. There is no harm in this (new revelation) for in place of the abrogated commands, better ones would be revealed, and as for the forgotten commands similar ones would be granted.

It may be noted that some Divine Laws are valid for all times and places. If any such law is forgotten then God reveals a similar law. Other laws need to be revised with

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the progress of mankind. These laws are abrogated and replaced with better ones. A perfect law demands a fully capable society. Take the example of a child and his changing needs with respect to clothing, food and rules. As he grows older, some rules remain the same and other rules are replaced with better ones. The time of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) was the age at which humanity had progressed to the stage that a complete guidance was needed. Jesus Christ had also indicated this, when he had stated "I have many things to tell you but you cannot bear them now. When the Comforter will come, he will teach you these things" (Refer to the Holy Bible, John, 14:25).

These words refer to *Khair am minha* (better one – Holy Quran 2:106 -- i.e.,

the abrogation of a message by a better one). The word *Mislaha* (like it – Holy Quran 2:106 -- i.e., message like one forgotten) also refer to the prophecy of the Prophet Moses in Deuteronomy 18:18, that is the teaching of the Holy Prophet would be like that of Moses.

No Verse of the Holy Quran is Abrogated:

It is completely wrong to interpret this verse (Quran 2:106) to mean that some verses of the Quran have been abrogated.

Furthermore, the difference of opinion in this regard is so great that some hold that **seven hundred verses** have been abrogated, while others hold that **only five verses** were abrogated. Is it then not a matter of con-

cern for the ordinary Muslim as to how he should regard the balance six hundred and ninety five verses? The cause of these differences is nothing other than that, when somebody was unable to reconcile any one verse of the Quran with another, he would declare one of these two verses to be abrogated. **MMA**

We believe:

1. *There is no god except Allah, Muhammad (PBUH) is the messenger of Allah.*
2. *Muhammad, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, is the seal of the prophets and no prophet, whether new or old, shall come after him.*
3. *Mirza Sahib is one of the Reformers of Islam, the promised Messiah and the Mahdi. He never claimed to be a prophet of Allah.*

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