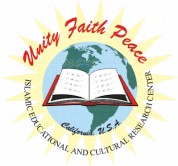


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OUR BELOVED PROPHET MUHAMMAD: OUR ROLE MODEL

(PEACE BE UPON HIM, HIS FAMILY AND COMPANIONS)

MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

Allah The Most Exalted, says in the Holy Quran [33:21]:

"Undoubtedly, you have the best [role model] in the following of the Messenger, for him who hopes for Allah and the Last Day and remembers Allah much."

It is well known that during the Final Sermon delivered in the noble city of Makkah over 1400 years ago, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) exhorted his community to hold on firmly to two sources of guidance: The Holy Quran and his Prophetic Way (*Sunnah*). We are indeed blessed as a nation that due to the relentless efforts of our scholars and pious predecessors over the past 14 centuries, the Holy Quran as well as the Prophetic traditions (*Hadeeth*) are with us today in both letter and spirit. However the question is: Are we as Muslims truly holding on to these words in practice? Are we truly implementing them in our daily lives? More importantly, there is one question that begets the former: *Are we motivated and inspired to follow these words?*

To answer this question we must understand human behavior and what controls it. Behavior is a set of actions that human beings per-

form which includes words, actions and states. Modern social learning theorists have coined the term "observational learning" or "modeling" to explain that most human behavior is the result of observing and learning from the behaviors of others:

"...most human behavior is learned observationally through modeling: from observing others one forms an idea of how new behaviors are performed, and on later occasions this coded information serves as a guide for action." -Albert Bandura, Social Learning Theory, 1977

Simply observing, however, does not translate into an implemented behavior on the observer's end. There must exist a motivating factor. As Muslims, no doubt, the fear of punishment and the desire for reward are strong motivating factors. However, much more effective than this carrot/stick approach is the emotional attachment approach. If we are emotionally attached to someone, if we are influenced by their personality, if we feel affinity and affection towards them, if we love them, then we *want* to follow them in their words, actions and states. This emulation/obedience out of love is much more effective and long lasting than obedience out of fear.

It is no wonder that Allah The Most Exalted has made loving His Beloved and Final Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) a condition for faith (*Iman*). As stated in the following famous *Hadeeth* where the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) is reported to have said:

"None of you shall have faith until you love me more than your father, your child and all of humanity."

[Sahih Al-Bukhari]

This Prophetic tradition is the quintessence of our faith. Overtly it may not be very apparent why loving our Holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) is so intrinsically linked to faith. However it becomes clear when one realizes that it is this love that is the key motivating factor to follow the words, actions and states, i.e. the *Sunnah* of the last and final Prophet of Allah Almighty (peace be upon him and his family).

This Conference is an attempt to present the blessed personality of our Beloved Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) in all of his God gifted grandeur and God gifted humility. And to bring to our conscious thinking that he (peace

be upon him) prayed for his nation, i.e. us, from the day that he was born (Ibn Ishaq), that he cried all night for the forgiveness of our sins and even on his death bed prayed to Allah The Most Exalted to transfer all the death related pain of his *Ummah* to him. *Subhan Allah!*

It is our hope and prayer that through this Conference your love for our Holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) will increase and that through this love you will become better adherents of the blessed *Sunnah*. It is this adherence that promotes Monotheism which is the true message of Islam. Ameen. □

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WORSHIPPING FROM THE HEART

Allah The Most Exalted says in the Holy Quran [33:71]:

“He will set right your deeds for you and will forgive you your sins, And whosoever obeys Allah and His Messenger, has got a great success.”

Thus, the one who obeys Allah The Most Exalted and His Prophet (peace be upon him and his family), will attain the highest pinnacles of success.

Allah The Most Exalted gives further glad tidings to the followers of His Prophet (peace be upon him and his family):

“And he who obeys Allah and His Messenger then he will get the company of those who have been blessed by Allah, viz. the Prophets, and the Truthful, and Martyrs and the Righteous, and what good companions are they.”

[Al-Quran 4:69]

Thus, the one who obeys and follows the orders of Allah The Most Exalted and His Prophet (peace be upon him and his family), will be in the company of those whom Allah The Most Exalted has bestowed great rewards, i.e. this person will then be in the company of The Prophets, The *Siddiqeen* (the sincere and lovers of truth), The Martyrs, The *Saliheen* (the righteous, who do good deeds).

When we read the Holy Quran, we come across many topics such as the incident of Prophet Adam (peace be upon him) and satan, Prophet Moosa (peace be upon him) and *fir'aun* (pharaoh) etc. Also we come across the description of Paradise and Hell, Good and Evil, Orders from Allah The Most Exalted to do good deeds and stay away from bad deeds and so forth. Whenever there is an order being given by Allah The Most Exalted for doing good deeds, it is important for us to immediately supplicate to Allah The Most Exalted: “O Allah! Please give me the guidance to do good deeds so that I can obey this order of Yours.” And when there is an order being given by Allah The Most Exalted in the Holy Quran about staying away from evil,

then also we should ask help from Allah The Most Exalted: “O Allah! Without your help I am not capable of staying away from evil. Only You can protect me from every evil. On my own I am not capable of protecting myself.” Whenever there is a description of good deeds, at this time also ask help from our Most Merciful, Kind Teacher, i.e. Allah The Most Exalted: “O My Allah! My Creator! No doubt you have Command over everything. Only You can make sure that I be among your most obedient servants. And when there is a description of those who disobey, then with the feeling of guilt and humility request Allah The Most Exalted: “Please don’t include me among those who disobey.” And when there is mention of Heaven and Hell, then with belief in both of these, request Him The Most Exalted very humbly: “O Allah! Please reward me with Your bounties and mercy and protect me against your punishments. Ameen.” You don’t have to verbally say all these supplications while reading the Holy Quran but all these feelings and sensations must pass through your heart (*qalb*). Unfortunately we have become used to reading The Holy Quran very casually and superficially. Today’s children are aware of all the fine details about the news mentioned in the newspapers. The only detail we are ignorant about is the “news” that the Holy Quran is trying to give us. In fact the Holy Quran also has many dramatic and essential news for us. And this news is 100% true. Worldly news could be false or fiction. The biggest loss we are suffering because of this superficial and casual reading of the Holy Quran is that we are ignorant of the unlimited secrets within the Holy Quran, which if we knew, understood, and followed (practiced) in our lives, we could be a truly awakened nation, *Insha Allah*.

Whoever searches for Allah The Most Exalted will *insha Allah* find Him. Allah The Most Exalted says in the Holy Quran [29:69]:

“And those who struggled in Our path, surely We shall guide them in Our ways. And no doubt, Allah is with the righteous.”

A prime example of such a personality amongst women is Hazrat Maryam (peace be upon her). Allah The Most Exalted says in the Holy Quran [3:42-43]:

“And when the angels said, 'O Mary; verily Allah has chosen you and purified you well and today has chosen you from amongst the women of all worlds.' 'O Mary! Stand before your Lord humbly and prostrate for Him and bow down with those who bow down.'”

Whenever I read about Hazrat Maryam (peace be upon her), I begin to ponder as to why Allah The Most Exalted liked her so much? Indeed it is because of the fact that she kept steadfast in praising her Lord and protected her chastity. However we find such characteristics lacking in us. To acquire worldly pleasure and luxuries we are ready to do excessive overtime, but the moment we have to do anything in preparation for the Day of Judgment, we all have one question: Is it *Fard* (obligatory)? In fact Allah The Most Exalted repeatedly exhorts in the Holy Quran that whosoever works in the Path of Allah will not be wasted. This is not similar to the rule of this world where the salary of women is less than that of men. However, the reward from Allah The Most Exalted is equal to everyone. The reward for reading two cycles of prayer is equal for men as well as women. However, depending on one’s intention, the reward may increase or decrease.

The same applies to doing the *Dhikr* (remembrance) of Allah and reciting the Durood Shareef which is the command of Allah The Most Exalted in the Holy Quran. And our pious predecessors have instructed us to read the Durood Shareef very frequently. Recall the Hadeeth when Hazrat Abi ibn Kaab (may Allah be well pleased with him) asked the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his family): “O Prophet (peace be upon him and his family), I would like to send Durood on you.” The Prophet (peace be upon him) said read as much as you want. Then Hazrat Abi ibn Kaab (may Allah be pleased with him) said ¼ of my Dhikr. The Prophet (peace be upon him and his

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PEARLS OF WISDOM

THE HOLY QURAN

Lo! Allah and His angels shower blessing on The Prophet (peace be upon him). O ye who believe! Send blessings on him and salute him with a worthy salutation.

[Surah Al-Ahzab, Juz 22, 33:56]

O you who believe, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority from among you.

[Surah An-Nisaa, Juz 5, 4:59]

But how will it be when We bring from every people a witness and bring you (Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him) as a witness against these?

[Surah An-Nisaa, Juz 4, 4:41]

Say: If you love Allah, follow me: Allah will love you, and grant you protection from your sins. And Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.

[Surah Aal-'Imran, Juz 3, 3:31]

O Prophet! Lo! We have sent you as a witness and a bringer of good tidings and a warner. And as a summoner unto Allah by His permission, and as a lamp that gives light.

[Surah Al-Ahzab, Juz 22, 33:45,46]

And Allah would not punish them while you are (Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him) among them; nor will He punish them while they seek forgiveness.

[Surah Al-Anfal, Juz 9, 8:33]

And We have not sent you but as a Mercy to the nations.

[Surah Al-Anbiyaa, Juz 17, 21:107]

Surely We have given you abundance of good. So pray to thy Lord and sacrifice. Surely your enemy is cut off (from good).

[Surah Al-Kauthar, Juz 30, 108:1,2,3]

And We have exalted for you (O Prophet peace be upon him) your remembrance.

[Surah Ash-Sharh, 94:4]

The Prophet (peace be upon him) is nearer to the believers than their own souls.

[Surah Al-Ahzab 33:6]

He who obeys the Messenger (peace be upon him), indeed he obeys Allah.

[Surah An-Nisaa, 4:80]

THE BLESSED HADEETH

None of you will have faith until I become more beloved to him than his father (i.e. parents) and his son (i.e. children) and all of humanity.

[Bukhari Shareef]

Whoever sends one blessing (Durood) on me, Allah sends 10 blessings on him.

[Bukhari and Muslim] □

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WORSHIPPING FROM THE HEART (CONTINUED)

family) said, as much as you want, if you read more it will be better for you. Then Hazrat Abi ibn Kaab (may Allah be well pleased with him) said ½ of my Dhikr. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said if you do more it will be better for you. Hazrat Abi ibn Kaab (may Allah be pleased with him) then said: then in place of my dua I will send Durood on you. The Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) said, if you do that you have exerted all your courage for me and all your sins are pardoned.

All our pious predecessors have laid great emphasis on *Dhikr*, so much so that it ultimately results in continuous *Dhikr* while sitting, standing or sleeping. May Allah The Most Exalted give us the ability to truly understand the Holy Quran, to love the *Sahib-e-Quran* (peace be upon him and his family), and to be constantly engaged in *Dhikr*. Ameen. □

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THE WORLD'S MOST INFLUENTIAL SOCIAL REFORMER

Islam is by far the most powerful social movement, the world has ever observed. It proved to be a process, which brought revolutionary changes in the socio-economic and political values of, the then, prevailing society. Hazrat Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family), as a gift of Allah Almighty (The Most Exalted) for mankind, led the world to a new era of peace and prosperity. Based on pragmatic outlook, this short essay highlights the remarkable image of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) as the most distinguished social reformer of human history.

According to the famous psychoanalyst and ex-president of American Psychiatric Association Dr. Jules H. Masserman (1905-94) a true leader should fulfill the utilities of furnishing people the well being, secure social organization and one set of beliefs. Judged on this criterion Masserman further cited examples of people who can be regarded as leaders. These include: Pasteur and Salk as leaders in the first sense; Gandhi, Confucius, Alexander, Caesar and Hitler as leader of executing the second requirement while Jesus and Buddha as those fulfilling third category. Masserman, after arguing that none of the above mentioned perfectly matches with the norms, boldly suggests that "*the greatest leader of all times was Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) who combined all three functions*" [1]. Bearing in mind the universally accepted idea of leadership as *the process of social influence in which one person can enlist the aid and support of others in the accomplishment of a common task* [2], one can easily recognize that a real leader can not only reshape the ideas and beliefs of people, but could also reform society in true sense of words.

Many of world's renowned historians, including William L. Langer (1896 - 1977) [3], have given account of the dejected circumstances of the society before Islam. In general the whole world was clutched by extreme paganism, all sort of wickedness and chaos. The poor people and women were treated like animals. People were inundated in social evils, and their demeanor was not administered

by any moral convention. The advent of Islam via Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) was a kind of blessing for the society as a whole as it actually brought revolutionary changes in the values. Applying mathematical modeling of social, economic, and historical dynamics it has been established that socioeconomic reform is the distinguishing success of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) [4].

Numerous examples can be cited on how Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) restructured the society. For the sake of brevity, we only consider a few aspects in a concise way, as otherwise an unlimited space is required to accomplish the job.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family), by condescending the practices regarding mistreatment of the women, uplifted their position in the society [5]. For instance Muhammad's (peace be upon him and his family) denunciation of infanticide has been regarded as the key facet of His (peace be upon him and his family) efforts to lift the position of women. Moreover, His (peace be upon him and his family) endeavors effectively influenced many matters relevant to marriage and legacy. Consequently women were accorded with exceptionally secured standing.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) by setting up the concept of shared society (i.e., Ummah) provided the basis equality of all human beings [6]. It was a milestone in history of mankind in context of sociology and turned out to be a significant factor for the ethical organization and establishment of justice in the society. It ought to be stressed that a salient feature of the societal restructuring was the economic perspective. For the assistance of the underprivileged, Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) implemented a comprehensive system [7] comprising not only of *Zakat* as per order of Allah Almighty (The Most Exalted) but also *Khairat* and *Sadaqaat* clearly favoring equal distribution of capital [8].

It is also worth mentioning that today's burning concern of environment was also

effectively addressed by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family). A modern anthropologist and an expert in the Middle East and North Africa region and environmental issues, Francesca De Chatel has skillfully analyzed this view. In one of her recent article [9], Frances, after carefully examining the philosophy of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family), has emphasized that a closer reading of his teachings concerning land and water, proper treatment of animals, plants and birds and the equal rights of users reveals that He (peace be upon him and his family) is undoubtedly a strong promoter of environmental protection. She has therefore termed Him (peace be upon him and his family) as "*environmentalist avant la letter- a pioneer in the domain of conservation, sustainable development and resource management, and one who constantly sought to maintain a harmonious balance between man and nature*".

As admitted earlier, it is impossible to encapsulate various aspects of life of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) as the world's most prominent communal reformer. Nevertheless it will be best to conclude the essay with the remarks of modern era's renowned astrophysicist and historian Michael H. Hart concerning ratings of men who contributed for the boost-up of humanity. In his words, "*My choice of Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) to lead the list of the world's most influential persons may surprise some readers and may be questioned by others, but he (peace be upon him and his family) was the only man in history who (peace be upon him and his family) was supremely successful on both the religious and secular levels*" [10]. □

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THE IDEAL MODEL

Almighty Allah (the most Gracious and most Exalted) says in Surah Al-Ahzaab [33:56]:

“Surely, Allah (The Most Exalted) and His Angels shower their blessing on the Nabi (Peace be upon him and his family). O, you who believe! Send upon him (Divine) blessings and salute him fully well with best salutation.”

This is a divine gift to the Muslim Ummah that Almighty Allah (Most Glorified and Exalted) invited them to join Him in His favorite pursuit of showering of blessing upon His Beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family). Almighty Allah (The Most Exalted) and His angels have been sending and shall continue to send his blessings upon Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family). This is a reward unparalleled to any person in history on the face of earth.

Almighty Allah awarded him with another great reward: “And we exalted thy name”. Holy prophet's name is a part of the Kalimah Tayyaba "Lailaha illallah Muhammad ur Rasoolullah "In every Azan, Iqama, Salaat, Friday khutbas, sermons on Eids and Hajj, this Kalimah Tayyaba is repeated and raised loudly. In every Azan his name (peace be upon him and his family) is repeated twice. There are five azans per day - lets assume that there are 2 million mosques around the globe then the Prophet's name Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is raised 20 million times daily from the minarets of the mosques alone! Subhan Allah!

Let's look at one more example: there are 20 Farz (compulsory) rakaats daily Salaat for every Muslim where the name Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) is repeated 35 times a day. For instance we take 500 million Muslims, which is a small figure according to this CNN World report 2009 “There are about 1.57 billion Muslims in the world, according to the report, “Mapping the Global Muslim Population” by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. That represents about 23 percent of the total global population of 6.8 billion. (<http://www.cnn.com/2009/WORLD/asiapcf/>

10/07/muslim.world.population/index.html). So, if 500 million Muslims in the world offer daily Salaat regularly. Prophet's name Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) is repeated 17,500,000,000 times per day on the face of earth!

There is no such example of any person, male or female whose name is repeated so abundantly and with such high dignity daily on earth and for the last 1400 years. This is NOT because of human efforts BUT because of this divine declaration in the Holy Quran :

“And We (Allah) have exalted high your dignity” [Surah Inshirah:4]

Whatever position Holy Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) was called upon to occupy, he brought to it a gleam, the like of which the history of man has not known. There is Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family), the Prophet. There is Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family), the Leader. There is Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family), the King. There is Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family), the Patriot. There is Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family), the Warrior. There is Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family), the Legislator, Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) the Friend, Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family), the Compassionate, Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) the Affectionate and so on.....

It was him (peace be upon him and his family) who brought the humanity to the zenith. He was the one (peace be upon him and his family) who received the title of “Rehmatul lil Alameen” (mercy for all the universe) from the Rabbul Alameen (Creator of all the universe). It was him (peace be upon him and his family) who Almighty Allah chose as the “Khatim un Nabi'een” and was named MUSTAFA (peace be upon him and his family) - the Chosen one!

“And We (Allah) have sent you (O dear Prophet Muhammad) except as a mercy for all the universe.” [Surah Al-Anbya - 107]

It was at the conquest of Makkah that Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) stood at the peak of his power. His unconquerable will, unshakable determination, un-distractable purpose, through-going firmness, uncompromising persistency, indomitable spirit, endless patience, eternal endurance, irresistible courage, and a stamp of the nobility of character, mark the special features of his life.

His graciousness, his affability, his dignified character, his compassion, and politeness, his equitable treatment to the powerful as well as the weak, his respectful attention to the rich as well as the poor and his generosity to friend as well as enemy inspired everyone. Even after receiving all the dignified titles and high positions, the king of all the worlds as already remarked, he would mend his clothes himself, cobble his shoes, milk his goats, and sleep on palm tree leaves with the pillow of his hands underneath his head, and Hazrat Omar (may Allah be well pleased with him) was touched to see the stripes on his body. Dates and barley bread were his usual meal and milk and honey, all his luxuries!

This is the noble role model about which the Holy Quran says:

“Certainly, you have an excellent model in following the Rasool (messenger) of Allah. This is (ideal model) for the one who has hope in Allah and the Last Day and remembers Allah too much.” [Al-Ahzaab 33:21]

May Almighty Allah bless and guide us all to the right path and to follow His beloved Prophet's (peace be upon him and his family) teachings. Ameen. □

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MY HEART IS IN MADINAH

My mind is here but my heart is in Madinah.
My body is here but my soul is in Madinah.

I'm in a crowd yet all alone,
for my Beloved is physically in Madinah.
Clueless about the world around me, I mentally fantasize
about how I shall reunite one day with my Beloved in
Madinah.

The sorrows of the world materialistically
veil me from my Beloved who lives in Madinah.
The feeling of loss is overcome when I am
beside my Beloved's footsteps spiritually in Madinah.

My eyes forget to blink as they crave to witness the sight of
Madinah.
My mouth becomes dumb as I yearn to taste the sweetness of
Madinah.
My ears become deaf to sounds except them which are
connected to Madinah.
My thoughts become one and vanish meaninglessly into the
placid breeze of Madinah...
My heart skips a beat as it indulges in the excitement of my
presence in Madinah.

The emptiness inside me will be filled only in Madinah.
Madinah is in my heartbeat, in my breath is Madinah.
Life holds meaning only in Madinah.
I am restless, peace is in Madinah.

Unfortunate is the soul, who hasn't breathed in Madinah
Fortunate is he who breathes his last in Madinah.
May my life and soul be sacrificed upon Madinah,
May my last breath be sacrificed for Madinah.
May I be destined to live in Madinah,
May I be destined to die in Madinah.

My mind is here but my heart is in Madinah
my heart is in Madinah
...in my heart is Madinah.

Voices are lifeless; tranquility
abides in the melodious sounds in Madinah.
Roses are everywhere, but the fragranced filled ones only
dance in the soil of Madinah.
Never mind the roses, heart-throbbing are the thorns of
Madinah.

I wander hopelessly in the search of Madinah.
Show me the pathway leading to Madinah.
Sweeter than honey is Madinah.
On my lips remains the remembrance of Madinah.
Deep in my heart are buried the memories of Madinah.

I Love all which my Beloved Loves,
I Love the people of Madinah,
I Love the trees in Madinah,
I Love the sand of Madinah,
I Love every street of Madinah,
Beauty lies within every atom of Madinah,
Even the birds sing praises of Madinah.

Lust holds no significance for me,
as I hold an unexplained attraction towards...
the dust of Madinah.

My feelings become unexplained words and flow as tears,
in the longing of Madinah.
I'm a sinner, not even worthy of the title "Dog of Madinah"
but in Your mercy is wrapped Blessed Madinah.

Distance may have taken me away from Madinah,
but the call of every beat in my heart will always be Madinah.
The ink of my pen may be running out,
but my wailing heart shall continue to yearn for Madinah.

My mind is here but my heart is in Madinah
my heart is in Madinah
...in my heart is Madinah.

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Ameen!**

INVITATION TO DAR-UL-ULOOM OF ODIVELAS, PORTUGAL

Since the time of the Prophet (peace be upon him and his family), relics have always played an important role in the history of Islamic civilization. According to Hadith reports preserved in Bukhari (4:33) and Muslim (15:324-6), the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) cut his hair upon completing his Hajj and instructed Abu Talha (may Allah be well pleased with him) to distribute one share of hair each to his male companions and Abu Talha's wife Umm Sulaym (may Allah be well pleased with her) to distribute two shares to the women.

Ahmad ibn Hanbal (may Allah be well pleased with him) records a Hadith report that not a single hair fell from the Prophet's (peace be upon him and his family) head that was not collected by his followers (4:324).

Based on these authentic traditions, the Dar-ul-Uloom of Odivelas, Portugal each year organizes a special event for the honourable exposition of the blessed hair of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him and his family) as a source of blessings. This event is characterized by a series of prayers and spiritual enlightenments for the people attending.

This year, the event will be held on **6th March 2010**, in Dar-ul-uloom of Odivelas in Portugal.

globalize this event and make it an important mark for the Islamic communities, aiming to spread the message of love and respect for the belongings of Our Beloved Prophet Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa (peace be upon him and his family). □

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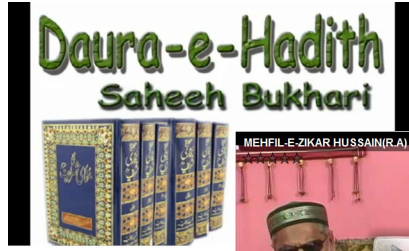
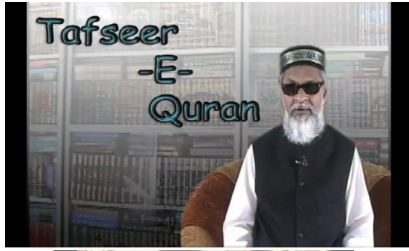
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- *Tafseer* and *Hadeeth* classes online (recordings on Youtube: www.youtube.com/user/iecrna)
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