

Makkah Diaries

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Conclusions

The Final Conquest of Makkah

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The Migration from Makkah

The First Muslims in Makkah

Preface

As I just concluded my latest trip to Makkah, I wanted to document how I feel in Makkah and why I want to keep going to Makkah.

My early memories of Makkah are from the late80's - early90's. We used to visit Saudi Arabia frequently, as my father used to work there.

Every time when I entered the holy city of Makkah, there was only one thought at the back of my mind.

It was the conviction that all my prayers would get answered as I would see the first minaret of the Holy Haram and at the first sight of the Kaaba.

It is a sad reality, that my prayers in those days were only concentrated around getting the top grades and essentially, that would be at the heart of most of my prayers.

As time passed, I could not go to Makkah at will, in 2 decades of my life, due to strict requirements, that women could not enter the city, without a Mahram (a male relative of a certain designation).

Birth of Prophet Muhammad

However, as those requirements were lifted in the early 2000's, by the grace of Allah, only, I have been able to go to Makkah a few times.

Personally, I strive to go to Makkah, as much as I can go now, because no one knows for how long we will be able to go there at will.

I just returned from my last trip to Makkah and was thinking why did I go to Makkah? What do I feel and see in Makkah. What is the significance of the Kaaba in my life. If Allah is all-around and everywhere, why do I feel the urge to keep going to Makkah?

One of the answers to the questions, as I will discuss in this book was that, "Makkah is my sanctuary, which provides me the space to open up about everything and anything. Makkah for me has all the answers."

A subsequent thought then followed, and that was that, "If Makkah has all the answers, then why is the world suffering?"

As I was contemplating the question to this answer, I decided to document my thoughts, mainly for my own understanding and contemplation.

Hazrat Hajra (AS) and The-Saee

Disclaimers

The thoughts and ideas in this book, are purely the author's viewpoint, which are documented in the backdrop of actual historical facts.

The author has tried to deduce or question the significance of those events, purely for personal understanding, contemplation and self-reflections. In the process, the author has decided to share this learning and thought-process with the world-at-large.

No one is compelled to agree, follow or accept the author's opinions and in good-faith, may completely disagree with the author's conclusions.

The goal is only to identify what does our theological history preach and what significant lessons can we draw from the same?

Trips to Makkah

Prophet Ibrahim
(AS) and The-Kaaba

4. The Revelation of The Quran and the early life of Muslims in Makkah
5. The Migration from Makkah
6. The Almost Bloodless Conquest of Makkah

The next chapters will do a deep-dive of these topics, from the author's understanding of factual points and learnings deduced from the same.

The Makkah of 80s/90s

The Longing for Makkah

If Makkah has the Answers?

If Makkah has all the answers, then why is the world-suffering.

As I was contemplating on this question, I felt compelled to parse out my thoughts on this question and document the same.

While I certainly do not have all the answers to this, I thought of these main themes of Makkah, which are of historical significance.

I wanted to document the facts only around these themes, which may give me some understanding of the path ahead.

These themes are as follows:

1. The Construction of the Kaaba, by Prophet Ibrahim (AS)
2. The Run of Sae'e by Hazrat Hagar (AS)
3. The birth and early life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

Prayers in Makkah

Makkah - 2020
onwards

What's in Masjid-Al- Haram

What is the Kaaba?

Questions answered:

- What is a Qibla?
- Is Kaaba Allah?