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QIYAAMAHA

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "I take oath by The Being Who has sent me with the Truth (of Islam)! The world will come to an end only after (the calamities) of earthquakes, showers of stones (from the heaven) and disfigurement (of the faces of people) have taken place.

The Sahaabah asked: 'O Rasulullah! When will this happen?' Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "When you see women seated in the saddle (in the driving seat – riding horses and driving cars); when singing girls are in profusion; when false testimony becomes the norm; when homosexuality (and lesbianism) becomes rampant."

Q&A

Q. Can money collected for a Masjid be used for a Madrasah or for another Masjid?

A. Money collected for the Masjid may not be used for the Madrasah nor for another Masjid. The same applies to money collected for a Madrasah.

Q. Is it proper for a man to kiss his children on their lips?

A. Kissing even one's own children on the lips is not part of Islamic culture. It is a western practice. Kiss the children on their foreheads. It is not permissible. The prohibition is more emphasized for daughters.

Q. Who has to pay the expenses for winding up the estate of a deceased?

A. The expenses for winding up the estate should be paid from the estate's assets. The third for any wasiyyat (bequest for a non-heir) will be related to the balance after deducting expenses and debts.

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Roses have thorns!
The Haqq too has thorns!
"We strike baatil with the Haqq. Then it crushes the brains of baatil." (Qur'aan)

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"Your deeds are your rulers" (Hadith)

A FARCICAL DISPLAY

Salaatul Istisqa' has to be performed only when there is a drought. A true shortage of water bringing suffering to people and animals justifies *Salaatul Istisqa'*. Frequently in our times municipalities proclaim a water-shortage, increase the price of water and implement water restrictions. In the light of the Shariah the artificial water-shortage proclaimed by the municipality does not justify *Salaatul Istisqa'*.

Despite the 'shortage' proclamation, water is available in abundance. Open any of the dozen taps in any home, and water flows freely. Water is plentiful for drinking, cooking and washing. Industry utilises millions of litres of water daily despite the proclaimed water-shortage. Vegetation continues growing. Greenery is seen all over the show. There are no discernable effects or even any signs of water-shortage. The imagined shortage is the municipality's fear for the future – a fear based on the falling levels of the water-dams.

Fear of a possible water-shortage in the future is not a

drought nor a prevailing situation of water-shortage or suffering. *Salaatul Istisqa'* at a time when the shortage is imaginary or expected in the future, is in conflict with the Sunnah and not permissible. Such an 'Istisqa' supplication is uncalled for.

Furthermore, the attitude of people who organize 'istisqa' during a time of imagined shortage created by a non-Muslim authority which is in entirety bereft of spiritual perception and belief in the Providence of Azza Wa Jal, makes the 'istisqa' a farcical show. The manner in which they go about performing *Salaatul Istisqa'* is a charade. A mockery of the Deen is made by the ostentatious way in which they execute their unjustified charade of 'istisqa'. Dressed in Christmas attire, riding in luxury vehicles, accompanied by non-Muslim press reporters and photographers to record, advertise and broadcast the mockery perpetrated under guise of the Deen, bereft of the essential requisites of *khushu* and *khudhoo'* (fear, humility and remorse), they proceed for

their 'istisqa' and acquit themselves like the clowns in a circus, patting themselves on their backs in the belief that they have performed a wondrous act. This display of mockery is not the *Salaatul Istisqa'* which the Sunnah has ordained.

The validity of acts of ibaadat is dependent on essential conditions which are explained elsewhere in kitaabs. If it is not Subh Saadiq, Fajr Salaat is not valid. If the sun has not set, Maghrib Salaat is not valid. Similarly, if there is no real drought, *Istisqa'* is not valid. If an act of ibaadat is not rendered in accordance with the Sunnah, it is rejected and struck from the heavens into the face of the performer. Similarly, an *Istisqa'* which does not conform to the Sunnah is *mardood* (rejected and buffeted from the heavens). There is no Divine Acceptance (*Maqbooliyat*) for the shows, charades and mockeries which pretenders and seekers of some cheap glory offer in the name of the Deen.

Salaatul Istisqa' may not be performed as a consequence

of municipal proclamations of water-shortage. The requisite for justification of *Salaatul Istisqa'* is drought, not falling dam levels. In the past despite municipal proclamations based on a materialistic and atheistic ideology, and rapidly falling dam-levels no one ever suffered. Water was always plentifully available for drinking, cooking, washing clothes and bathing.

One important fact which should not be overlooked, is the fundamental cause of droughts. Man's flagrant transgression, perverse rebellion and immorality are the primary causes of droughts. Rather than organizing a superficial facade of 'Istisqa', Muslims are required to engage in Taubah and Istighfaar. The validity of this act of ibaadat is based on abandonment of sin and transgression. From the Islamic perspective, there is no conundrum for the natural disaster of drought. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) linked droughts to the evil that our hands perpetrate. The answer to the disaster of drought is *Inaabat ilallaah* – turning to Allah in repentance and abstaining from *fiisq*, *fujoor*, *bidah*, *baatil* and *kufr* in which Muslims today excel.

ALLAH'S NAME - MUDHIEL

Hadhrat Mahmood Shah (Rahmatullah alayh), who was a Wali of Allah Ta'ala

not so long ago, said: "In every age one of the Asmaaul Husna (The Beautiful Names

of Allah Ta'ala) pervades the world. The effects of that Name become manifest on all. All affairs of the world are influenced by the pervading effects of that Name.

In the present age, Allah's Name, *Mudhiel* (The One who leads astray whomever He wills) Jalle Jalaalahu, pervades the world. It is for this reason that the *Ahl-e-Kamaal* (genuine Ulama and Sulaha) due to the effects manifested by this Name are not devoid

NADWATUL ULAMA AND ABU JAHL

"Nowadays people suffer from a lamentable insanity regarding names. When they embark on a project, they desire a new and a unique name. By virtue of this insanity, Nadwah (i.e. Nadwatul

ing for a new name, they named the council of their Ulama with the epithet of 'Nadwah'.

Nadwah was the designation of the organization of the chief of the *inhhaal*

This explains the deviance of even genuine senior Ulama who due to short-sightedness and failure to apply their minds in reflection, commit the grave error of laying the foundations for 3 future acts of bid'ah. The *Ahl-e-Kamaal* mentioned by Hadhrat Mahmood Shah