

The Road to Survival in the Midst of the Pandemic COVID 19

O human being... This is the Road to Survival! Border shutdowns, travel restrictions cancelled flights, empty streets, panic buying of groceries and hoarding of food supplies, millions of people staying home, bustling cities turned into ghost towns.

How did this come about? And why?!

This happens at a time when humanity has reached the peak of scientific progress and materialistic sophistication including space travel and orbiting in outer space.

Robots and drones are no longer new technologies and people have been misled into thinking that they can achieve anything and overcome any obstacles in their way.

Some even think that humanity no longer needs to worship God. The life of this world is like rain that we send down from the sky producing a mixture of plants which humans and animals consume.

Then just as the earth looks its best perfectly beautified and its people think they have full control over it.

"Our command comes to it by night or by day so we mow it down as if it never flourished just the day before! This is how we make the signs clear for people who reflect.) (Quran 10: 24)

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a tiny creature it cannot even be seen by the naked eye.

Yet it revealed to humanity how weak we are and how much we need the One who is the Creator of the Universe and the Manager of Its Affairs People are incapable of eliminating the harm except by God's help and mercy this virus has penetrated the most fortified places in the world, and no one could stop it.

Satellites, remote sensing devices and high-definition security cameras cannot detect it and the world could not predict the extent of what was about to happen because no matter how much knowledge and data we have human beings cannot see the unknown or the future This is a fact affirmed by the Quran when Almighty Allah tells Prophet Muhammad to inform humanity:

"Say, "I have no power to benefit or protect myself except by the Will of Allah. If I had known the unknown, I would have benefited myself enormously and no harm would have ever touched me I am only a warner and deliverer of good news for those who believe"

In view of this epidemic which we hope and pray ends soon. it is our duty as Muslims to convey to others the message that Almighty Allah assigned us to deliver:

{O humanity! Worship your Lord Who created you and those before you so that you may become mindful [of Him].} (Quran 2: 21)

O weak, tired, worried human being!

Because all that we want for you is goodness we call you to embrace a Message that gives your soul peace.

We call you to the religion of Allah which instructs people to commit to justice and kindness. On the other hand it prevents them from engaging in obscenity and blasphemy.

Islam is the religion of the Oneness of God (tawheed) of worshiping the Creator and submitting ourselves to Him.

It is the religion of a peaceful disposition that is pure from any materialistic greed, It protects the soul from the oppression of materialism and the debasement of human dignity in a race to accumulate wealth.

Islam is a religion that commands us to commit to purity integrity, and preserving our health by avoiding any harmful food or drinks.

It prohibits any substance abuse which harms one's health and leads to the destruction of humanity. It commands us to help the weak and the needy. It commands us to stick together at times of hardship and it warns against selfishness and lack of consideration for others.

Islam is a religion that confirms the messages of Moses, Jesus and all the other Messengers of Allah. It completes the truth, light and guidance of those messages.

Islam is a religion that teaches its followers that the true life is life after death. It is a life of eternal bliss for those who obey Allah, believe in Muhammad, and follow the guidance he delivered or a life of eternal hell for those who deny the truth and follow their own whims.

Islam is a religion whose followers believe that any adversity that befalls them in this worldly life is from Allah's decree meant to purify them from sins and raise their ranks in Paradise.

This is why they are relieved feeling peaceful and serene, these feelings cannot be attained in any lasting way by those who seek happiness through alcohol or extramarital affairs.

O human being! This is the path to your Lord and Creator, the Creator of the entire universe...

So seek this road, for there will be no survival without it!

{O humanity! It is you who stand in need of Allah whereas Allah [alone] is free of all needs and praiseworthy. If He willed, He could eliminate you and produce a new creation and that is not at all difficult for Allah.} (Quran 35: 15-17)