

“Tears in the Nature of Things”

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It is relatively simple to simply condemn the September 11th bombings and the invasion of Afghanistan, but not so easy to look deep. There is no shortage of misinformation and speculation in the media and on the internet and as always, the official version is at odds with what is beneath the surface. Neither the surface nor the depths are particularly clear or transparent either in the middle of a storm or, when looking back, even after it.

There are many ways of looking at a storm. There has to be thunder and lightning before the gentle rain that sustains everything can fall. All storms are from Allah, Whose attributes of Majesty and Beauty are constantly manifested in creation.

It has always been clear from the start that the real purpose of the Afghan invasion has been to secure the rich oil fields in the Caucasus and southern states of the former USSR.

Just as the USA armed Saddam Hussein and his men to fight Iran and then used him as a pretext to precipitate the Gulf War so that they could establish military control over the oil fields in the Middle East (and virtually bankrupt the Gulf oil-rich countries in the process by persuading them to pay for the war and buy obsolete arms), so they armed Usama Bin Laden and his men to fight Russia and subsequently used him as a pretext to precipitate the Afghan War (which, launched on Hoshana Rabba, the Jewish Day of Atonement, was already planned well before the World Trade Centre attack took place), so that they could establish military control over the oil fields in the Caucasus and former southern states of the USSR - and also limit the nuclear capability of Pakistan and India in the process. The next anticipated phase of occupation and control of oil wealth would most probably be Somalia and Sudan, followed by Malaysia and Indonesia, all of course in the name of the ‘War against Terrorism’.

It should be remembered that it was America that precipitated the Russian invasion of Afghanistan in the first place: After the takeover by Khomeini in Iran, the Americans moved their military listening posts from Iran to Turkey - so as a counter-move Russia moved down into Afghanistan, and within a week the CIA were arming and training the mujahideen in Afghanistan, including Usama Bin Laden. So all the terror that has resulted in Afghanistan from firstly the Russian invasion and then secondly the American invasion traces directly back to American foreign policy.

America’s economy is not only dependent on cheap oil, but also on producing and selling expensive armaments - hence the need for foreign theatres of war in which such armaments can be tested and sold.

In the process many innocent people have been murdered, of whom many were mumin - a mumin being anyone who believes in Allah, His angels, His Books, His Messengers, the Last Day, the Garden and the Fire, and that everything, both good and bad, is by the decree of Allah.

To those who have this blood on their hands - whether as a result of blowing up people in the World Trade Centre, or as a result of blowing up people in Afghanistan, or for that matter, as a result of blowing up people in Palestine, Bosnia, Kosovo, Chechenia, Kashmir, or anywhere else in the world - I would draw their attention to the following :

Firstly,

Yahya related to me from Malik from Sumayy, the mawla of Abu Bakr ibn 'Abd ar-Rahman from Abu Salih from Abu Hurayra that the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said ... "Martyrs are five: the one killed by a plague, the one killed by a disease of the belly, the one who drowns, the one killed by a collapsing building, and the martyr in the path of Allah." (Al-Muwatta' of Imam Malik : 8.2.6)

Secondly,

"As for anyone who kills a mumin deliberately,
his repayment is Hell,
remaining in it timelessly, for ever.
Allah is angry with him and has cursed him,
and has prepared for him a terrible punishment." (Qur'an : 4.92)

Thirdly,

Yahya related to me from Malik from Abu'z-Zinad from al-A'raj from Abu Hurayra that the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "Allah laughs at two men. One of them kills the other, but each of them will enter the Garden: one fights in the way of Allah and is killed, then Allah turns to the killer, so he fights (in the way of Allah) and also becomes a martyr." (Al-Muwatta' of Imam Malik : 21.14.28)

Fourthly,

'Amr ibn al-'As said, "I came to the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and said, 'Stretch out your right hand so that I may pledge my allegiance to you. He stretched out his right hand, but I withdrew my hand. He said, 'What is the matter with you O 'Amr?' I replied, 'I want to make a condition.' He asked, 'What condition do you want to make?' I replied, 'That I should be granted forgiveness.' He said, 'Do you not know, 'Amr, that entering Islam wipes out all previous (wrong actions), that making hijra wipes out all previous (wrong actions) and that doing the hajj wipes out all previous (wrong actions)?" (Sahih Muslim : 1.55.220)

My advice, therefore to those who have this blood on their hands – and this includes the ones who gave the orders as well as those who carried them out, whether from 20,000 inches, or 20,000 feet or 20,000 miles - is that they turn to Allah and embrace Islam, so that all their previous wrong actions are forgiven, because otherwise they are in grave danger of ending up in the Fire because of what they have done.

'Ubada ibn as-Samit said, "I heard the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, say, 'If anyone testifies that there is no god except Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, Allah will keep him from the Fire of Hell.'" (Sahih Muslim : 1.11.45)

'Ubada ibn as-Samit reported that the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "If anyone testifies that there is no god except Allah, Who is One and has no partner, and that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger, and that Jesus is His servant, the son of His female servant, His Word which He cast into Mary and a spirit from Him, and that the Garden is true and the Fire is true, Allah will let him enter the Garden through whichever one of its eight gates he wishes." (Sahih Muslim : 1.11.43)

I am reminded of the Mongol invasions. Ghengis Khan described himself as the 'Wrath of God'. His forces swept all before them. As they approached the Muslim world, people asked, "How can we stop such people?" The wisest of the 'ulama replied, "Open your doors to them, welcome them and feed them." Within three generations, the Mongols had accepted Islam.

Only Allah knows the future, and Allah is the best of planners, and I would not be at all surprised if the forces of the oil Moghuls who have tried to overcome the Muslims end up being overcome by Islam. La ghalib il'Allah. There is no conqueror except Allah.

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George Bush said, "If any government sponsors the outlaws and killers of innocents, they become outlaws and murderers themselves. And they will take that lonely path at their own peril." The CIA defines terrorism as, '...Use of violence for political purposes by individuals or groups whether acting for, or in opposition to established governmental authority'. The FBI defines terrorism as "the unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a Government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives."

*Sunt lacrimae rerum
et mentem mortalia tangunt*

Tears in the nature of things
hearts touched by human transience

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