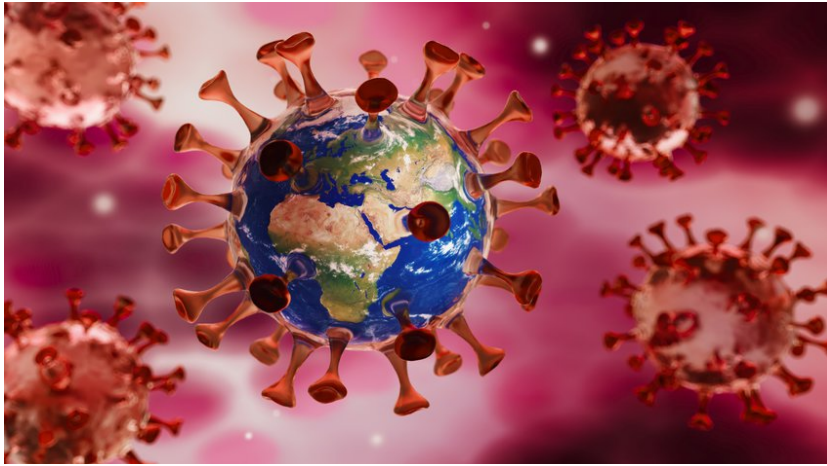


Viral Lockdown 2020:

AN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE ON
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC 1441/2020



“PANDEMICS ARE A JAB FROM YOUR ENEMIES AMONG THE JINN.”

PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ

(MUSNAD AHMAD, TABARANI, HAKIM)

**“COUNT SIX SIGNS BEFORE THE HOUR: ... THEN DEATH IN HUGE
NUMBERS, LIKE THE PLAGUE OF SHEEP ...”**

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(AL-BUKHARI, MUSNAD AHMAD)

**“THERE WILL COME AFTER ME A TRIBULATION LIKE THE DARK OF
NIGHT... A MAN AMONG THE MUSLIMS SAID, “WHAT SHALL WE DO IN
THAT CASE, O MESSENGER OF ALLAH?”** **PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ**
SAID, **“STAY IN YOUR HOMES AND HIDE YOURSELVES.”**

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Viral Lockdown 2020: An Islamic Perspective on the COVID-19 Pandemic of 1441/2020

The World Health Organisation (WHO) on March 11, 2020 / Rajab 16, 1441 declared a global pandemic caused by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) (from the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)), resulting in a third of the world's global population being placed under lockdown (largely restricted to remain in their homes) in the first quarter of 2020 – a globally-unprecedented event.

For Muslims, this has meant the closing of the Holy Mosques of Makkah and Madinah to public access from March 20, 2020, the closure of mosques globally for the five daily prayers and the Friday congregational prayers, the inability to meet friends or family outside their home or to attend the funerals of Muslims outside their immediate family members. Globally, it has meant the imposition of curfews and the closure of workplaces, schools and educational establishments, airports, flights, public transport, and the resulting impact on lives and livelihoods, with many governments providing financial stimulus packages as a result, including direct cash transfers or interest-based loans.

The most likely case for the reason for the Viral Lockdown 2020 is that COVID-19 is a pandemic/ plague (tawun), which is a jab from amongst humanity's enemies from among the jinn, as Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said it was, and the global unprecedented nature of it, has been as a result of mass jinn hostility. This mass jinn hostility would most likely have been the result of evil human action, opening a portal for the jinn, to allow this outbreak to spread globally, and fast. The evil human action which allowed this to happen is likely the bio-engineering of the constituent parts of COVID-19 for human transmission, then its injection into an animal before natural human transfer.

This has, therefore, meant that, unlike general pandemics and plagues, COVID-19 is an unprecedented exception that has been able to enter Madinah, in which a tawun (plague) cannot enter, but a waba (pestilence) can. Confirmation of this is that the British Government, as from 19 March 2020 onwards, no longer considered COVID-19 to be a high consequence infectious disease (HCID) in the UK. This is because its mortality rate is low, and a high-mortality plague like the Black Death has never entered Madinah. More so, the pandemic of COVID-19 is also as a way of facilitating further an evil agenda to subjugate the world's population in the biological, technological, financial, economic, political, social and religious spheres.

With the advent of Ramadan 1441 on 24 April, 2020, mass jinn hostility would naturally have diminished as Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said, that significant numbers of the shayateen (demons) from the jinn are chained up for the sacred month. It has meant the global Muslim population is able to do their five daily prayers, fasting, remembrance of Allah, Taraweeh (Ramadan Sunnah) prayers, Tahajjud (night vigil) prayers, all in their homes, making the whole of the month of Ramadan an itikaf (religious seclusion) for the Muslims, as opposed to its last ten days, and also expanding the area of the Earth where prostration to Allah has been done as a result, giving a greater meaning to the hadith of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ that the whole Earth has been made a mosque for the believers.

While the pandemic will come to an end, by Allah's Grace, it stands as both a warning and blessing for Muslims to return to Allah and His Worship Alone, to emulate His Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, and earn their place as the Vice-Regents of Allah on Earth.

Viral Lockdown 2020: An Alternative Timeline on the COVID-19 Pandemic

The following is an alternative timeline of the COVID-19 using the official World Health Organisation (WHO) Timeline, a timeline created by Global Research (GR) based in Canada followed by additional dates provided by Ihsanic Intelligence (I-I).

(WHO) marks the official timeline of the World Health Organisation (WHO):
<https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/27-04-2020-who-timeline---covid-19>

(GR) marks the timeline provided by Global Research (GR) based in Canada:
<https://www.globalresearch.ca/ncov-2019-coronavirus-time-line/5705776>

(I-I) marks additional dates provided by Ihsanic Intelligence (I-I).

25 May 2010 (I-I): The Rockefeller Foundation with the Global Business Network in May 2010 publishes its report, [‘Scenarios for the Future of Technology and International Development’](#), which focused on potential scenarios about the future to 2030, where challenges and opportunities can be envisaged, at the nexus between technology and international development. One of these scenarios was called ‘LOCK STEP’. LOCK STEP is a scenario in which there is a world of tighter top-down government control and more authoritarian leadership, with limited innovation and growing citizen pushback. These are quotes from the report:

- In 2012, the pandemic that the world had been anticipating for years finally hit. Unlike 2009’s H1N1, this new influenza strain — originating from wild geese — was extremely virulent and deadly. Even the most pandemic-prepared nations were quickly overwhelmed when the virus streaked around the world, infecting nearly 20 percent of the global population and killing 8 million in just seven months, the majority of them healthy young adults. The pandemic also had a deadly effect on economies: international mobility of both people and goods screeched to a halt, debilitating industries like tourism and breaking global supply chains. Even locally, normally bustling shops and office buildings sat empty for months, devoid of both employees and customers.
- The pandemic blanketed the planet — though disproportionate numbers died in Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central America, where the virus spread like wildfire in the absence of official containment protocols.
- But even in developed countries, containment was a challenge. The United States’s initial policy of “strongly discouraging” citizens from flying proved deadly in its leniency, accelerating the spread of the virus not just within the U.S. but across borders.
- However, a few countries did fare better — China in particular. The Chinese government’s quick imposition and enforcement of mandatory quarantine for all citizens, as well as its instant and near-hermetic sealing off of all borders, saved

millions of lives, stopping the spread of the virus far earlier than in other countries and enabling a swifter post-pandemic recovery.

- China's government was not the only one that took extreme measures to protect its citizens from risk and exposure. During the pandemic, national leaders around the world flexed their authority and imposed airtight rules and restrictions, from the mandatory wearing of face masks to body-temperature checks at the entries to communal spaces like train stations and supermarkets. Even after the pandemic faded, this more authoritarian control and oversight of citizens and their activities stuck and even intensified. In order to protect themselves from the spread of increasingly global problems — from pandemics and transnational terrorism to environmental crises and rising poverty — leaders around the world took a firmer grip on power.
- At first, the notion of a more controlled world gained wide acceptance and approval. Citizens willingly gave up some of their sovereignty — and their privacy — to more paternalistic states in exchange for greater safety and stability. Citizens were more tolerant, and even eager, for top-down direction and oversight, and national leaders had more latitude to impose order in the ways they saw fit. In developed countries, this heightened oversight took many forms: biometric IDs for all citizens, for example, and tighter regulation of key industries whose stability was deemed vital to national interests. In many developed countries, enforced cooperation with a suite of new regulations and agreements slowly but steadily restored both order and, importantly, economic growth.
- By 2025, people seemed to be growing weary of so much top-down control and letting leaders and authorities make choices for them. Wherever national interests clashed with individual interests, there was conflict. Sporadic pushback became increasingly organized and coordinated, as disaffected youth and people who had seen their status and opportunities slip away — largely in developing countries — incited civil unrest...Even those who liked the greater stability and predictability of this world began to grow uncomfortable and constrained by so many tight rules and by the strictness of national boundaries. The feeling lingered that sooner or later, something would inevitably upset the neat order that the world's governments had worked so hard to establish.

<http://www.nommeraadio.ee/meedia/pdf/RRS/Rockefeller%20Foundation.pdf>

March 2015 (I-I): Co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation, and healthcare and vaccine philanthropist Bill Gates gives a TED talk in Vancouver, Canada, titled “The next outbreak: We’re not ready”, the stating that world governments are not ready for a virus pandemic.

https://www.ted.com/talks/bill_gates_the_next_outbreak_we_re_not_ready?language=en

January 12, 2017 (I-I): Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) since 1984, speaks at “Pandemic Preparedness in the Next US Presidential Administration,” a gathering of students and global health experts from academia, government and advocacy at Georgetown University, USA, and encourages the incoming Trump administration to plan accordingly saying that “If there’s one message that I want to leave with you today based on my experience, it is that there is

no question that there will be a challenge to the coming administration in the arena of infectious diseases”, and the “there is no doubt they will be faced with the challenges their predecessors were faced with” and that “we will definitely get surprised in the next few years.”

<https://gumc.georgetown.edu/gumc-stories/global-health-experts-advise-advance-planning-for-inevitable-pandemic/>
<https://www.healio.com/infectious-disease/emerging-diseases/news/online/%7B85a3f9c0-ed0a-4be8-9ca2-8854b2be7d13%7D/fauci-no-doubt-trump-will-face-surprise-infectious-disease-outbreak>

30 November 2017 (I-I): Researchers from the Wuhan Institute of Virology published a paper titled “Discovery of a rich gene pool of bat SARS-related coronaviruses provides new insights into the origin of SARS coronavirus” which is funded partially by the EcoHealth Alliance, which between 2014 and 2019, was awarded a series of grants totaling approximately \$3.7 million by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (a division of the National Institutes of Health), which has its director Dr. Anthony Fauci, to study the “risk of future coronavirus (CoV) emergence from wildlife using in-depth field investigations across the human-wildlife interface in China.”

<https://www.niaid.nih.gov/about/director>
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8211291/U-S-government-gave-3-7million-grant-Wuhan-lab-experimented-coronavirus-source-bats.html>
<https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/obama-admin-wuhan-lab-grant/>

20 November 2018 (I-I): ‘The Economist’ magazine publishes its annual preview, ‘The World in 2019’ which features pangolins on the cover. On 26 March, 2020, BBC News states smuggled pangolins have been found to carry viruses closely related to COVID-19.

<https://shop.economist.com/products/the-world-in-2019>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-52048195>

24 May 2019 (I-I): The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) on 24 May 2019 refers an “administrative matter” of a possible “policy breach” to Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) that resulted in the removal of two Chinese research scientists — wife Xiangguo Qiu and husband Keding Cheng — and several international students on 5 July 2019, as reported by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) on 17 July 2019. Dr. [Xiangguo Qiu](#), who helped develop [a treatment](#) for the Ebola virus, her husband [Keding Cheng](#), a biologist who has published [papers](#) on coronavirus strains such as SARS-CoV, and Chinese students working under them had their security access [revoked](#) for Canada’s only level-4 lab, a facility equipped for research on the deadliest diseases.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/chinese-researcher-escorted-from-infectious-disease-lab-amid-rcmp-investigation-1.5211567>
<https://factcheck.afp.com/chinese-spies-did-not-steal-deadly-coronavirus-canada>

5 July 2019 (I-I): The Royal Canadian Mounted Police remove and revoke access of two Chinese research scientists — wife Xiangguo Qiu and husband Keding Cheng — and several international students on 5 July 2019, following a referral from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) about an “administrative matter” of a possible “policy breach”. Dr. [Xiangguo Qiu](#), who helped develop [a treatment](#) for the Ebola virus, her husband [Keding Cheng](#), a biologist who has published [papers](#) on coronavirus strains such as SARS-CoV, and Chinese students working under them had their security

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<https://factcheck.afp.com/chinese-spies-did-not-steal-deadly-coronavirus-canada>

11 September 2019 (I-I): Brian Rose of LondonReal.TV interviews conspiracy researcher David Icke about his latest book, '9/11 - THE TRIGGER: THE LIE THAT CHANGED THE WORLD' about the attacks on the US on September 11, 2001.

<https://londonreal.tv/david-icke-9-11-the-trigger-the-lie-that-changed-the-world-who-really-did-it-and-why/>

19 September 2019 (I-I): The ID2020 Alliance at their 2019 Summit, entitled "Rising to the Good ID Challenge", on 19 September 2019 in New York, USA, decided to roll out their program in 2020, directly linking vaccinations with digital identity. Their digital identity program will be tested with the government of Bangladesh. GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and "partners from academia and humanitarian relief" are part of the pioneer party. Digital identity is a computerised record of who a person is, stored in a registry. It is used, in this case, to keep track of who has received vaccination. A partnership was also formed earlier this year between Gavi, NEC, and Simprints to use [biometrics to improve vaccine coverage](#) in developing nations. (*This post was updated at 4:58pm on March 26, 2020 to clarify that the program is intended to allow people to receive vaccination and prove they have received it, not to track individuals, as claimed by some conspiracy theorists.*)

<https://id2020.org/summit/2019-id2020-summit>

<https://www.biometricupdate.com/201909/id2020-and-partners-launch-program-to-provide-digital-id-with-vaccines>

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/coronavirus-causes-effects-real-danger-agenda-id2020/5706153>

<https://id2020.org/summit/2019-id2020-summit>

September 2019 (GR): The official US-WHO position is that the coronavirus originated in Wuhan, Hubei Province and was first discovered in late December. This statement is questioned by [Chinese and Japanese virologists who claim](#) the virus originated in the US. A renowned Taiwanese virologist pointed to evidence that the virus [could have originated at an earlier stage](#), stating: "We must look to September of 2019".

18-27 October 2019 (GR): Wuhan 2019, the CISM Sport Military World Games: Chinese media intimates (without corroborating evidence) that the coronavirus could have been brought to China "from a foreign source" during the CISM Military World Games. 10,000 *soldiers* from 109 countries will participate. 200 American military personnel participated in this 10-day event.

Official website: en.wuhan2019mwg.cn.

Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_Military_World_Games

US Government: <https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/CISM-Military-World-Games/>

October 18 2019 (GR): Event 201, New York. Coronavirus nCoV-2019 Simulation and Emergency Preparedness Task Force, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Health

Security. Big Pharma-Big Money Simulation Exercise sponsored by WEF and Gates Foundation:

Simulation Exercise of a coronavirus epidemic which results in 65 million dead. Supported by the World Economic Forum (WEF) representing the interests of Financial institutions, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation representing Big Pharma:

In October 2019, the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security hosted a pandemic tabletop exercise called [Event 201](#) with partners, the World Economic Forum and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. ... For the scenario, we modeled a fictional coronavirus pandemic, but we explicitly stated that it was not a prediction.

Instead, the exercise served to highlight preparedness and response challenges that would likely arise in a very severe pandemic. We are not now predicting that the nCoV-2019 outbreak will kill 65 million people.

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Several of the occurrences of the **nCoV-2019** exercise coincided with what really happened. In the **Event 201 Simulation of a Coronavirus Pandemic**, a 15% collapse of financial markets had been “simulated”.

It was not “predicted” according to the organizers and sponsors of the event.

Private sector initiative. Participation of corporate execs, foundations, financial institutions, Banks, Big Pharma, CIA, CDC, China’s CDC. No health officials (with exception of CDC and China CDC) present on behalf of national governments or the WHO. The simulation exercise was held on the same day as the opening of the CISM World Military Sports Games in Wuhan.

Website: <https://www.centerforhealthsecurity.org/event201/>

17 November 2019 (I-I): The first case of someone suffering from COVID-19 can be traced back to 17 November, according to media reports on unpublished Chinese government data.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/13/first-covid-19-case-happened-in-november-china-government-records-show-report>

31 December 2019 (WHO): Wuhan Municipal Health Commission, China, reported [a cluster of cases of pneumonia](#) in Wuhan, Hubei Province. A novel coronavirus was eventually identified / **(GR):** First cases of pneumonia detected and reported in Wuhan, Hubei Province.

1 January 2020 (WHO): WHO had set up the IMST (Incident Management Support Team) across the three levels of the organization: headquarters, regional headquarters and country level, putting the organization on an emergency footing for dealing with the outbreak / **(GR):** Chinese health authorities close the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market after Western media reports that wild animals sold there may have been the source of the virus. This initial assessment was subsequently refuted by Chinese scientists.

4 January 2020 (WHO): WHO [reported on social media](#) that there was a cluster of pneumonia cases – with no deaths – in Wuhan, Hubei province.

5 January 2020 (WHO): WHO published our [first Disease Outbreak News](#) on the new virus. This is a flagship technical publication to the scientific and public health community as well as global media. It contained a risk assessment and advice, and reported on what China had told the organization about the status of patients and the public health response on the cluster of pneumonia cases in Wuhan.

7 January 2020 (GR): Chinese authorities “identify a new type of virus” which was isolated on 7 January. The coronavirus was named [2019-nCoV](#) by the WHO **exactly the same name as that adopted in the WEF-Gates-John Hopkins October 18, 2019 simulation exercise.**

10 January 2020 (WHO): WHO issued a comprehensive package of technical guidance online with advice to all countries on how to detect, test and manage potential cases, based on what was known about the virus at the time. This guidance was shared with WHO's regional emergency directors to share with WHO representatives in countries. Based on experience with SARS and MERS and known modes of transmission of respiratory viruses, infection and prevention control guidance were published to protect health workers recommending droplet and contact precautions when caring for patients, and airborne precautions for aerosol generating procedures conducted by health workers.

11 January 2020 (GR) – The Wuhan Municipal Health Commission announces the first death caused by the coronavirus.

12 January 2020 (WHO): China publicly [shared](#) the genetic sequence of COVID-19.

13 January 2020 (WHO): Officials confirm a case of [COVID-19 in Thailand](#), the first recorded case outside of China.

14 January 2020 (WHO): WHO's technical lead for the response noted in a press briefing there may have been limited human-to-human transmission of the coronavirus (in the 41 confirmed cases), mainly through family members, and that there was a risk of a possible wider outbreak. The lead also said that human-to-human transmission would not be surprising given our experience with SARS, MERS and other respiratory pathogens.

20-21 January 2020 (WHO): WHO experts from its China and Western Pacific regional offices conducted a brief field visit to Wuhan.

21-24 January 2020 (GR): Consultations at the World Economic Forum, Davos, Switzerland under auspices of the **Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)** for development of a vaccine program. CEPI is a WEF-Gates partnership. With support from CIPI, Seattle based Moderna will manufacture an **mRNA vaccine against 2019-nCoV**, “The Vaccine Research Center (VRC) of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of NIH, collaborated with Moderna to design the vaccine.”

Note: The development of a **2019 nCoV vaccine** was announced at Davos, 2 weeks after the January 7, 2020 announcement, and barely a week prior to the official launching of the WHO's Worldwide Public Health emergency on January 30. The WEF-Gates-CEPI Vaccine Announcement precedes the WHO Public Health Emergency (PHEIC).

22 January 2020 (WHO): WHO mission to China issued a [statement](#) saying that there was evidence of human-to-human transmission in Wuhan but more investigation was needed to understand the full extent of transmission.

22 January 2020 (GR): Members of the WHO Emergency Committee “expressed divergent views on whether this event constitutes a PHEIC or not”.

23 January 2020 (WHO): The WHO Director-General [convened](#) an Emergency Committee (EC) under the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) to assess whether the outbreak constituted a public health emergency of international concern. The independent members from around the world could not reach a consensus based on the evidence available at the time. They asked to be reconvened within 10 days after receiving more information.

28 January 2020 (WHO): A senior WHO delegation led by the Director-General [travelled to Beijing to meet China’s leadership](#), learn more about China’s response, and to offer any technical assistance. While in Beijing, Dr. Tedros agreed with Chinese government leaders that an international team of leading scientists would travel to China on a mission to better understand the context, the overall response, and exchange information and experience.

28 January 2020 (I-I): US law officials charged a Harvard University professor, a world leader in nanotechnology research, and two Chinese nationals who were researchers at Boston University and a Boston hospital with lying about their alleged links to the Chinese government. Charles Lieber, chair of Harvard University’s Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, was charged with lying about participating in China’s Thousand Talents Plan, which aims to attract research specialists working overseas. Two Chinese researchers were charged with being agents of a foreign government. They were Yanqing Ye, a Boston University robotics researcher who prosecutors said lied about being in the Chinese army, and Zaosong Zheng, a cancer researcher at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center who was arrested in December 2019 allegedly trying to smuggle research samples out of the country. Lieber was one of Harvard’s most distinguished professors and a leader in nanoscience and nanotechnology research. [An affidavit outlining the charges against Lieber](#) notes that in January 2013, he signed an agreement between Harvard and Wuhan University of Technology (WUT) in China. According to the affidavit, “The stated purpose of the agreement, which had a five-year effective term, was to ‘carry out advanced research and development of nanowire-based lithium ion batteries with high performance for electric vehicles.’”

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-china-crime/us-charges-target-alleged-chinese-spying-at-harvard-boston-institutions-idUSKBN1ZR23V>

<https://www.reuters.com/article/uk-factcheck-harvard-doctor-arrested-cor/false-headline-claim-harvard-professor-arrested-for-creating-and-selling-the-new-coronavirus-to-china-idUSKBN21P292>

<https://www.theverge.com/2020/1/28/21112269/harvard-charles-lieber-arrested-fbi-china-lie-false-statements>

<https://www.economist.com/science-and-technology/2020/02/01/an-american-chemist-is-suspected-of-illegal-dealings-with-china>

30 January 2020 (WHO): The WHO Director-General reconvened the [Emergency Committee \(EC\)](#). This was earlier than the 10-day period and only two days after the first

reports of limited human-to-human transmission were reported outside China. This time, the EC reached consensus and advised the Director-General that the outbreak constituted a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). The Director-General accepted the recommendation and declared the novel coronavirus outbreak (2019-nCoV) a PHEIC. This is the 6th time WHO has declared a PHEIC since the International Health Regulations (IHR) came into force in 2005. WHO's [situation report](#) for 30 January reported 7818 total confirmed cases worldwide, with the majority of these in China, and 82 cases reported in 18 countries outside China. WHO gave a risk assessment of very high for China, and high at the global level. / **(GR):** WHO Director General determines that the outbreak constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). **This decision was taken on the basis of 150 confirmed cases outside China**, First case of person to person transmission in US is reported, 6 cases in the US, 3 cases in Canada, 2 in the UK.

The WHO Director General had the backing of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Big Pharma and the World Economic Forum (WEF). There are indications that the decision for the **WHO to declare a Global Emergency** was taken on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos (January 21-24) overlapping with the Geneva January 22 meeting of the Emergency Committee.

Both **WHO's Director Tedros** as well as **Bill Gates** were present at Davos 2020. Bill Gates announced [the Gates Foundation's \\$10 billion commitment to vaccines over the next 10 years](#).

30 January 2020 (GR): The Simulation Exercise Went Live. The same corporate interests and foundations which were involved in the October 18 John Hopkins Simulation Exercise became REAL ACTORS involved in providing their support to the implementation of the WHO Public Health emergency (PHEIC).

31 January 2020 (GR): One day later following the launch of WHO Global Emergency, the Trump administration announced **that it will deny entry to foreign nationals "who have traveled in China in the last 14 days"**. This immediately triggers a crisis in air transportation, China-US trade as well as the tourism industry, leading to substantial bankruptcies, not to mention unemployment.

Immediately triggers a campaign against ethnic Chinese throughout the Western World.

Early February 2020 (GR): the acronym of the coronavirus was changed from **nCoV-2019** (its name under the October Event 201 John Hopkins Simulation Exercise before it was identified in early January 2020) to **COVID-19**.

3 February 2020 (WHO): WHO releases the international community's [Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan](#) to help protect states with weaker health systems.

11 February 2020 (I-I): The International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) "severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)" as the name of the new coronavirus. WHO then announces 'COVID-19' as the name of this new disease on the same day as WHO and ICTV were in communication about the naming of both the virus and the disease. In the same way the HIV virus causes AIDS, SARS-CoV-2 causes COVID-19. Commentators online that that COVID-19 is a reference to "Certification of Vaccination Identification by Artificial Intelligence" as 1 and 9 are letters A and I.

[https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/naming-the-coronavirus-disease-\(covid-2019\)-and-the-virus-that-causes-it](https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance/naming-the-coronavirus-disease-(covid-2019)-and-the-virus-that-causes-it)

<https://www.reuters.com/article/uk-factcheck-covid-name-abbreviation/false-claim-covid-19-stands-for-certification-of-vaccination-identification-by-artificial-intelligence-idUSKCN2262AS>

11-12 February 2020 (WHO): WHO convened a [Research and Innovation Forum](#) on COVID-19, attended by more than 400 experts and funders from around the world, which included presentations by George Gao, Director General of China CDC, and Zunyou Wu, China CDC's chief epidemiologist.

16-24 February 2020 (WHO): The WHO-China Joint mission, which included experts from Canada, Germany, Japan, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, Russia, Singapore and the US (CDC, NIH) spent time in Beijing and also travelled to Wuhan and two other cities. They spoke with health officials, scientists and health workers in health facilities (maintaining physical distancing). The report of the joint mission can be found here: <https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/who-china-joint-mission-on-covid-19-final-report.pdf>

24 February 2020 (GR): Moderna Inc supported by CIPI said its experimental mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, known as mRNA-1273, was ready for human testing.

27 February 2020 (I-I): Saudi Arabia placed a temporary ban on Umrah pilgrims in an attempt to ensure public safety by preventing the spread of the coronavirus. Foreign pilgrims are also halted from visiting the Prophet's Mosque in Madinah. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/1633826/saudi-arabia>

28 February 2020 (GR): A massive WHO vaccination campaign was announced by WHO Director General Dr. **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** Who was behind this campaign: GlaxoSmithKline in partnership with the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI). It is a Gates-WEF partnership, both of which were sponsors of the October 18, "Simulation Exercise". The campaign to develop vaccines was initiated prior to decision of the WHO to launch a Global Public Health emergency. It was first announced at the WEF meeting at Davos (21-24 January).

Late February 2020 (GR): Collapse of stock markets, value surge in stocks of Big Pharma.

Late February 2020 (GR): Second wave of transmission of the virus (Worldwide) to a large number of countries.

Late February – Early March 2020 (GR): More than 50% of the infected patients recover and are discharged from the hospitals. March 3, a total of **49,856** patients have recovered from COVID-19 and were discharged from hospitals in China. What this means that the total number of **"confirmed infected cases" in China is 30,448**. (Namely 80,304 minus 49856 = 30,448 (80 304 is the total number on confirmed cases in China (WHO data, March 3, 2020). These developments concerning "recovery" are not reported by the Western media.

4 March 2020 (I-I): Saudi Arabia suspended all Umrah pilgrimages and extended its ban on overseas pilgrims visiting the Grand Mosque in Makkah and the Prophet's Mosque in Madinah to all Saudi nationals and expatriates. <https://www.arabnews.com/node/1636776/saudi-arabia>

5 March 2020 (GR): WHO Director General confirms that outside China there are **2055 cases reported in 33 countries**. Around 80% of those cases continue to come from just three countries (South Korea, Iran, Italy).

These figures suggested that we are not facing a global health emergency, that the probability of infection was low. And Based on China's experience the treatment for the virus infection was effective.

6 March 2020 (I-I): Saudi Arabia announces that the Grand Mosque in Makkah and the Prophet's Mosque in Madinah will close an hour after the Isha prayer and will open an hour before Fajr (dawn) prayers each day.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1637341/saudi-arabia>

7 March 2020 (GR): The number of “confirmed cases” (infected and recovered) in **the United States in early March is of the order of 430, rising to about 600** (March 8). Rapid rise in the course of March.

Compare that to the figures pertaining to the **Influenza B Virus**: The CDC estimates for 2019-2020 “at least 15 million virus flu illnesses... 140,000 hospitalizations and 8,200 deaths. ([The Hill](#))

Early March 2020 (GR): IMF and World Bank To the Rescue

The WHO Director General advises member countries that “the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund have both made funds available to stabilize health systems and mitigate the economic consequences of the epidemic”. That is the proposed neoliberal “solution” to COVID-19. The World Bank has committed \$12billion in so-called “aid” which will contribute to building up the external debt of developing countries.

7 March 2020 (GR): China: The Pandemic is Almost Over

Reported new cases in China fall to double digit. **99 cases recorded on March 7**. All of the new cases outside Hubei province are categorized as “imported infections” (from foreign countries). The reliability of the data remains to be established:

99 newly confirmed cases including 74 in Hubei Province, ... The new cases included 24 imported infections — 17 in Gansu Province, three in Beijing, three in Shanghai and one in Guangdong Province.

10-11 March 2020 (GR): Italy declares a lockdown, followed by several other countries of the EU. Deployment of 30,000 US troops in the EU as part of the “Defend Europe 2020” war games directed against Russia.

11 March 2020 (I-I): Peter Koenig publishes the article “The Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic: The Real Danger is “Agenda ID2020”” on Global Research in Canada about Agenda ID2020. Two of the founding partners of Agenda ID2020 are the Rockefeller Foundation and the GAVI Alliance, the latter of which is a global vaccine alliance with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and WHO as members.

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/coronavirus-causes-effects-real-danger-agenda-id2020/5706153>

<https://id2020.org/>

<https://www.gavi.org/>

11 March 2020 (WHO): Deeply concerned both by the alarming levels of spread and severity, and by the alarming levels of inaction, WHO made the assessment that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic / **(GR):** The Director General of the WHO officially declares the COV-19 Pandemic. Bear in mind the global health emergency was declared on January 30th without stating officially the existence of a pandemic outside Mainland China.

11 March 2020 (GR): Trump orders the suspension for 30 days of all transatlantic flights from countries of the European Union, with the exception of Britain. Coincides with the collapse of airline stocks and a new wave of financial instability. Devastating impacts on the tourist industry in Western Europe.

13 March 2020 (WHO): [COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund](#) launched to receive donations from private individuals, corporations and institutions.

16 March 2020 (GR): Moderna mRNA-1273 is tested in several stages with 45 volunteers in Seattle, Washington State. The vaccine program started in early February: “We don’t know whether this vaccine will induce an immune response, or whether it will be safe. That’s why we’re doing a trial,” Jackson stressed. “It’s not at the stage where it would be possible or prudent to give it to the general population.” (AP, March 16, 2020)

17 March 2020 (I-I): Saudi Arabia suspends congregational prayers across all mosques in the Kingdom, except for the Two Holy Mosques in Makkah and Madinah.
<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1642761/saudi-arabia>

18 March 2020 (WHO): WHO and partners launch the [Solidarity Trial](#), an international clinical trial that aims to generate robust data from around the world to find the most effective treatments for COVID-19.

18 March 2020 (I-I): Brian Rose of LondonReal.TV interviews conspiracy researcher David Icke about ‘The Truth Behind The Coronavirus Pandemic, COVID-19 Lockdown & The Economic Crash.’
<https://londonreal.tv/the-truth-behind-the-coronavirus-pandemic-covid-19-lockdown-the-economic-crash-david-icke/>

19 March 2020 (I-I): Israeli academic Yuval Noah Harari publishes his opinion editorial, ‘The world after coronavirus’ in the Financial Times.
<https://www.ft.com/content/19d90308-6858-11ea-a3c9-1fe6fedcca75>

19 March 2020 (I-I): Saudi Arabia temporarily cancels prayers courtyards at the Grand Mosque and the Prophet’s Mosque.
<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1644051/saudi-arabia>

21 March 2020 (I-I): The Prophet’s Night Journey and Ascension (Isra wa al-Miraj) is commemorated by Muslims around the world.
<https://www.arabianbusiness.com/culture-society/443214-no-public-holiday-in-uae-for-al-israa-wal-miraj>

21 March 2020 (GR): Secretary of State **Mike Pompeo** while addressing the American people from the White House stated that COVID-19 is a live military exercise.

“This is not about retribution, ... This matter is going forward — **we are in a live exercise here to get this right.**”

With a disgusted look on his face, President Trump replied: **“You should have let us know.”**

24 March 2020 (I-I): The US Congress discussed creating a digital dollar regulated by the Federal Reserve to increase the speed of stimulus payments to US households during the first COVID-19 stimulus debate in late March.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/fed-digital-dollars-are-part-of-debate-over-coronavirus-stimulus-11585085518>

25 March 2020 (I-I): British heir to the throne Prince Charles of Windsor tests positive for COVID-19 and goes into self-isolation.

https://edition.cnn.com/world/live-news/coronavirus-outbreak-03-25-20-intl-hnk/h_cc882daacc6f698ce0f1b562b42a2

27 March 2020 (I-I): British Prime Minister Boris Johnson tests positive for COVID-19.

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/27/uk-says-prime-minister-boris-johnson-has-tested-positive-for-the-new-coronavirus.html>

30 March 2020 (I-I): British heir to the throne Prince Charles of Windsor recovers from COVID-19 and leaves self-isolation.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/royal-family/coronavirus-prince-charles-test-positive-recovered-self-isolation-royal-family-a9434951.html>

March- April 2020 (GR): Planet Lockdown. Devastating economic and social consequences. *The economic and social impacts far exceed those attributed to the coronavirus. Cited below are selected examples of a global process:*

- *Massive job losses and layoffs in the US, with more than [10 million workers filing claims for unemployment benefits](#).*
- *In India, a 21 days lockdown has triggered a wave of famine and despair affecting millions of homeless migrant workers all over the country. No lockdown for the homeless: “too poor to afford a meal”.*
- *The impoverishment in Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa is beyond description. For large sectors of the urban population, household income has literally been wiped out.*
- *In Italy, the destabilization of the tourist industry has resulted in bankruptcies and rising unemployment.*
- *In many countries, citizens are the object of police violence. Five people involved in protests against the lockdown were killed by police in Kenya and South Africa.*

2 April 2020 (I-I): Saudi Arabia’s two holy cities, Makkah and Madinah, are placed under a 24-hour curfew until further notice.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1651766/saudi-arabia>

3 April 2020 (I-I): Former US diplomat Henry Kissinger publishes his opinion-editorial in the Wall Street Journal titled ‘The Coronavirus Pandemic Will Forever Alter the World Order’.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-coronavirus-pandemic-will-forever-alter-the-world-order-11585953005>

6 April 2020 (I-I): British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who tested positive for COVID 19 on 27 March 2020, is put into an intensive care unit (ICU) after his condition deteriorates.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-52192604>

6 April 2020 (I-I): Brian Rose of LondonReal.TV interviews conspiracy researcher David Icke about 'The Coronavirus Conspiracy: How COVID-19 Will Seize Your Rights & Destroy Our Economy', resulting in YouTube removing the livestream video less than an hour after broadcast, and despite it being the second biggest livestream on YouTube in the world that day.

<https://londonreal.tv/the-coronavirus-conspiracy-how-covid-19-will-seize-your-rights-destroy-our-economy-david-icke/>

8 April 2020 (GR): Mounting fear campaign led by Western media. Very rapid increase in so-called "confirmed cases". "1,282,931 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 72,776 deaths, reported to WHO" (April 8). Mounting doubts on the reported "confirmed cases" of COVID-19. Failures of the CDC's categorization and statistical estimates.

9 April 2020 (I-I): British Prime Minister Boris Johnson leaves an intensive care unit (ICU) after his condition from COVID-19 improves, but remains in hospital.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-52238276>

12 April 2020 (I-I): British Prime Minister Boris Johnson leaves hospital after recovering from COVID-19.

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2020/apr/12/boris-johnson-leaves-hospital-as-he-continues-recovery-from-coronavirus>

14 April 2020 (I-I): President Donald Trump said he is halting funding to the World Health Organisation (WHO) while a review is conducted to cover WHO's "role in severely mismanaging and covering up the spread of coronavirus." This makes the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation the largest funder of WHO, ahead of any government.

<https://edition.cnn.com/2020/04/14/politics/donald-trump-world-health-organization-funding-coronavirus/index.html>

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/04/who-funds-world-health-organization-un-coronavirus-pandemic-covid-trump/>

16 April 2020 (I-I): Melinda Gates, co-founder of The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, announces an extra \$150 million of funding to help speed the development of treatments, vaccines and public health measures to tackle the new coronavirus outbreak, bringing the foundation's total commitment so far to \$250 million.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-gates/gates-ups-pandemic-funds-to-250-million-says-trump-who-move-makes-no-sense-idUSKCN21X3FK>

21 April 2020 (I-I): Saudi Arabia's General Presidency for the Affairs of the Two Holy Mosques extends the suspension of prayers in the Grand Mosque in Makkah and the Prophet's Mosque in Madinah during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1662336/saudi-arabia>

21 April 2020 (I-I): U.S. crude oil futures collapsed below \$0 on Monday for the first time in history, amid a coronavirus-induced supply glut, ending the day at a stunning minus \$37.63 a barrel as desperate traders paid to get rid of oil.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-global-oil/oil-price-crashes-into-negative-territory-for-the-first-time-in-history-amid-pandemic-idUSKBN2210V9>

22 April 2020 (I-I): King Salman of Saudi Arabia allows preachers at Islam's holiest mosques in Makkah and Madinah to perform nightly Ramadan Taraweeh prayers, with them being broadcast live globally.

<https://english.aawsat.com//home/article/2247441/king-salman-allows-preachers-perform-taraweeh-prayers-makkah-madinah>

22 April 2020 (I-I): Ihsanic Intelligence (I-I) makes its first public statement on COVID-19 Pandemic stating, "As the [#ViralLockdown](#) 2020 is a result of a tawun (pandemic) of mass hostility of enemies from the [#Jinn](#), then this [#Ramadan](#) should, if Allah wills, see this hostility abate as the Shayateen are locked in chains and people can engage in worship in their homes."

<https://twitter.com/Ihsanic/status/1252862620773650433>

23 April 2020 (I-I): Twitter said it will delete "unverified claims" that could lead directly to the destruction of infrastructure like 5G masts or causes widespread panic, but would not remove 5G and coronavirus misinformation, but would remove direct incitement to action.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-52395158>

24 April 2020 (I-I): The holy Muslim month of fasting, Ramadan, commences globally.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1660636/saudi-arabia>

30 April 2020 (I-I): Co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation, and healthcare and vaccine philanthropist Bill Gates states in a blog post that "we need to manufacture and distribute at least 7 billion doses of the vaccine" and that "In order to stop the pandemic, we need to make the vaccine available to almost every person on the planet. We've never delivered something to every corner of the world before."

<https://www.gatesnotes.com/Health/What-you-need-to-know-about-the-COVID-19-vaccine?>

1 May 2020 (I-I): The bill H. R. 6666, proposed as "COVID-19 Testing, Reaching, And Contacting Everyone (TRACE) Act", enters into the US House of Representatives to authorise the US Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to eligible entities to conduct diagnostic testing for COVID-19, and related activities such as contact tracing, through mobile health units and, as necessary, at individuals' residences, and for other purposes.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6666/text?r=2&s=1>

3 May 2020 (I-I): Brian Rose of LondonReal.TV interviews conspiracy researcher David Icke about the banning of his work on 'ROSE / ICKE III - THE LIVESTREAM', which aims to be the most viewed livestream of an interview with over a million viewers on its own independent platform.

<https://londonreal.tv/1000000-fighting-for-freedom/>

3 May 2020 (I-I): YouTube and Facebook delete the official pages of conspiracy researcher David Icke.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-52517797>

3 May 2020 (I-I): US President Donald Trump promises a 'conclusive' U.S. report on COVID-19's origins to a laboratory in Wuhan, China. US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo states "I can tell you that there is a significant amount of evidence that this came from that laboratory in Wuhan."

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-05-03/pompeo-says-enormous-evidence-links-virus-to-wuhan-laboratory>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/03/mike-pompeo-donald-trump-coronavirus-chinese-laboratory>

4 May 2020 (I-I): Intelligence sources tell British newspaper 'The Guardian' that there is no current evidence to suggest that coronavirus leaked from a Chinese research laboratory, contradicting recent White House claims that there is growing proof this is how the pandemic began.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/04/five-eyes-network-contradicts-theory-covid-19-leaked-from-lab>

7 May 2020 (I-I): The Bank of England has predicted that the British economy is set to shrink by its most since 1706, at around a 30% decline.

<https://time.com/5833533/uk-economy-coronavirus/>

7 May 2020 (I-I): With more than 73,000 American dead from COVID-19, US President Donald Trump stated "We went through the worst attack we've ever had on our country, this is worst attack we've ever had. This is worse than Pearl Harbour, this is worse than the World Trade Center. There's never been an attack like this. And it should have never happened. Could've been stopped at the source. Could've been stopped in China. It should've been stopped right at the source. And it wasn't." President Trump said the outbreak had hit the US harder than the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbour in World War Two, or the 9/11 attacks on 11 September 2001.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-52568405>

7 May 2020 (I-I): Saudi Arabia has bolstered coronavirus precautionary measures at the two Holy Mosques in Makkah and Madinah, by installing sterilisation gates to disinfect people before they enter the mosques for prayers. The new gates have thermal cameras that can detect the temperature of people from a distance of 6 meters - with a smart screen displaying the temperatures of more than one person at the same time in a second.

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/coronavirus-pandemic/coronavirus-disinfection-gates-installed-at-two-holy-mosques-in-makkah-madinah>

8 May 2020 (I-I): The U.S. economy lost a staggering 20.5 million jobs in April, the steepest plunge in payrolls since the Great Depression of the 1920s.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-economy/coronavirus-deals-us-job-losses-of-205-million-historic-unemployment-rate-in-april-idUSKBN22K1NS>

**Viral Lockdown 2020:
The Scholars' Perspective on the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Since the COVID-19 Pandemic was announced by WHO, Islamic Scholars globally have been providing their perspective on its nature, impact and meaning, and these perspectives are given chronologically.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MsrVREKEbyo&t=1077s>

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<https://sufilive.com/Allah-s-Power-Is-Shown-through-a-Tiny-Virus-7156-EN-print.html>

UAE Council for Fatwa issues a ruling for performing Congregational Rites in light of the spread of COVID-19, Sheikh Abdallah Bin Bayyah & Sheikh Hamza Yusuf, March 3, 2020

<https://sandala.org/congregations-and-covid-19/>

<https://sandala.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Fatwa-11-COVID-19.pdf>

Sheikh Hisham Kabbani, SufiLive, March 14, 2020

<https://sufilive.com/Advice-for-the-Coronavirus-Onscreen-Text--7207-EN-print.html>

Sheikh Hisham Kabbani, SufiLive, March 17, 2020

<https://sufilive.com/Stay-in-Your-Homes-Onscreen-Text--7208-EN-print.html>

Sheikh Hamza Yusuf, Zaytuna College, March 18, 2020

<https://zaytuna.edu/articles/presidentsmessage-march2020>

Sheikh Mustafa Umar, California Islamic University, March 22, 2020

<https://eshaykh.com/sunnah/guidelines-coronavirus/>

Taher Siddiqui, EShaykh.com, March 28, 2020

<https://eshaykh.com/dreams/dream-after-rajab-prayers/>

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<https://eshaykh.com/dreams/evil-jinn-army-attacking/>

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https://www.facebook.com/habibalieng/posts/2660841990680368?_tn=K-R

Al-Azhar Grand Imam Ahmed At-Tayeb, April 2, 2020,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4iMtjUrFNU>

Sheikh Hamza Yusuf, Communities of Faith and Covid-19, April 2, 2020

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Sheikh Abdal Hakim Murad, Cambridge Muslim College, April 7, 2020

<http://masud.co.uk/a-perspective-on-the-pandemic/>

Sheikh Hisham Kabbani, SufiLive, April 13, 2020

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“O People! Make peace with Allah (swt) or your end will be awful, especially Muslims! Be careful during Ramadan to keep the orders of Allah (swt); if not, it is up to you. **He will send a virus that will overtake human beings suddenly. Not seen with the human eye, that virus will attack them making it nearly impossible to breathe, eat or drink. Doctors will be puzzled, saying, “Where is this coming from?” This comes from the bad behaviors of people who threw away the honor of being created as human beings! They’ve become so wild, killing and crushing those whom Allah created as honorable. Divine Wrath will come upon them!**”

Sheikh Imran Hosein, ‘The Corona Virus and Akhir al-Zaman’, February 10, 2020

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“In Akhir al-Zaman (the End of Time), when the last stage of history comes, Nabi Muhammad ﷺ said it, and they know it. It was Ghazwat al-Tabuk (“The Battle of Tabuk”), and he ﷺ was sitting in a leather tent. And this is a hadith of Sahih Al-Bukhari. He ﷺ said “Count six things before the end of the world” and amongst the six is, he ﷺ said there will be a plague, meaning an epidemic, and it will kill you in large numbers the way it kills sheep. This is what he ﷺ said, this is one of his ﷺ prophecies. So Akhir al-Zaman is a time when there will be epidemics, plagues. The word which used to be long ago plagues, but nobody uses that term anymore. Now they use the term epidemic instead of plague. In the epidemic today we have, the coronavirus, which has just attacked China.”

“My view is that Dajjal is at work in coronavirus, the one who wants to rule the world from Jerusalem. So he has to have a Pax Judaica, which will replace Pax Americana, the way Pax Americana replaced Pax Britannica. These three ... so that Israel can rule the world. And Allah speaks of this in Surah al-Mursalat: “Proceed to that shadow which come upon the world, a shadow which will have three parts” (Holy Qur’an, 77:30). My opinion, and Allah, knows best, these are the three parts. In order for a Pax Judaica to replace a Pax Americana, in order for Israel to become the ruling state in the world, the population of Arabs, Muslims and Christians Arabs, which surround Israel has to be substantially reduced. You cannot reduce that population substantially through warfare because you will get a really bad name. You can use warfare to take control of territory, which is what Israel are going to do. But in order to substantially reduce the population and not be blamed for it you need something called biological warfare.”

“This is what is happening today. They are using the coronavirus, in my opinion, it is a trial run, and they are using it with the most populous nation in the world, the Chinese. And they are using it to see how China will respond to control it. And how the World Health Organisation will respond to control it. There is exquisite monitoring going on of the coronavirus at this time [by] those who want to rule the world from Jerusalem. That’s what they are doing. Of course, they are the ones who planted it in the first place. I have no doubt about that. Dajjal uses Gog and Magog to spread fasad (corruption) all over the world. And so the coronavirus has to be located in biological warfare in Akhir al-Zaman. That is my statement.”

“How do respond? I don’t know how many people will die. That’s not important to me. What is important to me is to see how does the Chinese government deal with this problem? We know our Prophet ﷺ said 1400 years ago, that when a plague takes place, if you are located in that place where the plague is spreading, do not leave; and if you are outside, do not enter. This is called a quarantine. And he ﷺ said this 1,400 years ago, quarantine. And now the World Health Organisation has picked up that same system of quarantine.”

“And the important thing they are doing now is monitoring the Chinese Government to see what they do now, how do the Chinese Government respond to this epidemic of the coronavirus, and secondly how does the World Health Organisation respond.”

“The second thing that is important for us to recognise is that the Arabs are going to be wiped out by plague. Our Prophet ﷺ said in the hadith about the Ghazwa al-Tabuk. So, the Arabs are the ones that have to be most concerned about coronavirus. Every Arab Government [names them], you should all be sending monitors who can go to Beijing to monitor how is the Chinese Government is dealing with this problem, how they can contain it. ..and how the World Health Organisation are dealing with it.”

“Because tomorrow, after the trial run is over, the plague is going to hit the Arab world and they will want to ensure that you are not prepared for it. And huge numbers of Arabs will die, as prophesied by the Prophet ﷺ. And so for the whole world of Islam, it is important but coronavirus is far, far more important for the Arab world because this is Akhir al-Zaman and in Akhir al-Zaman, there is a prophecy of a virus attack on the Arab world which will kill huge numbers of Arabs.”

Sheikh Hisham Kabbani, SufiLive, February 20, 2020

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It is very special in this time that you find people like this group. Now no one here is worried about corona! A tiny worm smaller than the tip of the finger, frightened the whole world. **What kind of small animal has Allah sent to the unbelievers?** Unbelievers receive the pain and problems from this world. Allah (swt) wants to show His Power by showing that such a tiny worm can frighten this whole world...

So there **are angels making it move, taking the virus around in the direction that Allah inspires ‘worms’**. In one second or less, one millisecond, He can take not only all the world but the whole universe. He gave all the universe as a gift to Prophet (s) on Laylat al-Israa wa 'l-Mi`raj which is coming to us [in Rajab]. **So this problem cannot be solved unless Allah wishes, and as it came suddenly it will go suddenly.**

Awliyaullah beg Allah (swt) through Prophet ﷺ to relieve that heavy punishment, and Awliyaullah know that already, and they gave us information from person to person, either physically or not physically. Allah put all this knowledge in the ayah that we just read:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَسْتَحْيِي أَنْ يَضْرِبَ مَثَلًا مَّا بَعُوضَةً فَمَا فَوْقَهَا فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فَيَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّهُ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَيَقُولُونَ مَاذَا أَرَادَ اللَّهُ بِهَذَا مَثَلًا يُضِلُّ بِهِ كَثِيرًا وَيَهْدِي بِهِ كَثِيرًا وَمَا يُضِلُّ بِهِ إِلَّا الْفَاسِقِينَ

Indeed, Allah is not shy to present an example - that of a mosquito or what is smaller than it. And those who have believed know that it is the truth from their Lord. But as for those who disbelieve, they say, "What did Allah intend by this as an example?" He misleads many thereby and guides many thereby. And He misleads not except the defiantly disobedient. (Surat al-Baqara, 2:26)

No one can understand, except previously they know there is a virus. Allah might demolish it. Some people decline that theory and say, “No, no, no, we know what this means!” They say they know better. What do you know better? Our `ilm is in this Way is like our shoelaces. It is in the Hands of Allah, He can send anyone to Heaven in the blink of an eye. Islam is to forgive the people; Allah wants to show His Mercy. He gave Prophet ﷺ all kinds of power to bring people to Islam and clean everything from them. **How to cure, how to finish this problem (the virus)? It is coming but in its time.**”

UAE Council for Fatwa issues a ruling for performing Congregational Rites in light of the spread of COVID-19, Sheikh Abdallah Bin Bayyah & Sheikh Hamza Yusuf, March 3, 2020

<https://sandala.org/congregations-and-covid-19/>

<https://sandala.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Fatwa-11-COVID-19.pdf>

On the basis of the statements of God, the exalted, “**He has chosen you and placed no hardship in your religion**” (Qur’an 22:78) as well as “**You who believe, obey God and the Messenger, and those in authority among you**” (Qur’an 4:59); the hadith of the Messenger of God ﷺ, “**Whatever I command you, do to the extent of your ability**” (Bukhari and Muslim); the legal maxims (qawaid shariyyah), “**Aversion of harm takes priority over acquisition of benefit,**” and “**Risk of individual harm is endured in order to repel public harm**”; the consideration of **public welfare in light of the spread of COVID-19** and the need for all segments of the country to cooperate to combat this disease and halt its dissemination; and in light of the obligation to obey governments in their directives and instructions, the UAE Council for Fatwa issues the following fatwa:

1. It is a religious obligation for all segments of society to **strictly adhere to all public health directives** and regulations provided by the dedicated state agencies as well as to take all necessary measures to prevent the transmission and spread of the illness. It is impermissible according to sacred law to disregard such directives and measures under any circumstances.

Such directives include frequently washing hands with soap and water, for cleanliness is part of the teachings of Islam based on the agreed upon hadith narrated by Abu Hurayrah in which the Prophet ﷺ said, “**When one of you wakes up from sleeping, he should wash his hands thrice before putting them into the water vessel**”; limiting greeting others to verbal salutations and avoiding shaking hands and hugging; observing proper etiquette when sneezing, including covering the mouth and nose with the elbow or a tissue; and others.

2. It is **forbidden** by shariah for anyone infected with this illness or even one thought to be at risk for infection **to enter public places** or go to the mosque for all congregational prayers, including Friday prayers and the Eid prayers. It is an obligation for such a person to take all necessary precautions as outlined by medical authorities, such as observing quarantine and adhering to any prescribed treatment. This is so that one does not transmit the illness to others.

3. There is a **religious concession** (rukhsah) for the elderly, children, anyone suffering from respiratory conditions, and those with compromised immunity to **not attend all congregational prayers**, including Friday prayers, Eid prayers, and tarawih prayers. Such

people may pray in their homes or wherever they are and can pray Dhuhr in place of the Friday congregational prayer.

4. Regarding the hajj, umrah, and visiting the Messenger of God ﷺ, it is obligatory to **adhere to all directives** issued by the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which are rooted in their governmental and religious responsibilities for the welfare of all pilgrims. Adhering to these directives helps them in ensuring the well-being and safety of all.

5. It is a **religious obligation** for all parties to **cooperate with the appropriate agencies**, each within their respective capacity, to limit the spread of disease and to work to eradicate it. They should also not circulate misinformation or rumors and should rely only on official statements from the appropriate agencies. Those committed to the safety and stability of society should ignore all unfounded rumors and prevent their spread.

6. All **groups and individuals** should extend help and support to one another in whatever capacity they are able to do so and not capitalize on such situations by raising prices, particularly as it pertains to pharmaceuticals and healthcare.

7. The basis for this fatwa is derived from several sources, including verses from the Holy Qur'an, the prophetic way (sunnah), scholarly consensus, and analogical reasoning. Here are a few:

Qur'anic Verses

- **“Do not kill each other, for God is merciful to you”** (Qur'an 4:29).
- **“Do not contribute to your destruction with your own hands”** (Qur'an 2:195).
- **“And when some matter of security or alarm comes to them, they broadcast it; whereas had they only referred it to the Messenger, and to those of them with authority, their investigators would have found out about it”** (Qur'an 4:83).

Prophetic Sunnah

- On the authority of Abu Hurayrah, the Messenger of God ﷺ said, **“Flee from leprosy (judhum) as you flee from a lion!”** (Bukhari).

Leprosy is a communicable disease, and the reason for the prophetic command to flee from it is so that its transmission can be stopped. This is a proof that we believe diseases do transmit to others by God's leave and one should distance oneself from their sources.

- On the authority of Usamah b. Zayd, the Messenger of God ﷺ said, **“If you hear of an epidemic afflicting a land, do not enter it, and if it afflicts the land you are in, do not leave it”** (Bukhari).

One of the reasons that an infected person is prohibited from leaving the area of the epidemic is so that such a person does not transmit the illness to others. Instead, he should quarantine himself from even the healthy people of that region. Ibn Athir (d. 630/1233) mentions in his Al-Kamil fi al-Tarikh (The Complete History),

Amr b. al-'As fled Emmaus with the people when they were afflicted with the plague and went up into the mountains until God removed it from them. News of this reached 'Umar b. al-Khattab, and he did not censure it [meaning, as caliph, he deemed Amr's actions as appropriate and hence sanctioned by him].”

- On the authority of Abu Hurayrah, the Messenger of God ﷺ said, **“Do not introduce infectious livestock into a healthy herd”** (Bukhari).
- On the authority of Amr b. Yahya al-Mizini, who related on the authority of his father, the Messenger of God ﷺ said, **“Do not harm or reciprocate harm”** (Al-Muwattaa of Imam Malik).
- The numerous hadith in Muslim and elsewhere regarding the obligation to obey government authority are evidence of the obligation to adhere to their directives and instructions. The leader has the prerogative to act in the interest of the nation as determined by the appropriate agencies of the state. Al-Sarkhasi says in his Al-Siyar al-Kabir (The Major Compendium of Methods), “If the leader commands the people to do something and they are uncertain as to whether or not it is beneficial, they must obey him. This is because the obligation to obey leaders is well established with unambiguous texts. As for their doubts as to whether or not it is beneficial, that is no justification to contradict unambiguous source texts.” And so, that which is permissible in the sacred law becomes an obligation if ordered by the government. This position is noted by Ibn Abidin in his commentary under the chapter of the Rain Prayer.

Scholarly Consensus

- The scholars unanimously agree that **“harm is to be removed”** and held this to be a universal legal maxim. It is under this maxim that we would include the avoidance of regions afflicted with epidemics in order to protect human life and the health of the body.

Analogous Reasoning

- It is a well-established dictate in sacred law that a person with an offensive odor is to avoid the mosques and that such a person should leave the mosque in order to prevent harming others. It is narrated in Sahih Muslim that ‘Umar b. al-Khattab delivered the sermon one Friday and said, **“O people, you eat from two 6 substances that I deem repugnant: onions and garlic. For I saw that if the Messenger of God ﷺ smelled their odor from someone, he ordered that he be removed from the mosque, and he was taken to al-Baqi. So whoever eats them should neutralize their odor by cooking them.”** If a person was removed for merely an offensive odour, what about the harm of a contagious disease that could be fatal? In this vein, al-Hafiz Ibn ‘Abd al-Barr said in his Tamhid, “If the ratio legis (‘illah) for his expulsion from the mosque was his harming others, then by extension it would be the same for all that harms the congregation in the mosque, whether a foul odor or a medical condition, such as leprosy or the like, and anything else that harms people if they are in proximity. If the people would want such a person removed from the mosque and kept away, that is their right for as long as the cause for harm is present. When it is no longer present, the ruling no longer applies, and the person may now return to the mosque.”

In conclusion, the Council for Fatwa calls on **all Muslims to turn to God through supplication (dua’) and plentiful petitions for forgiveness (istighfar). Seeking forgiveness relieves tribulations and leads to an increase in strength.** We see this in the Qur’an, where God, the exalted, quotes the words of Prophet Hud alahi salam: **“My people, ask forgiveness from your Lord, and return to Him. He will send down for you rain in abundance from the sky and give you added strength”** (Qur’an 11:52). So we ask God, the exalted, to perpetuate His gentle care, protection, and well-being on the

nation of the United Arab Emirates; its people; and all its institutions, both leadership and citizenry, and that He remove this illness from the Muslims and the entire world.

And God, the exalted, knows better.

Sheikh Hisham Kabbani, SufiLive, March 14, 2020

<https://sufilive.com/Advice-for-the-Coronavirus-Onscreen-Text--7207-EN-print.html>

“That is the decree of (Him), the Exalted in Might, the All-Knowing (Surah Yaseen 36:38). That problem will dissolve by itself. That is what Grandshaykh Abd Allah ad-Daghestani taught us in the previous good years. Now we are in the bad years. Bad years but insha Allah the khalaas is coming, the safety is coming. The conclusion, Islam will be spreading peace everywhere and we [Muslims] don't spread [anything] except peace.”

Sheikh Hisham Kabbani, SufiLive, March 17, 2020

<https://sufilive.com/Stay-in-Your-Homes-Onscreen-Text--7208-EN-print.html>

“We are going to be brief concerning **the problem that has arisen for humanity. This is the state of war against an unknown (enemy) and we have to be careful to follow whatever the government says to us.**

Grandshaykh and Mawlana Shaykh Nazim have said that **during a state of war, be in your home and don't do other than Dhikrullah and Khatm [to try to change it], and we are likewise saying this. We don't enter into politics, we listen and we do what is required of us. And we recommend that everyone not mingle in public places but rather to be in their homes and reciting [reading] from Holy Qur'an and Dalaa'il al-Khayrat.**”

Sheikh Hamza Yusuf, Zaytuna College, March 18, 2020

<https://zaytuna.edu/articles/presidentsmessage-march2020>

“We should keep in mind that **plagues, wars, and natural disasters have vexed our species throughout human history** and that these will remain a part of life on earth. In fact, epidemics are mentioned at least twice in the Qur'an—in the second chapter, Al-Baqarah (The Cow), and in the seventh chapter, Al-Araf (The Heights).

These are **indeed strange times**: our authorities are telling us to wash several times a day, a lot of frivolous entertainment has been cancelled, bars have been shut down, interest rates are at zero, and the president of the United States is telling us to pray. In other words, for Muslims, this means keep practicing your religion!

It also means that this is **an opportunity to get closer to God** and to become more acutely aware of and grateful for God's bountiful gifts that we so often take for granted and that for some are now threatened: security, sustenance, mobility, family, friends, and faith.”

Sheikh Mustafa Umar, California Islamic University, March 22, 2020

<https://eshaykh.com/sunnah/guidelines-coronavirus/>

In this fatwa: Here are some Islamic guidelines on dealing with coronavirus:

- 1- A Muslim **must avoid harming others** if they are affected with a disease that has a likelihood of harming another person/people.
- 2- A Muslim must be **careful not to get harmed**, and must protect themselves appropriately.

- 3- It is **fine to use medicine**, and even encouraged, and this does not violate the concept of trusting in Allah.
- 4- The Messenger of Allah ﷺ has **encouraged the discovery of treatments** for diseases.

Taher Siddiqui, EShaykh.com, March 28, 2020

<https://eshaykh.com/dreams/dream-after-rajab-prayers/>

“This is the understanding of *Awliya* because **humans have gone so far in wrong doing this virus sent to remind and to warn of further punishment if humans don't turn back to the Lord**. And only salvation as Mawlana is saying is *Rahmatullah* which is actually Rasoolullah ﷺ.”

Sheikh Gibril Fouad Haddad, EShaykh.com, March 28, 2020

<https://eshaykh.com/hadith/pandemic-adhan/>

“It is a permissible *sunna* according to Shafis and Hanafis in particular contexts such as **the pandemic the world is presently experiencing**, as the Prophet (upon him blessings and peace) said: الطاعون وخز أعدائكم من الجن / “**Pandemics are from a jab by your enemies among the jinns**” (Musnad Ahmad, Tabarani, Hakim), and adhan is recommended at the time of **tamarrud al-jinn (mass jinn hostility)**, as stated by Imam al-Haytami in Sharh al-Minhaj, in Hashiyat al-Ramli and others, and endorsed by the Hanafis such as in Ibn `Abidin's Hashiya, as it disables them for as long as Allah wishes as well as reminds people to read the Mu`awwidhat (last three Suras) and other verses the Prophet ﷺ recommended against them such as Ayatul Kursi and the end of al-Baqara, make istighfar, rise and pray voluntary prayers, make dhikr, and trust in Allah.”

Dr. Aziz Hussein, EShaykh.com, March 29, 2020

<https://eshaykh.com/dreams/evil-jinn-army-attacking/>

“The **current Jinn particles** (as explained by Mawlana Shaykh Hisham in his recent video) **roaming the earth have invaded the entire planet** but they cannot penetrate holy places such as Mawlana Shaykh Hisham's dergah *en masse*, despite their intense desire to do so, and that they are **sensitive to heat and to many forms of light**, especially that of the sun that comes from space and the lightning that also comes from space (sprites). This is because these are **a type of jinn from beyond this dunya and they have already wrecked havoc**, and where many of Mawlana Shaykh's *mureeds* and *Awliya* are fighting them with lightning and energy weapons. Your dream shows that the **evil Jinn particles roaming the earth cause more damage at night**. While scientists don't know this, the contagion happens very often at night, when all lights are low and the sun has set at which time these jinns have more power. **Awliya know this secret and thus sent inspiration to heads of state and governments to impose curfews**. This has prevented those jinns from attacking more people at night. *w'Allahu alam.*”

Habib Ali Al-Jifri, March 29, 2020

https://www.facebook.com/habibalieng/posts/2660841990680368?_tn=&_r=K-R

“You who believe, obey God and the Messenger, and those in authority among you.” (4:59) If **governments, centres of fatwa, and health institutions are not “those in authority among you”** when it comes to taking the means to overcome this pandemic then who are “those in authority”?

Bukhari and Muslim both relate on the authority of Abdullah ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him and his father) that one day he said to the mu'adhin on a day of heavy rain: "After calling 'Muhammad is the messenger of Allah' do not proceed and say 'hasten to the prayer.' **Instead, say: 'Pray in your homes.'**" The mu'adhin said, **"the people will disapprove of this."** Ibn Abbas replied, **"Are you surprised [at my order]? The one who is better than me did this! (He was referring to the Allah's Messenger ﷺ)."** If this was the command of Ibn Abbas in relation to heavy rain - and the jurists have said that it qualifies as a reason for suspending daily and Friday congregational prayers as do reasons of fear for one's life, family, or wealth - then how about a pandemic that spreads rapidly?

Even if a person doubts that he will contract the virus, **the experience of societies in which the virus has spread is an unequivocal affirmation of it being easily contractable by any person.** In that case, the harm it causes is raised from being a harm that afflicts a person to a harm that can afflict an entire community. Islamic legal maxims state: "harm may neither be inflicted nor be reciprocated"; "harm is to be removed"; and "preventing harm takes precedence over acquiring benefits."*

Note: there are two issues related the impact of the coronavirus that need to be differentiated.

First, the sadness a believer experiences over his inability to attend daily and Friday congregational prayers in the mosque, the pain he feels from being deprived of the light that emanates from the Allah's houses, and the compassion he feels from realising that this deprivation is a divine form of discipline for His servants.

The second issue relates to the **stirring up of rumours and chaos, the spreading of scepticism and worries, refusal to obey authorities, and throwing accusations at decision makers and those who support them for taking decisions in the best interest of society and people.**

The experience of the first issue is from the inner core of faith and love of Allah. One who does not feel it, even partially, should question whether their heart has a life. **As for the second issue, that is tantamount to causing strife (fitna) in the earth and dividing the ranks of society at a time of great test at a time when people are in the greatest need of standing together to face this pandemic. To spread lies and false rumours during a calamity is a trait of the hypocrites, may Allah pardon us all!**

It is imperative that we obey Allah's command to take the means and do it to a high degree of perfection for the sake of attaining Allah's love, for the Prophet ﷺ said: **"Verily, Allah loves that should anyone of you do an action, you perfect it."** Let us have tranquility in our hearts through Allah's remembrance, experience the light of reliance on Him, trust in Him, and have contentment with His decree, without worry, trouble or objection.

O Allah we ask you for an urgent deliverance and an all-encompassing generosity, O One who is gentle with His creation, O One who knows His creation, Be gentle with us, Ya Latif, Ya Alim, Ya Khabir."

* Further notes:

In his book "Badhl al-Ma'un", the erudite scholar of Hadith science, Ibn Hajar al-Asqalani, may Allah have mercy on him, affirms that to supplicate for protection from an epidemic does not conflict with one's belief in Allah's ultimate decree. However, to gather a congregation for this purpose - in the manner people do for the rain prayer - is an innovation that began during the great plague that afflicted Damascus in 749 AH. Ibn Hajar further **references a source who rebukes the congregating of people in one place during a plague as they did in 749 AH because it caused the plague to spread more than it currently had.** Ibn Hajar then states a similar case from a plague in Cairo in

833 AH, where people gathered to pray against the epidemic but this only resulted in more deaths due to its spreading.

Al-Azhar Grand Imam Ahmed At-Tayeb, April 2, 2020,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4iMtjUrFNU>

“As you know, our world today lives in sheer panic and great distress, as a result of the fast spread of the new epidemic, COVID-19, which has hit hundreds of thousands of people, killed thousands, disturbed the normal course of life and isolated countries all over the globe. **In such hard circumstances, we as countries, nations, individuals, institutions, organisations, have to shoulder our responsibilities, and to do our best to fight this epidemic, stop it, and protect people from its dangers.**

We have also to mention with pride, gratitude and appreciation, the great sacrifices made by the physicians, nurses, and the rest of the medical staff at the health sectors, who risk their lives, in order to ward off this danger threatening the entire humanity. The great efforts made by officials to contain this virus do strengthen our trust in our ability to overcome this epidemic virus and defeat it.

However, our success in this battle, depends largely on our intention to continue to **shoulder our responsibilities in stubborn determination and great urgency. I, as Al-Azhar Grand Imam, making use of the juristic rule: “warding off dangers is prior to gaining benefits” and the rule “The greatest danger is warded off by the lesser danger”.**

We, Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, confirm that abiding by the hygiene instructions and regulatory rules issued by the concerned official departments are absolutely necessary. These instructions include personal hygiene, social distancing, staying at home, halting the Friday prayers, and the other congregational prayers in the mosque and performing the prayers at home on time, without big gatherings.

All these instructions are necessities entailed by the Shariah (Islamic Law) whether in Egypt or in any other country where the prayers may be performed. Conforming to such rules is obligatory and disobeying them is against the Islamic teachings and against Allah’s instruction: **‘Do not throw yourselves with your own hands into destruction’** (Qur’an, 2:195).

According to the Islamic Shariah, **it is unlawful to make up rumours, propagate them, confuse or frighten people, or make them lose confidence in the measures taken by the governments to protect their homelands and citizens.** My message to our brethren, who have been afflicted by this disease in Egypt or elsewhere in the world, is that we sympathise with them and we pray to Allah, Glory Be To Him, that they may have a speedy recovery. We also pray to Allah to show mercy to those who have died of this disease and to bestow patience and solace on their families.

I do express Al-Azhar’s solidarity with all the countries and nations that are fighting the outbreak of this pandemic. I affirm that the Islamic Shariah invites those who can afford to help the afflicted wherever they are on the earth. This is a humanitarian duty and a practical application of fraternity, which has been put to test by this crisis. The test would reveal to what extent we believe and confirm to

the sublime human principles. My advice to everyone who would like to survive this ordeal and stick to the medical and scientific measures ordained by the Islamic Shariah.

We have to **spend plenty of money in charity, to resort to supplication to Allah, our Lord, in our prayers, so that He may end this disaster, assist His servants, and inspire the researchers and scholars to discover a cure to this dangerous virus soon.** For Allah Almighty is our Patron and He is Capable of doing everything.

O Allah, let not those rule over us, because of our sins, those who do not fear You and do not show mercy to us by Your Mercy, O Most-Merciful of those who have mercy. O Allah, the Most Compassionate, O Giver of All Good, O Thou Full of Benefactions, O Most Merciful of this World and the Hereafter, O Refuge of the fearful; O Protecting Neighbour of those that seek Thy neighbourhood, O Helper of those that seek Thy help, O Thou that raiseth from the pitfalls, O Averter of calamity. O Allah, we ask you to pray upon Muhammad ﷺ and upon the family of Muhammad ﷺ, and we ask You to save us from the harm that we know, the harm we do not, for Your are Almighty, Most Generous.

May the Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon His Messenger Muhammad ﷺ, and on his family and companions!"

Sheikh Hamza Yusuf, Communities of Faith and Covid-19, April 2, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTwmEJVcFK4>

“And so when the Prophet ﷺ was asked about plagues as in “What were they?”, and he ﷺ said, “They are an invasion of the Unseen world upon you.” But then he ﷺ said, they are a mercy for believers.”

Sheikh Abdal Hakim Murad, Cambridge Muslim College, April 7, 2020

<http://masud.co.uk/a-perspective-on-the-pandemic/>

“The world is fasting, in a certain way, this is an *imsak* of capitalism, whose Belshazzar’s Feast has abruptly broken up; as for the daytime visitor to a stunned city centre, much is off-limits; as a Ramadan hadith tells us, the devils are chained, *sufidat al-shayatin*. The wary shoppers are interested not in nice things but in survival; old habits of absentminded browsing seem absurd. Our Prime Minister, baring his hedonist’s soul, has closed the bookshops but kept the off-licenses open; but even they do not seem to be busy. Many people are polite and caring, but everyone is chastened, subdued, sober, watchful.”

Of course **this sudden crash is falling differently upon different heads.** For the old, my absent-minded sneeze may bring a terrible death; for the young men who are standing together and laughing, waiting for their bus, the risk seems trivial; and what young blade worth his salt shuns a risk: this game of Russian Roulette that they play every day is new and edgy, and they feel immortal, blithely confident that they at least will be standing for the same bus next year.

So Heaven has given us to live in interesting times; we are entering the gravest global crisis in many decades; and it is right for Muslims to reflect, taking advantage of these newly long and quiet days. But before we do so, let us self-quarantine from the panicky and sensational media, let us click away and block up

our ears against the second-rate fumbling politicians; let us look from our windows upon the eerie emptiness of the streets, and consider what God might mean by this. Even the atheist brain knows ours for a time of hubris: we madly ravage and violate nature and walk upon the moon; every other species cringes from us as ecosystems die; our gamed financial system is increasingly parasitical upon the poor. From our human perspective Covid-19 is an infection which disorders our world; but seen from the world's perspective humanity itself has, over the past age, become a still more deadly disease: like a fungus or a hookworm we suck the blood of the host, multiplying insanely until the ecosystem itself, the planet which we vampirize, starts to sicken and die. Bani Adam, released from the natural restraints urged by religion, has itself become a disease, in its planning and its wisdom no more intelligent than a microbe. We have become a Qarun-virus.

And now God's world is paying us back with this invisible miasma which makes us afraid even to inhale. Putin and Trump, masters of nuclear arsenals, are staggering back from its influence, discovering, perhaps, the Naqshbandi rule of *khush dar dam*, mindfulness in every breath. So small an enemy to have overthrown our world: too tiny to see, the corona literally a crown: this microscopic flimsy protein, this almost nothing, is now king of the world.

In this divine irony we remember old fables in the mouse and the elephant genre. The Holy Prophet ﷺ, whose entire message is a challenge to the love of *dunya* and fear of death, was born in the Year of the Elephant; how often we repeat that *sura*, as though it were a nursery rhyme: **but Abraha the tyrant remains a perennial symbol of the arrogance which seeks to displace the things of God: the *Sira* writers tell us that the birds which rained clay pellets upon him and his army also brought a disease, so that their flesh started to rot on their bones while they still lived. It was a kind of terrible Ebola, eating them alive. *Faja'alahum ka-asfin ma'kul*.**

Microbes, then, which are part of the symphony of the world's balanced ecosystem, also belong to the army of God. At times they serve us through the Divine names *al-Razzaq*, *al-Latif*: our stomachs and intestines are crawling with them, and without them we could not digest our dinners; on the land they then break down dead matter and return it to the soil; they limit populations naturally, maintaining the balance, *mizan*, of creation, in which every species has the right to its space. But at other times, no less necessary for the balance, they serve the Divine names *al-Qabbar* and *al-Muntaqim*, the Compeller, the Avenger, and thus did Allah use them to strike down the oligarch Abraha and his elephant, his commandos and his marines.

Allah says that He is with the poor and broken-hearted: *ana 'inda'l-munkasirati qulubuhum*. The Qur'an makes us uneasy with its uncompromising prophetic arguments against status, pride and the hoarding of wealth. The Sharia, with its Zakat and its inheritance laws, aims to break up fortunes, smashing them with the hammer of God's justice; by contrast the parasitic modern schemes of *homo economicus* have led to a historically unequalled hoarding of wealth by the global one percent.

And so the great Qur'anic stories of truth confronting power tell us, again and again, that Pharaoh is overthrown not by another superpower, but by a mere prophet in rags, a member of a despised subject race made up of imported labourers and immigrants, a man who has even doubted his ability to speak clearly. Barefoot he stands before the throne of Memphis, defying the magicians of the autocratic state whose wealth is directed insanely to the creation of marble mausoleums for the rotting dead; the autocrat turns away in scorn, and the plagues of Egypt fall upon his land. What power can his minister of defence marshal against

the frogs, the blood, and the infection which covers him and his people with festering boils? Again, the smallest members of nature's kingdom are used by Providence to strike against a destructive and unjust megastructure of oppression and pride.

And again, let us recall the heroic standing of Abraham in the court of Nimrod. This comes in the surat al-Baqara:

"Have you not beheld the one who argued with Abraham about his Lord; God having given him the kingdom. And Abraham said: My Lord is He that gives life and death; And he replied: I give life and death."

The commentators record Nimrod, at that point, displaying his power by proudly and hard-heartedly pardoning a prisoner, and executing another: a ruler's godlike power of amnesty.

"And Abraham said: Allah brings the sun from the east, so bring it, you, from the West; and thus the one who disbelieved was refuted; and God does not guide the unjust people."

The *tafsir* authors mention that the populace would come to Nimrod, and affirm him as their Lord, *rabb*; he would then give them food.

And then Abraham comes, and when he is asked the same question, he says, "*Rabbij alladhi yuhyi wa-yumit*", My Lord is He that gives life and death.

Thrown out from the tyrant's presence and returning to his family, Abraham fills his food sacks with sand, so that at least for a while they will think that he has brought them something, and be consoled. He falls asleep; and when Sara his wife opens the sacks she finds them miraculously filled with the finest grain.

As for Nimrod, the chronicles mention that while he was dispensing this form of justice, a mosquito or a gnat crawled into his nostril: *faba'atha'Llabu 'alaybi ba'uda, fadakhalat fi mankharibi*. It bit him, and this caused him such excruciating torment that he started to hit the walls of his palace with his head, until, after years of pain, he died.

The point, of course, is again that the smallest creatures can overthrow the proudest human hubris. And in our time, it is the virus that wears the crown, and the mighty who are helpless and humbled. Look at the politicians across Europe who have persecuted the honourable traditions of Islam: it is they, now, who are forced to wear the *niqab*.

Plague and pestilence are nothing new or surprising for Islam. Look in our texts, and we find that *waba'* defined as an epidemic, and *i'da'* as contagion, and medieval Islam knew perfectly well that the result could be a massacre. Ibn Battuta, describing the Black Death in Cairo, records that twenty thousand people a day were dying; and the imams would cry out: *Shahada, Shahada!* The reference, no doubt, was to the Bukhari hadith that says that those who stay in a plague-stricken land, reckoning that nothing can befall them save Allah's decree, will receive a reward equal to that of martyrs.

Premodern Muslim medics, and ulema who thought about contagion, assumed a social world in which human expectations from life and *dunya* were modest. Terrors about death and a love of abundance are more the *sunna* of Nimrod and Pharaoh; they are the way of Abu Jahl, not that of the Seal of the Messengers ﷺ; as the poets say, they reflect the materialism of the donkey, not of the Jesus who rides it. Our modern attitudes to death are very unrealistic, evasive and stressful: atheist beliefs, which have themselves spread like a virus thanks to the unclean matter which has accumulated in our hearts, persuade many that clinical death is the end of ourselves. As the Qur'an describes such people: "*They say, it is only our life of this world, we were dead, and we live, and only Time kills us.*"

“For Tyssen, and for the forerunners of our British Muslim community, Islam is quintessentially the religion of submission: not only to God’s *amr taklifi*: the commandments of Sharia, but His *amr takwini*: His command which shapes every event in the world, including the command which says that we must die. Ours is pre-eminently and proudly the religion of *tawakkul*, of *rida*, of *taslim*.

Thus the *wali*, the truly Muslim person, is of those whom “*la khawfun ‘alayhim wa-la hum yahzanun*”: they fear not, neither do they sorrow. For God has commanded us to say: “*lan yusibana illa ma kataba’Llahu lana*”: nothing will afflict us other than what God has written for us.

So we mourn our dead, and this is a natural and a healing reflex; and we believe in medicine; but we do not panic. Death is a natural part of the glorious system of God’s universe, with its cycles of birth, growth, flourishing fertility, and death, a creation which contains *jalal* as well as *jamal*, Rigour as well as Beauty.

Our product-addiction is murdering Mother Earth; hence our idea that humanity is itself a disease killing its planetary host: we are all the Qarun virus. But it is killing our souls and our societies as well. The believer is not much given to shopping, although she or he takes pleasure in treating guests well; the Holy Prophet’s home was so simple that his door was not made of wood, but of a simple length of sackcloth. *Kun fi’d-dunya ka’annaka gharibun aw abira sabil*, he says: “Be in this world as though a stranger or a traveller”.

So the believer, in isolation, is further from *dunya*, there is a detachment, and he revives some of the key benefits of *khalwa* or ‘*uzla*, remembering the possibility of experiencing clear-heartedness when distractions and worldly pleasures are at arm’s length: the Blessed Virgin saw the angel when she was on her own in the desert, and the same angel came to the Best of Creation when he was alone, *yatahannath*, in the Cave of Hira.

Our moment, then, is an opportunity to reactivate the honourable and richly-rewarding Islamic customs of *khalwa* and *I’tikaf*. Perhaps, if Mr. Hancock’s predictions of an unlocking at the end of April come true, it will be a forty-day retreat. Literally, a true quarantine, an *arba’in*, a *chilla*. During this time the atheist materialist world will be suffering from boredom, fear and financial anxiety: its dilemma is clear: either leave people in their homes, or revive the economy: the fear of death and the fear of poverty are two agitated giants clashing in their hearts.

To the extent that we have internalised our Islam, we will not suffer much from such clashes or from such fears. The future is God’s, not man’s; all is His, and we travel into it as He decrees.

For many people, the confinement is irksome and the purity of spiritual concentration seems like an unrealistic hope: children fight and need exercise, we miss our friends, and, this the greatest pain, in Ramadan we are likely to miss the timeless majesty of our Tarawih prayers. Our hearts miss the mosques, and in this distance we learn how much we need the beautiful and healing forms of our practices, and we realise with sorrow how impoverished must be the life of the Godless.

But Islam has no priesthood and no consecrated churches; the Chosen One tells us that one of the *khassas*, the special characteristics, of his Umma is that “the whole earth has been made a mosque for me”. In almost every home there is someone who can lead the prayer, even in a basic way; the fasting can proceed in a fully Sharia-valid manner; our *zakat al-fitr* can still be paid: Islam is entirely doable in our seclusion.

So let us relearn the traditions of seclusion, ‘uzla. And let us not waste time, but seize the opportunity. We can read books more than we ever did before:

Ni'ma'l-anisu kitabu / in fataka'l-ashabu

“How good a friend is a book, when friends are unavailable.”

As we spend our days in peaceful detachment, and our hearts calm down, in an uncanny way we can establish a feeling of connection with the souls of scholars of past ages, by respectfully engaging with their works; we can in some mysterious sense become their disciples, we can enjoy their company.

In the same way we must establish the prayer strongly in our homes, remembering the Prophetic commandment that our houses must not become like graves, but must be brought to life by *salat*. The *adhan* should be recited loudly and on time. We should log on to live Qur'anic recitation, rather than simply listen to recordings. We can take online Islamic classes and systematically learn things we should have known long ago, especially the basic obligations, *fard a'yan*. This can be a lifetime opportunity to increase in *ilm*, to catch up on what we should have done before, and to taste the unique blessings of increased *'amal*.

In times of *fitna*, particularly amid the seditions and sorrows of the end-times, the Prophetic instruction is, firstly, to break your swords: “*wa'dribu bi-suyufikum al-hijara*”, and to become a piece of furniture in your house: “*kun hilsan min ahlas baytik*”. The intention should be to avoid the distractions of the tumultuous outside world: in many countries, for instance, the temptations of the treacherous glance in the underdressed summer months, the risks of improper conversations, of backbiting and slander, or pointless shopping expeditions and extravagant restaurant meals; but our imams, including Imam al-Ghazali, emphasise that the intention must primarily be to keep others safe from our own evils, not to be safe from theirs. By self-isolating, we avoid infecting other people with our bad habits and our poor *adab*. We now inflict less harm upon the world.

So we ask Allah, perhaps on the night of the middle of Sha'ban itself, that this opportunity for retreat be for us a blessed time, of *sabr* and of *shukr*, of *tawakkul* and *taslim*, and that He decree a blessed outcome. We were all running too fast after *dunya*, and we need to stop, and draw breath for a while. May we enter Ramadan, therefore, in a calm and well-prepared state of prayer and attentiveness to our duties and to the presence of Almighty God. May it be the best Ramadan of our lives, free of laziness and full of constructive family love, forgiveness, prayer and the gaining of knowledge. May this self-isolation end, as Ramadan always ends, not with a sense of release, but with a sense that a spiritual and special time has been experienced, and will be missed.

And we will pray, too, for strength for medical staff, for mercy upon our dead, and for greater *taqwa* in our hearts. And we will pray that the mighty will be humbled, that the dead hand of materialism will be lifted from a frantic and greedy and stressed Bani Adam, and that this be a time of *tawba* and reflection and return to *Haqq* not only for the Umma, but for all of humanity, which has suffered from its own sins for too long, and craves the merciful guiding restoration of its heart, by the grace of Heaven.”

Sheikh Hisham Kabbani, SufiLive, April 13, 2020

<https://sufilive.com/Awliya-Salvation-Onscreen-Text--7229.html>

“The Prophet ﷺ mentioned six tremendous signs that would precede the Day of Judgment. 'Awf Ibn Mālik related that the Prophet ﷺ said: “Count six signs before the Hour: my death; then the opening of Bayt al-Maqdis; then death in huge numbers, like

the plague of sheep; then there will be such an excess of money, such that a man would give one hundred dinars to a (needy) person and he looks at that with disgust; then a confusion that will enter every house of the Arabs; then a truce between you and the non-Muslims (because) they will be exceedingly powerful against you, coming to you with eighty different groups (of soldiers or eighty different compelling excuses); under each group twelve thousand (soldiers or twelve thousand explanations).”

This hadith mentions that in the Last Days a great number of people will also die in this way, that is by the spread of a harmful substance into the respiratory system. Influenza is spread in this manner and produces similar symptoms. There are yearly epidemics of influenza and occasional pandemics in which a new strain of the virus sweeps over the world, killing millions. **In today’s world of travelers rapidly criss-crossing the globe a pandemic of influenza could spread like lightning, leaving massive death in its wake.”**

Sheikh Abdallah Bin Bayyah, ImamsOnline, April 15, 2020

<http://imamsonline.com/recommended-reading-by-shaykh-bin-bayyah-during-time-of-upheaval/>

The below is a litany reading recommended by Shaykh Abdallah Bin Bayyah during this time of upheaval due to the global spread of the Coronavirus.

Sheikh Hisham Kabbani, SufiLive, April 18, 2020

<https://sufilive.com/Servants-Who-Kept-Their-Covenant-with-Allah-swt-Onscreen-Text--7230-EN-print.html>

“However, from another side, **they created this microbe and it backfired on them.** They came up and they setup that microbial virus and it backfired on them.”

Sheikh Imran Hosein, ‘Preparing for the Post Virus World’, April 19, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RTgPQ9ZpdY>

“I have hesitated, so far, to offer a mature opinion about the virus and **the universal lockdown around the world which is an absolutely unique phenomenon in human history. It never happened before, that all the Masajid around the world, are locked down. There is no Salat al-Jumuah anywhere in the world. This never happened anywhere before in human history.** Correct me, please, if I am wrong! I don’t have any shortage of critics. This is my opinion, that this is an absolutely unique phenomenon in human history and therefore, it needs to be analysed. The Qur’an has declared that it has been sent down to explain all things. **Allah has sent down this Qur’an on Muhammad that this Qur’an may explain all things (Holy Qur’an, 16:89).** And what is the explanation?”

“My analysis, alhamdulillah, is credible that Dajjal is the mastermind. He has given us a dramatic and absolutely stunning demonstration of his capacity at this time to rule the world. That’s what’s happening today, and the virus is merely the means through which he’s demonstrated that capacity. If he can do it with the virus, what is coming after the virus? That’s a good question. Today I’m going to offer to you my analysis. But I think the most important area for us to direct our attention to is

the economy and money. I believe there is more opportunity for Dajjal to advance his agenda with an attack on money, rather than an attack on other things.”

HE Sheikh Abdallah Bin Bayyah, Ramadan Welcome Message, April 23, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9Smn3Arj-s&t=2911s>

“It was a Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ to congratulate his Companions when the month of Ramadan came, and he would remind them that this is a month Allah Subhan Wa Ta’ala has opened up the Gates of Heaven, and closed the Gates of Hell. Allah Subhan Wa Ta’ala has **also locked up those Shayateen and the rebellious jinn** during the time; that they are shackled during this time, so much more limited than what is normal. There is a cloud over the Muslims in the coming of this Ramadan and that is the coronavirus. This is a **calamitous event** due to the critical nature of it, and it has affected the **very nature of the obligation** of some of our devotional practices and in the way we actually perform them.

People should not allow for their religious emotions to dictate their actions. I am not faulting them for those emotions, as those emotions come out of their religiosity very often, and out of their piety, and so they are not negative instincts. But, we cannot really allow our religious emotions to override the reasonableness of our religion. **It is very important that we should be following the guidelines of the experts. This is our tradition.** The governments and epidemiologists, the guidelines they set forth, it is very important to follow them. It is very important to make du’a (supplication). It is extremely important that people make du’a as in Ramadan the Gates of Heaven are open, and is one of the times when du’a is particularly effective. **So ask Allah Subhana Wa Ta’ala to remove this tribulation on humanity, not just for the Muslims, but for all of humanity, because we are an Ummah for all humanity.** Especially on the Night of Power, this is a very important night for du’a.

It is extremely important **do not suspect the Decree of God or judge the Decree of God.** Don’t think you can understand what’s behind all of these things. The human perspective is limited. We have a certain limitation on our view. Even when we look out, we can only see what is in front of us, we don’t see what’s behind us. So, we don’t have this ability to see the whole picture. And because of that, just in the case of right and wrong, Allah has given us a normative understanding of right and wrong, so we can determine on the basis of things, but we can’t penetrate the right and wrongness of circumstances. The only thing that can determine that is the consequences of those situations.

So, something can actually look like it’s a horrible thing, but in the end, you realise, “Oh!”, there was actually a great reason for that. You can give many examples of this but the most obvious examples are things that outwardly appear, like you can have the exact same situation where one person burns down a piece of land in order to make it more fertile and prepare it for growth, and another person burns it down as a destructive act. So, in the very same act, if you look at those two acts, they would be identical, but one is for good and the other is for evil. And the same is true in that a surgeon can cut off a hand to save a life from gangrene, whereas another person can cut off the hand in an act of aggression. So, there is the exact same form, but two completely different meanings based on the intentions behind it. Only God knows these things. We just don’t know these things. We have to trust in our Benevolent and Merciful Lord that what He is doing is for the good

of humanity and not to harm us. Allah Subhan Wa Ta'ala wants good for us. So, it's very important for us not to do that.

Finally, the last dimension that people, especially often due to the materialistic world we are in, miss out is the other-worldly dimension of these events. So, people die, but very often somebody could be in great immuno-compromised conditions, very sick and suffering a lot and this becomes a great blessing for them when they leave the world and go a much better condition. So, again, we can't judge things, especially the other-worldly dimension. Ibn Hajar Al-Asqalani wrote a book called 'Help during the Time of Plague' and in that book, he mentioned the virtues that come out of plagues and pestilences, and these things that affect human beings. **One of the hadith he mentions in there is, "When the plague sometimes may involve great harm, the Prophet ﷺ said, that somebody who believes in God and trusts in God, the plague is actually a mercy for them.** God is not asked about what He does and He cannot be taken to account or to court: He is the Judge of Judges. We can't question the way that the Universe and its Laws that are working in it have been set up by God. We cannot question why they are the way they are, other than that we trust that God has described Himself as Merciful and Benevolent. We trust in God, and what He does is for His Creation."

Sheikh Hamza Yusuf, Ramadan Welcome Message, April 23, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9Smn3Arj-s&t=2911s>

"These are unprecedented times. As far as I can tell, I don't think ever in human history, there has ever been a situation like this. People that are young, like yourself, your grandchildren – may Allah give you a long life – they are going to say, "You lived through the COVID-19?!" These are historical and unprecedented times in human history. We are all navigating new waters. Sheikh Abdallah Bin Bayyah comes out of a classic Islamic tradition, he is not a modernist. He is somebody who is really rooted in the classical tradition, he is somebody who believes in tajdeed (renewal) and believes in ijihad (deductive reasoning). But he's not a modernist, he's a traditionalist, and so it is very important to understand that we are obliged by our religion to obey the people in authority. This is something that is very important because the negative consequences of not doing that ends up creating much more human suffering. The Prophet ﷺ said, "A believer should not humiliate himself". He ﷺ was asked how does he humiliate himself. He ﷺ said 'By exposing himself to a situation or trial that they cannot bear.' Ahmed al-Zarruq said one of the best examples of that is opposing government, and then the government humiliating and abasing you because of that. These are important aspects of the religion. We do have a tradition of speaking truth to unjust tyrants, and those are very important aspects of the tradition and that is undeniable. But that's the role of the scholars. Ahmad ibn Hanbal said it should be done in private. Those are important, we can't deny that."

Sheikh Hamza Yusuf, Zaytuna College, April 23, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3dxgqPWhUI>

"I think a lot of us are feeling the strangeness of having COVID-19 hovering over us, during this time. So, all over the world, people are being told to be sheltered in place ... Obviously, this is going to affect our Ramadan. Ramadan is a communal time, it's a time of gathering, it's a time of coming together, it's a time of sharing food with one another, that is not going to be the case this Ramadan for most of us, which is to find

other ways of sharing. One of the most important things we can do **is focus on our families**. Many of us are blessed to have families, and in those cases, it is very important that we recognise that this a blessed time to reconnect with our families with our children. Alhamdulillah, Ramadan does not change. Nobody can change Time, and so Suhour is Suhour, Iftar is Iftar, and we can always pray. In our tradition, prayer, whilst it is communal, it's also solitary and one of the **most important prayers for spiritual development is the solitary prayers that we do, the Sunan**; they are outside the communal prayer. These are extraordinarily important for human development, and Taraweeh according to the Maliki school is actually preferred in your house, over doing it in the Masjid, as long as there is a group doing it in the Masjid, fulfilling the sunnah kifayah.”

Imam Abdassamad Clarke, British Board of Scholars & Imams, April 24, 2020

<https://www.facebook.com/bbsionline/videos/224887882283408/>

“As we endure the lockdown, and we enter the cave of Ramadan, may we remember and go into it with the spirit that all of this is from Allah. **The lockdown is from Allah, directly by means of His Creation, that it is directly the Decree of Allah. And may Allah make us grateful for it, and benefit from it, and make us emerge from the cave, and from the cave of Ramadan, as fitya, as the People of the Cave of futuwwa (chivalry), to engage with the world again, with smiling faces and good hearts.**”

Sheikh AbdalHaqq Bewley, British Board of Scholars & Imams, April 24, 2020

<https://www.facebook.com/bbsionline/videos/1902273199906659/>

“Clearly, this Ramadan is going to be a different one from the one we usually have. We will not be able to enjoy in it the social interaction, that is usually an important part in it for us. But that doesn't mean to say that we can't or won't gain a huge benefit from it. **Among the ayats about fasting in Surah al-Baqarah, Allah Subhana Wa Ta'ala says to us, "If my Servants ask you about Me, I Am Near."** May Allah enable us, during this Ramadan, to come ever closer to him, and enable us to experience His Closeness to us in a greater way than we ever have before.”

Sheikh AbdalHaqq Bewley's Zawiya, April 24, 2020

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=2568028910121613&id=1432806686977180

“Say: ‘Nothing can happen to us except what Allah has ordained for us. He is Our Master. It is in Allah that the believers should put their trust.’” (Holy Qur'an, 9:51) Given the global circumstances surrounding the spread of the COVID-19 virus I would like to advise our community. The worst outcome from this situation is that we forget that Allah is always powerful over all things and that "Allah is Latif with His slaves, He provides whomever He wills.”

Sheikh Hamza Yusuf, 'Gateway to God's Book', May 9, 2020

<https://www.facebook.com/ZaytunaCollege/videos/568702974053957/>

“Ramadan Mubarak. May Allah Subhana wa Ta'ala give you a blessed Ramadan. It's a very interesting Ramadan for all of us. **I think these are unprecedented circumstances we find ourselves in. I don't ever think in the history of our species have the vast majority of people on the planet been put into a type of house arrest, basically. So,**

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it's a very unusual situation, and because it's Ramadan, it's particularly difficult for a lot of Muslims because we've been deprived of the Masjid, and also even just gatherings and things like that in many places. Despite that, there's always silver lining in the cloud and we should always see the blessings of 'public haunt', as Shakespeare says ... **So, we should see the blessings that are hidden amongst the tribulations.** Allah Subhana wa Ta'ala tells us throughout the Qur'an that He is going to try us, and in fact, it's one of the reasons for our existence."

Viral Lockdown 2020:
Prophetic Guidance on Public Policy during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Holy Qur'an and the words of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ are proven to influence public policy during the COVID-19 Pandemic. This will be explained across four sections:

- A. WHO's Advice on COVID-19 for the Public
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- D. Allah's Decree & the Departure of COVID-19

A. WHO's Advice on COVID-19 for the Public

The World Health Organisation has published recommended precautions for the public to protect themselves from infecting or spreading COVID-19, all of which match Prophetic teachings:

WASHING YOUR HANDS WITH WATER

“O you who believe! When you intend to offer the Salat Prayer (a minimum five times a day), wash your faces and your hands (forearms) up to the elbows, rub (by passing wet hands over) your heads, and (wash) your feet up to ankles.”
(Holy Qur'an, 5:6)

“When one of you wakes up from sleeping, he should wash his hands thrice before putting them into the water vessel.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Hurayrah, Muslim)

“Being clean and pure is half of faith.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Malik al-Ash'ari, Muslim)
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, Muslim)

WHO Recommendation Precaution from COVID-19: *Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. Why? Washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that may be on your hands.*
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

SPEAR-LENGTH SOCIAL DISTANCING

“When you speak to someone (who is afflicted) with a contagious disease, there should be between you and them a space of the length of a spear (1.8-2-4 metres).”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, Musnad Ahmad)

“Those with contagious diseases should be kept away from those who are healthy.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, Al-Bukhari, Muslim)

“Do not introduce infectious livestock into a healthy herd”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Hurayrah, Al-Bukhari)

WHO Recommended Precaution from COVID-19: *Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and others. Why? When someone coughs, sneezes, or speaks they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain virus. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person has the disease.*

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

QUARANTINE

“Do not quarantine the healthy with the infected.”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Hurayrah, Al-Bukhari, Muslim)

“Do not introduce infectious livestock into a healthy herd”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Hurayrah, Al-Bukhari)

“Flee from leprosy (or any highly contagious disease) as you flee from a lion!”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Hurayrah, Al-Bukhari)

“I seek refuge in You from leprosy, madness, communicable disease, and evil diseases.”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Anas bin Malik, Abu Dawud)

WHO Recommended Precaution from COVID-19: *Avoid going to crowded places. Why? Where people come together in crowds, you are more likely to come into close contact with someone that has COVID-19 and it is more difficult to maintain physical distance of 1 metre (3 feet).*

AVOID TOUCHING FACE UNLESS WASHED HANDS

“When one of you wakes up from sleeping, he should wash his hands three times before putting them into the water vessel, because nobody knows where his hands were during sleep.”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Hurayrah, Muslim)

WHO Recommended Precaution from COVID-19: *Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. Why? Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and infect you.*

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

SHIELDING THE SNEEZE OR COUGH & FACE-MASKING

“The Messenger of Allah ﷺ, while sneezing, would cover his face with His hand (arm, or forearm) or with his garment, and muffle the sound of it.”

(The Messenger of Allah ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Hurayrah, Al-Tirmidhi, Abu Dawud)

WHO Recommended Precaution from COVID-19: *Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately and wash your hands. Why? Droplets spread virus. By following good respiratory hygiene, you protect the people around you from viruses such as cold, flu and COVID-19.*

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

HOME QUARANTINE

“Those who stay at home to protect themselves and others are under the protection of Allah.”

(The Messenger of Allah ﷺ, Musnad Ahmad)

“If you hear of a plague in a land do not enter it; and if it breaks out in the land where you stay, do not leave.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, Al-Bukhari, Muslim)

“[In periods of tribulation] Stay in your homes and hide yourselves.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, Al-Tabarani)

WHO Recommended Precaution from COVID-19: *Stay home and self-isolate even with minor symptoms such as cough, headache, mild fever, until you recover. Have someone bring you supplies. If you need to leave your house, wear a mask to avoid infecting others. Why? Avoiding contact with others will protect them from possible COVID-19 and other viruses.*

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

SEEK MEDICAL TREATMENT IF ILL, DON'T HARM OTHERS

“Do not kill each other, for Allah is All-Merciful to you”

(Holy Qur'an 4:29)

“Allah has sent down the disease and the cure, and has made for every disease, its cure. So, treat sickness, but do not use anything lawfully prohibited.”
(The Messenger of Allah ﷺ, as narrated by Abu'l-Darda', Abu Dawud)

“Do not cause harm or reciprocate harm.”
(The Messenger of Allah ﷺ, as narrated by Amr b. Yahya al-Mizini, Malik, Ibn Majah)

“You have better knowledge and expertise in the material affairs of the world.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Anas bin Malik, Muslim)

WHO Recommended Precaution from COVID-19: *If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention, but call by telephone in advance if possible and follow the directions of your local health authority. Why? National and local authorities will have the most up to date information on the situation in your area. Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. This will also protect you and help prevent spread of viruses and other infections.*

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

ADHERE TO THOSE IN AUTHORITY

“You who believe, obey God and the Messenger, and those in authority among you.”

(Holy Qur'an 4:59)

“It is obligatory upon you to listen to and obey the authorities during prosperity and adversity; whether you are willing or unwilling,

even when someone is given undue privileges over you.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Hurayrah, Muslim)

“Do not contribute to your destruction with your own hands.”
(Holy Qur’an 2:195)

“And when some matter of security or alarm comes to them, they broadcast it; whereas had they only referred it to the Messenger, and to those of them with authority, their investigators would have found out about it”
(Holy Qur’an 4:83)

“Whoever practices medical treatment
when he is not known or qualified for it, will be held liable.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by ‘Amr ibn al-‘As, al-Nisai, Abu Dawud)

WHO Recommended Precaution from COVID-19: *Keep up to date on the latest information from trusted sources, such as WHO or your local and national health authorities. Why? Local and national authorities are best placed to advise on what people in your area should be doing to protect themselves.*

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B. National & International Policies during COVID-19

DIVINE LICENSE TO USE CONCESSIONS

“He has chosen you and placed no hardship in your religion.”
(Holy Qur’an 22:78)

“Whatever I command you, do it to the extent of your ability.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, Al-Bukhari, Muslim)

“Allah loves that His concessions are used,
in the same way He likes His commandments to be upheld.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abdallah ibn Abbas, Ibn Hibban)

TRAVEL BAN LOCKDOWN

“If you hear of a plague in a land do not enter it;
and if it breaks out in the land where you stay, do not leave.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Usama bin Zaid, Al-Bukhari, Muslim)

ENFORCED STAYING AT HOME

“There will come after me a tribulation like the dark of night ... ‘What shall we do in that case, O Messenger of Allah?’ Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said,
“Stay in your homes and hide yourselves”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Jundub ibn Sufyan, al-Tabarani)

LAWFUL PREVENTION OF ACCESS TO THE MOSQUE

‘Umar b. al-Khattab delivered the sermon one Friday and said, “O people, you eat from two 6 substances that I deem repugnant: onions and garlic. For I saw that if the Messenger of Allah ﷺ smelled their odour from someone, he ordered that he be removed from the mosque, and he was taken to al-Baqi. So, whoever eats them should neutralize their odour by cooking them.”
(Muslim)

CLOSING MOSQUES, AS THE WHOLE EARTH IS A MOSQUE

“The whole Earth has been made a Mosque, except graveyards and washrooms.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, Al-Tirmidhi)

PRAYING AT HOME, DURING TRIBULATIONS

Bukhari and Muslim both relate on the authority of Abdullah ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him and his father) that one day he said to the mu’adhin (prayer proclaimer) on a day of heavy rain: “After calling ‘Muhammad is the messenger of Allah’ do not proceed and say ‘hasten to the prayer.’ Instead, say: ‘Pray in your homes.’” The mu’adhin said, “the people will disapprove of this.” Ibn Abbas replied, “Are you surprised [at my order]? The one [The Messenger of Allah ﷺ] is better than me did this!
(Abdullah ibn Abbas, Al-Bukhari, Muslim)

WASHING (BIDET) AFTER RELIEVING, NOT JUST TISSUE PAPER

“A mosque founded on fear of Allah from the first day has a greater right for you to stand in it. In it there are men, who love to purify themselves.

Allah loves those who purify themselves.”

(Holy Qur’an, 9:108)

“The Prophet ﷺ came to the people in the Mosque of Quba, and said,

“Allah Almighty has praised you well for purity in His Reference to your mosque. What is this purification you practice?”

They said, “By Allah, Messenger of Allah ﷺ, we do not know anything but that we have Jewish neighbours who used to wash their behinds after defecating, and so we wash as they wash.”

The Prophet ﷺ said, “That is it. You must do it too.”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Umaywir ibn Sa’ida, Ibn Khuzama & also last sentence narration by Al-Bazzar)

PASTORAL DUTY AS A CITIZEN

“All of you are guardians and are responsible for your duties.

The ruler is responsible for his subjects, the man is in charge of his family, the woman is responsible for her husband’s house and their children.

All of you are guardians and are accountable for your responsibilities.”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abdallah ibn Umar, Al-Bukhari, Muslim)

KINDNESS TO SPOUSES

“The believers who show the most perfect faith are those who have the best conduct,

and the best of you are those who are the best to their wives.”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Hurayrah, al-Tirmidhi)

KINDNESS TO FAMILIES

“I have never seen anyone more kind to one’s family and children than Allah’s Messenger.”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Anas bin Malik, Muslim)

KINDNESS TO NEIGHBOURS

“Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should do good to his neighbour. Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should show hospitality to his guests, and whoever who believes in Allah and the Last Day should either convey goodness or remain silent.”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Shuraih al-Khuza’i, Al-Bukhari, Muslim)

NO HOARDING

“No-one hoards except for the crook.”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Ma’mar bin ‘Abdallah, Muslim)

“None of you becomes a true believer until he likes for his brother what he likes for himself.”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Anas bin Malik, Al-Bukhari)

GRATITUDE TO PEOPLE

“Whoever doesn’t express thanks to people, has not shown gratitude to Allah.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Sa’id, al-Tirmidhi)

BENEFICIAL TO PEOPLE

“The best person is the one most useful to others.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Jabir bin Abdallah, al-Tabarani)

THE CURE EXISTS

“Servants of Allah! Make use of medical treatment,
for Allah has not made any disease without creating a cure for it.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Usama bin Sharik, Ibn Hibban)

C. Eschatology & the Unseen during COVID-19

NAVIGATING STRANGE TIMES

“Be in this world as if you were a stranger or a traveler along a path.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Ibn Umar, Al-Bukhari)

AVOIDING TRIALS

“The believer should not humiliate himself.”
They said: “How could he humiliate himself?”
He ﷺ said: “By taking on a trial that he cannot deal with.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Hudayfah, Ibn Majah)

ACCELERATING THE AGENDA

“But they plan, and Allah plans. And Allah is the best of planners.”
(Holy Qur’an, 8:30)

NEO-PLAGUE FROM THE UNSEEN

“Pandemics (*tawun*) are a jab from your enemies among the jinn.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, Musnad Ahmad, Tabarani, Hakim)

“Every *tawun* (epidemic) is a *waba* (pestilence), but not every *waba* is a *tawun*.”
14th Century Maxim of the Islamic world

DEVASTATING PLAGUES

“And He made them like eaten straw.”
(Holy Qur’an, 105:5)

THE MODIFIED PLAGUE

“There are angels guarding the entrances (or roads) of Madinah,
neither plague nor Ad-Dajjal will be able to enter it.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Hurayrah, Al-Bukhari)

BIO-ENGINEERING

“Indeed, I will order them to change the nature created by Allah.”
(Holy Qur’an, 4:119)

THE PLAGUE OF SHEEP

“Count six signs before the Hour: my death; then the opening of Jerusalem; then death in huge numbers, like the plague of sheep; then there will be such an excess of money, such that a man would give one hundred dinars to a (needy) person and he looks at that with disgust; then a confusion that will enter every house of the Arabs; then a truce between you and the non-Muslims (because) they will be exceedingly powerful against you, coming to you with eighty different groups (of soldiers or eighty different compelling excuses); under each group twelve thousand (soldiers or twelve thousand explanations).”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Auf bin Malik, Al-Bukhari, Musnad Ahmad)

RAMADAN DIMINISHES MASS JINN HOSTILITY

“When the month of Ramadan starts, the gates of the heaven are opened and the gates of Hell are closed and the devils are chained.”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Hurayrah, Al-Bukhari)

THE GEOPOLITICAL TRANSITION

“Proceed to a shadow [of smoke] having three columns.”

(Holy Qur’an, 77:30)

IN TRIBULATIONS, BREAK YOUR SWORDS

“Before the Last Hour there will be tribulations like pieces of a dark night in which a man will be a believer in the morning and an infidel in the evening, or a believer in the evening and infidel in the morning. He who sits during them will be better than he who gets up and he who walks during them is better than he who runs. So break your bows, cut your bowstrings and strike your swords on stones. If people then come in to one of you, let him be like the better of Adam's two sons.”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Musa al-Ash'ari, Abu Dawud)

I asked the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, “How can salvation be achieved?”

He ﷺ replied, “Control your words, keep to your home, and weep over your sins.”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by ‘Uqba b. ‘Āmir, Al-Tirmidhi, Musnad Ahmad)

IN TRIBULATIONS, BE LIKE A PIECE OF FURNITURE

[In response to tribulations at the End of Time]

“Be like furniture in your house!” /

“At such times of instigation, do not depart from your homes!”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, Abu Dawud and Tirmidhi)

IN TRIBULATIONS, STAY AT HOME

“There will come after me a tribulation like the dark of night, in which a man will awaken as a believer and enter evening as a disbeliever, or awaken as a disbeliever and enter evening as a believer.” A man among the Muslims said, ‘What shall we do in that case, O

Messenger of Allah?’ Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said,

“Stay in your homes and hide yourselves”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Jundub ibn Sufyan, al-Tabarani)

D. Allah's Decree & the Departure of COVID-19

EXPLANATION OF ALL THINGS

“And We have sent down to you the Book as clarification for all things and as guidance and mercy and good tidings for the Muslims.”
(Holy Qur'an, 16:89)

THE DIVINE DECREE

“That is the decree of (Him), the Exalted in Might, the All-Knowing.”
(Holy Qur'an, 36:38).

“Say: ‘Nothing can happen to us except what Allah has ordained for us. He is Our Master. It is in Allah that the believers should put their trust.’”
(Holy Qur'an, 9:51)

“Young man, I shall give you some words of advice:
Be mindful of Allah and Allah will protect you.
Be mindful of Allah and you will find Him before you.
If you ask, then ask Allah alone;
and if you seek help, then seek help from Allah alone.
Know that if the entire world comes together to benefit you in any way, they would not be able to do so except with what Allah has already prescribed for you; and if they were to come together to harm you in any way, they would not be able to do so except with what Allah has already prescribed against you.
The pens have been lifted and the pages have dried.”
(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abdullah bin Abbas, Al-Tirmidhi)

THE BUG PARABLE

“Indeed, Allah is not shy to present an example – that of a mosquito or what is smaller than it.
And those who have believed know that it is the truth from their Lord.
But as for those who disbelieve, they say, “What did Allah intend by this as an example?”
He misleads many thereby and guides many thereby.
And He misleads not except the defiantly disobedient.”
(Holy Qur'an, 2:26)

ANCIENT PLAGUES

“So, We sent down on those who were wrongdoers a plague from the sky because of the transgressions they used to commit.”
(Holy Qur'an, 2:59)

“So, We sent upon them the flood and locusts and lice and frogs and blood as distinct signs, but they were arrogant and were a criminal people.”
(Holy Qur'an, 7:133)

PANDEMIC AS PUNISHMENT OR MERCY

I asked the Messenger of Allah ﷺ about plagues and he said, “They are a punishment which Allah sends upon whomsoever He wills, but Allah has made it a mercy to the believers. Anyone who remains in a town which is plagued with an epidemic, remaining

patient and anticipating Allah's reward, while firmly believing that nothing will befall him other than what Allah has preordained for him, then he will receive a reward of a martyr.”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Sayyida Aisha, Al-Bukhari)

“Five are regarded as martyrs: They are those who die because of plague, abdominal disease, drowning or a falling building, and the martyrs in Allah's Cause.”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Hurayrah, Al-Bukhari)

“Whoever dies of a plague is considered a martyr.”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as narrated by Abu Hurayrah, Muslim)

ANGELS ATTEND MARTYRS' BURIAL

“Indeed, those who have said, ‘Our Lord is Allah’ and then continued to have integrity and be morally upright - the angels will descend upon them, [saying], ‘Do not fear and do not grieve but receive good tidings of Paradise, which you were promised.’”

(Holy Qur'an, 41:30)

“This is a righteous servant for whom the Throne shook and for whom the gates of heavens were thrown open and whose funeral was witnessed by 70,000 angels who had never descended to the earth until that day.”

(Prophet Muhammad ﷺ on the death of the martyr, Sa'ad ibn Mu'adh, as narrated by Ibn Umar, Muslim)

DIVINE SUCCOUR

“My people, ask forgiveness from your Lord, and return to Him. He will send down for you rain in abundance from the sky and give you added strength.”

(Holy Qur'an 11:52)

DIVINE HELP IS NEAR

“If my Servants ask you about Me, I Am Near.”

(Holy Qur'an, 2:186)

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THE MAKKAH LOCKDOWN



“THE PEOPLE ARE IN SHOCK TO LOSE THEIR
UMRAH AND ENTRY TO THE HOLY CITY. YOU
DO AS PLANNED. THEY WILL FOLLOW YOU.”

UMM SALAMA (رضي الله عنها) TO HER HUSBAND
PROPHET MUHAMMAD (ﷺ)
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