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## ~~Belief in the Day of Resurrection and the signs of the day of judgement~~

The belief in the Day of Judgement is part of our ~~Aqeedah~~ (creed) and is something which will definitely happen. Allah (swt) has warned us about it many times in the Qur'an, He

says:

إِنَّ السَّاعَةَ لَأْتِيَةٌ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهَا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ - 40:59

“Verily, the Hour (Day of Judgement) is surely coming, there is no doubt about it, yet most men believe not. [Qur'an 40:59].

There are many signs Allah (swt) and His Messenger have told us about which will occur before the Hour. Some people might be wondering, when will the Hour be. ~~This is something the Prophet was asked by the angel Jibreel and he replied, “The one asked about it knows no more than the one asking.”~~

[Muslim]. ~~So~~ no one, including the Prophets and the Angels <sup>and when it will be established</sup> know about the Hour. It is only known by Allah (swt) as He

says

يَسْأَلُكَ النَّاسُ عَنِ السَّاعَةِ قُلْ إِنَّمَا عِلْمُهَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَمَا يُدْرِيكَ لَعَلَّ السَّاعَةَ تَكُونُ

قَرِيبًا - 33:63

“People ask you concerning the Hour, say: The knowledge of it is with Allah only.” [Qur'an 33:63]. Allah (swt) has hid from His creation the time of the Hour, but has provided us with signs indicating that the Hour is near. Some signs have

happened already, some are even happening now, and other signs are yet to happen. Today we're going to talk about one of the signs that is clearly apparent throughout the world and specifically within many of our communities.

The Prophet Muhammad said:

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ - قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " إِذَا ضُيِّعَتِ الْأَمَانَةُ فَانْتَظِرِ السَّاعَةَ " . قَالَ كَيْفَ إِضَاعَتُهَا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ " إِذَا أُسْنِدَ الْأَمْرُ إِلَى غَيْرِ أَهْلِهِ، فَانْتَظِرِ السَّاعَةَ " .

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "When honesty or trust is lost, then wait for the Hour." It was asked, "How will honesty or trust be lost, O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)?" He said, "When authority is given to those who do not deserve it, then wait for the Hour."

Brothers and sisters  
When we look at the world today either locally or globally, we observe that there are those who've been given positions of authority, those who have been given leadership positions, those who are in charge of others...but they are highly unqualified and lack the proper knowledge, experience, wisdom and know how to carry out their responsibilities properly, and are not fulfilling the trusts that they were entrusted with.



in any field, religions, political, economical, social

When those who are unqualified are given positions of authority, we find that the scales of upright moral standards, etiquettes, proper understanding, and religious and humane principles are turned upside down....The liar and dishonest person is considered to be trustworthy, the honest person is looked at as a liar and dishonest, the deceiving one is trusted, and the trustworthy one is considered to be a person of deception, the ignorant one speaks about issues he has no knowledge about, and makes decisions in affairs he doesn't understand, and the knowledgeable ones are either kept quiet or subdued by the influence of others, or they choose to remain silent because of the level of ignorance of the people.

The prophet Muhammad said:

عَنْ أَنَسٍ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " إِنَّ مِنْ أَشْرَاطِ السَّاعَةِ أَنْ يُرْفَعَ الْعِلْمُ، وَيُنْتَبَتِ الْجَهْلُ، وَيُشْرَبَ الْخَمْرُ، وَيَظْهَرَ الزُّنَا "

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "From among the portents of the Hour are (the following): -1. Religious knowledge will be taken away by the death of Religious learned men. -2. Religious ignorance will prevail. -3. Drinking of Alcoholic drinks (will be very common). -4. There will be prevalence of open illegal sexual intercourse.

Look around us today, and the level of religious ignorance....many of us who were born Muslim know nothing about our religion, nor do we want to learn about our religion.

Many prefer Islamic entertainment, while others prefer to entertain themselves and their children with sports, movies, tablets, computers, social gatherings, and parties.... then bringing them to the masjid to learn about Allah and learn about our religion. Have we forgotten that Allah will not ask us about what did we do to entertain our children, did we sign them up for sports, gymnastics, bring them to the movies, buy them and ipad or iphone, bring them to a party, or attend a dinner, but Allah will ask us about what did we teach them about their religion and did we take them to the masjid to pray, and get closer to Allah.

As time goes by, we see that the desire to seek religious knowledge is decreasing, knowing the importance of acquiring religious knowledge is absent from many of the Muslims today, and this is why we have seen an increase in ignorance, an increase in extremism, and an increase in unqualified people being in control of those who are more religious, more knowledgeable and more pious than them.

The prophet Muhammad also said:

عَبْدَ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو بْنِ الْعَاصِ يَقُولُ سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ " إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَقْبِضُ الْعِلْمَ انْتِزَاعًا يَنْتَزِعُهُ مِنَ النَّاسِ وَلَكِنْ يَقْبِضُ الْعِلْمَ بِقَبْضِ الْعُلَمَاءِ حَتَّى إِذَا لَمْ يَبْقَ عَالِمًا اتَّخَذَ النَّاسُ رُءُوسًا جُهَالًا فَسُئِلُوا فَأَفْتَوْا بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ فَضَلُّوا وَأَضَلُّوا "



Verily, Allah does not take away knowledge by snatching it from the people but He takes away knowledge by taking away the scholars, so that when He leaves no learned person at all, and as a result the people turn to the ignorant as their leaders; then they are asked to deliver religious verdicts and they deliver them without knowledge, they go astray, and lead others astray.

Ignorance of the religion is what causes corruption in our hearts, our souls, our families, our communities and our countries. Many people would never accept to be ignorant in their worldly affairs, but have no problem being ignorant in their religious affairs...indeed the scales of judgment and correct understanding have been turned upside down...we show utmost importance to our dunya affairs which will not benefit us at all in the hereafter, and will be left behind when we're buried in our graves, but we neglect our religious affairs and obligations and religious education, that will be the only things that will benefit us in the hereafter and that we can take to our graves...indeed what a strange phenomenon...

What would we do If we had a broken transmission in our car, would we go to a heart surgeon to get it fixed? What would we do If we had a leak in our bathroom sink, would we hire an accountant to come and check it out. Indeed for our dunya, We would search for the most qualified person to fix our

problems, with the best of prices, in the least amount of time....and this is for our dunya, and we would never settle for less...But what about our religion...Why aren't we so eager to find and follow the best of guidance in our religion and take the clear proofs from Quran and Sunnah, instead of settling for ~~a~~ fatawas from ignoramuses or <sup>unauthorized</sup> exceptions, or following those who are ignorant about the religion, or verdicts that were coined to please the people, instead of pleasing Allah. If this is our situation, then we really need to rectify our situation.

We ask Allah to grant us proper Islamic knowledge and guidance and guide us to those religious scholars who can cure the ignorance of our souls and hearts with knowledge of the Quran and sunnah.

### Second khutbah

Indeed, the signs of the hour are manifest...We have those who can't speak a word of Arabic or recite Quran properly, but they are giving religious verdicts and so called <sup>are</sup> 'muftis'. We have those who have no background or education in religion determining the religious education and religious direction of religious organizations. Indeed these are from the signs of the hour brothers and sisters in Islam.

Indeed the Muslims did not exceed in any aspect of their lives, except with the seeking of religious knowledge and the



implementation of it. Whenever they abandoned seeking religious knowledge, their demise started, corruption spread and the rise of ignorance and ignoramuses increased.

Brothers and sisters, a major part in fulfilling our trust and fulfilling our responsibilities, individually as well as collectively, is using the faculties and facilities that Allah has blessed us with. From Allah's bounties is that he's blessed us with faculties to recognize his signs in the creation, listen to his recited word in the Quran, understand what he wants from us, and seek knowledge of his religion so as to increase our closeness to him. And from the bounties that Allah has blessed this community with in specific, is the facilities and buildings to facilitate learning and seeking of knowledge, to initiate programs to encourage learning and memorization of the Quran, and Islamic manners and etiquettes. The intelligent and intellectual Muslims are those who utilize the opportunities and facilities that Allah gives them to further the religious education of their congregation and youth. If we don't use the opportunities and utilize the facilities that Allah has blessed us with, Allah may see our ungratefulness and choose to take them away.

So what can we do as a community to fulfill the trust that Allah has given us, and try to remove ignorance from ourselves, from our families, from our youth and from our

hearts and souls...The first thing is to educate ourselves, with Islamic knowledge. Most importantly the Quran, understanding the meanings of the Quran, proper recitation of the Quran, and this can only be accomplished by establishing institutes and programs with qualified teachers, which I strongly encourage our community to do here in Hagerstown.

The life and light and livelihood of the masjid is always related to the religious education and memorization of Quran and Sunnah. Inner peace, tranquility, and contentment and endless reward from Allah will only be found in facilitating programs that teach and preserve the fundamental teachings of the religion contained in the Quran and sunnah.

Some practical things that we can do:

1. Make time to come to the masjid to learn your religion, really learn, dedicate some time to learn the intricate details about Allah, His names, His attributes, what he loves, what he dislikes, what we can do to get closer to him...indeed this won't happen with only a ten minute reminder after magrib or fajr...this needs time ~~and~~ dedication and commitment.
2. Discuss the importance of preserving the religion and safeguarding our youth by establishing professional



**Tahfeeth programs in our masjid, with qualified teachers, so as to attract other Muslims to our community.**

- 3. Anyone who wants to do good to benefit the community as a whole, encourage them and support them, and do not discourage them or prevent them.**
- 4. Be reminded that our youth will only be preserved and protected and guided by Allah, and by learning religious knowledge and sitting and dedicating some of their time to learn more about Allah and more about the Prophet. We as parents should accompany our youth to the masjid and teach them the importance of coming and praying in the masjid, just as we accompany them to their soccer games, their parties, the movies, their social gatherings, their graduations...because indeed Allah will not ask us if we accompanied them to soccer or gymnastics, but he will ask us did we teach them how to pray and come to the masjid.**