

High power

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WORKING IN THE AFFAIRS
OF MANKIND

Allah (H)

However indifferent man becomes to the countless blessings bestowed upon him and his unwillingness to recognise the control over his affairs by a High Power, the Almighty God, there are moments in life that even great men of high repute and thinking feel obliged to acknowledge this fact and utter words of gratitude to Him.

Sir Winston Churchill in his young age as a war correspondent in the South Africa Boer War, was once in a desperate effort to avoid being recaptured by the enemies. In his book *My Early Life* on page 290, he writes:

"I dreaded and detested more than words can express the prospect of being caught and dragged back to Pretoria. I found no comfort in any of the philosophical ideas which some men parade in their hours of ease and strength and safety. They seemed only fair-weather friends. I realised with awful force that no exercise of my own feeble wit and strength would save me from my enemies, and that without the assistance of the High Power which interferes in the eternal sequence of causes and effects more often than we are always prone to admit, I could never succeed. I prayed long and earnestly for help and guidance. My prayer as it seems to me, was swiftly and wonderfully answered".

Nearly half a century later as Prime Minister of England delivering a speech before the American Congress, he stated "There is a purpose being worked out here below" implying the working of a High Power (Almighty God) in the affairs of mankind.

At the conclusion of the last world war during 1945, moved with emotion and the feeling of divine help in the difficult period of his life and that of the British nation, he resolved "That this House do now give humble and reverent thanks

thanks to Almighty God for deliverance from German domination". Thus God was given official thanks and honour in Parliament for the victory at the end of the last world war. (Plain Truth)

The fact is that it is inherent in human nature to feel the existence of a Supreme Being. This feeling is created by God Almighty Himself and the Holy Quran bears witness to this in the following verse:

"Soon will We show them our Signs in the horizons (of the world) and in their own selves until it becometh manifest unto them that He is the Truth" (Sura HAMIN - Verse 53)

That all affairs of man are under the full control of the Supreme Being is stated in the following verse of the Quran:

"His is the kingdom of the heavens and the earth; and unto God (alone) are returned (all) affairs". (Sura Al-Hadid - Verse 5)

But man is impatient. When he is faced with a calamity, he often tends to grumble and doubt the existence of the High Power capable of solving his problems and restoring him to a status of happiness and tranquility.

The main reason for this weakness and drawback is that man does not realise that he has been sent to this world to acquire virtues to be nearer to Allah. And in order to ascertain the standard of his virtues, God Almighty has established a system of tests in this world which determine his spiritual perfection or lack of it, as the case may be. On this subject the Holy Quran has this to say:

"Verily, we created man from a drop of mingled sperm, so that we test him; and so we made him hearing and seeing"
(Sura AL-DAHR - Verse 2)

Often these days we hear of countless miseries and

disasters around the world. Accidents, famine, earthquakes, fire and epidemics take away numerous human lives. Some of us may wonder why such episodes often termed as 'Act of God' happen and whether the Supreme Being is not able enough to control them. Some of us may ^{even} wonder why the injustice to the victims of those disasters.

We must remember that death on this earth is not the end of life. We die here to live another life which we call 'Life Here-after'. Every inconvenience in this insignificant life will be rewarded for in the life here-after. The troubles in this world are not lasting whereas the rewards from Almighty Allah in the life here-after are everlasting.

Sometimes hardships or disasters are intended as a warning to mankind. At times it may be just a test to a person's spiritual virtues to see his submission to the will of God. Once man attains perfect belief in the presence of the Supreme Being, and in the life here-after, the resurrection on the day of judgement, to his calamities and hardships of this world are but passing phases of life. At times temporary hardships prove blessings in disguise and we find that they are followed by great moments of bliss and achievements.

"Verily with (every) difficulty, there is ease". (Sura Al-Inshirah - 5)

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