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From the Qur'an:

"[This is] a Book revealed to you, [O Muhammad] - so let there not be in your breast distress therefrom - that you may warn thereby and as a reminder to the believers."

"Follow, [O mankind], what has been revealed to you from your Lord and do not follow other than Him any allies. Little do you remember."

"And how many cities have We destroyed, and Our punishment came to them at night or while they were sleeping at noon."

"And their declaration when Our punishment came to them was only that they said, "Indeed, we were wrongdoers!""

(*Surah Al-A'raf: Verses 02 through 05*)

Selected Hadith:

Narrated Saud (RA):

The Holy Prophet (SAAW) said, "If you hear of an outbreak of plague in a land, do not enter it; but if the plague breaks out in a place while you are in it, do not leave that place."

(*Sahih Bukhari*)

All praise is due to Allah (SWT), and peace & blessing on his noble Messengers (AS), in particular, on the last of them all the blessed Prophet Muhammad (SAAW).

There's no doubt that the coronavirus has completely changed life as everyone knows it, but many people are divided over whether this outbreak has become the crown jewel celebrating the commencement of the "New World Order" (NWO) or the long-awaited crippling blow to globalization that so many have been eagerly hoping for.

We will not be delving into conspiracy theories as they only multiply and accelerate the panic already existing in 'pandemic' proportions. We will however give our analysis of what changes to the current global political paradigm of the world may be expected in the future. Many of those shifts are already being witnessed and while we may be wrong, it is very plausible that the global political dynamics may become far worse before getting better.

The world has never experienced anything like the current COVID-19 containment measures that were first implemented in China then eventually spread all across the East and the West, with Pakistan being no exception. Not even in wartime were people sequestered in their homes for at least two weeks under what's for all intents and purposes the de-facto imposition of martial law for community health reasons, allowed only to leave to purchase essentials such as groceries and medicine or use basic services. These historically unprecedented moves have devastated more national economies quicker than any kinetic conflict ever has, started a trend of nationalizations and bailouts, and made the citizenry more dependent on their government than ever before. It is little wonder then that most Westerners are still in shock at how suddenly all of this happened, with their lives changed in the course of just a few days or sometimes literally overnight. Some have started to collect themselves and are now thinking real critically about these powerful processes at play, with the two main schools of thought being that the coronavirus has either become the crown jewel celebrating the commencement of the "New World Order" (NWO) or the long-awaited crippling blow to globalization that so many have been eagerly hoping for.

Each side has valid points in their favor. The NWO one points to Western governments seizing control of large sectors of politics and the economy or threatening to do so, with there being a further division between those who regard this as either being socialist or fascist in nature (with differing attitudes towards each). They also generally think that the uncoordinated but almost identical response that almost each Western and Eastern government has had to this outbreak strongly suggests that they will eventually pool their efforts together sometime in the future to form a joint plan of action within this geopolitical sphere or perhaps more globally, which would thus represent major progress towards the formation of a "global government" that could then spread its power throughout all other aspects of society on the basis of this emergency health crisis. The anti-globalists, meanwhile, are delighted that some Western leaders want to immediately shift the supply chains for certain strategic industries such as medicine and medical devices away from abroad and back home, which they are convinced will see this economic trend repeated in the social and political spheres in order to make the world "less flat" in the coming future. Open borders, free trade, and the UN might become relics of the past replaced with the supercharged nationalist zeitgeist of strong borders, fair trade, and less political multilateralism.

At this point, it is difficult to say which of these two visions of the future will enter into fruition or if they will blend into a hybrid scenario, but it is all but certain that the "Old World Order" (OWO) will never return. Interestingly, it can now be seen that the US was far ahead of the trend that recently set in whereby almost every nation instinctively clung to their own national interests as they understood them when responding to the COVID-19 outbreak despite a coordinated response being much more effective in hindsight. This largely discredits the Neo-Liberal school of International Relations thought which teaches that countries with similar values and interests essentially behave the same, which was just disproven in practice. Rather, for all the pomp, circumstance, glitz, and glamour surrounding the global elite, they ended up being much less united than many people thought, quickly abandoning their Neo-Liberalism for Neo-Realism.

That might very well change as an outcome of this global crisis, though, at least if the NWO theory enters into being.

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The seemingly “natural” solution to this uncoordinated chaos is to focus on more coordination in response, beginning with emergency health measures and possibly expanding into the economy and politics through joint “reconstruction” funds between newly nationalized economies and possibly regular multilateral “martial law” containment drills. The Schengen Zone, however, might not survive this crisis, at least not in its prior form, owing to the prevailing interests that each state (even if only nominal in the sense of their possibly accelerated absorption into the bloc’s supranational structures after this crisis) still has as proven by how they responded during these past few weeks’ chain reaction of containment responses. It might come to make more “sense” to immediately — or possibly even proactively — shut down a state (or EU “federal region”) in the event of a similar crisis, meaning that each one might have to become more self-sufficient in order to survive, which would ironically carry with it strong hints of the anti-globalist school of thought despite representing the opposite in practical terms since it would be coordinated through a central command.

Whichever of the two scenarios or hybrids thereof ends up materializing, there are a few constants that will likely remain within each outcome. The first is that the “social globalization” of the free movement of people will probably be greatly reduced pending a global vaccination campaign, and states will probably retain the unprecedented powers that they assumed for themselves at the expense of what were once described by the West as “freedoms”. One realistic social change might be that all citizens under a certain age will be required to perform mandatory healthcare service just like military service in order to function as replacement hospital staff in the event of another health emergency (or with this training being “voluntary” in exchange for becoming eligible for emergency government assistance in such a scenario or social benefits more broadly), and social media censorship might increase too. As for economic changes, governments might be unwilling to reduce their control over the economy (whether for socialist or fascist ends) and will keep the average person more dependent on them through the aforementioned promised social benefits. These changes will greatly shape the way that most people live, so the main difference between the NWO and anti-globalization models are pretty much just the relationship between states, which will either cooperate more closely on the global level (NWO), eschew cooperation (anti-globalism), or concentrate on regionalism (hybrid).

It is too early to tell whether the coronavirus is the crown jewel of the NWO or a crippling blow to globalization, but whatever it ends up being, there is no question that it is the “black swan event” that the world has been fearing for years already. The consequences of the uncoordinated containment measures that are currently in place and growing ever stricter in many countries by the day will fundamentally change life as everyone knows it for an indefinite amount of time prior to gradually taking on the contours of the emerging world order, whether the “new”, anti-globalization, or hybrid one. It is presently uncertain what time frame is most appropriate for anticipating further clarity on this pressing question, but one of the most important variables to monitor is the competition between China and the US as the torchbearers of the NWO and anti-globalization models when it comes to helping other states recover from this crisis. As it stands, China seems to be ahead all across the world, assisted as it is by its earlier recovery, but that could prospectively change depending on whatever else the US might eventually do in this regard. Either way, there will be losers and winners, those that are unhappy and those that are happy, but all three likely scenarios will completely change the world as we knew it once.

From the perspective of Muslims, Allah (SWT) is showing us His (SWT) might, and how truly fragile and weak the human is before Him (SWT). No matter what we build, no matter how strong we believe we are, no matter what advances we make in science and technology, Allah (SWT) always has been and always will be greater than everything. The coronavirus has engulfed the entire world today, and while it is absolutely necessary for all of us to take precautionary measures to avoid being infected by the contagion, it is even more crucial for us to reflect on the reasons why such wraths and trials from Allah (SWT) are befalling, one after the other, in today’s world. Humans, today, have become utterly immersed in materialism and this blind pursuit of worldly gains alone has made humans completely oblivious of the Lord of the Worlds – Allah (SWT). Therefore, the wrath and trial from Allah (SWT) strikes in this way too, leaving most of the world crippled and fallen to its knees, with all forms of ‘business of the modern man’ totally arrested and halted to a standstill. This is a sign of warning and a lesson of admonition for the whole of humanity. Even the most developed nations of the world are totally helpless against this virus. The Muslims, in particular, ought to ponder, reflect and grasp that their salvation in this world and in the Hereafter resides only in following the commandments of Allah (SWT) and His (SWT) Messenger (SAAW), in letter and spirit. People must wake-up and fear Allah (SWT), because if they fail to open their eyes and recognize the clear warning even after this wrath and trial from Allah (SWT), then they may have to face greater and worse wraths and trials in the future. May Allah (SWT) be our Protector. **Aameen!**

Signing off...**Dr. Absar Ahmad (Chief Editor)****Sound advice to prevent and combat a development like COVID-19 by the Prophet of Islam**

The COVID-19 pandemic is forcing governments and news sources to provide the most accurate and helpful advice to the world's population, as the disease is indeed global in reach. Health care professionals are in high demand, and so too are scientists who study the transmission and effect of pandemics.

Experts like immunologist Dr. Anthony Fauci and medical reporter Dr. Sanjay Gupta are saying that good hygiene and quarantining, or the practice of isolating from others in the hope of preventing the spread of contagious diseases, are the most effective tools to contain COVID-19.

Do you know who else suggested good hygiene and quarantining during a pandemic?

Muhammad (SAAW), the Prophet of Islam, over 1,300 years ago.

While he (SAAW) is by no means a “traditional” expert on matters of deadly diseases, Muhammad (SAAW) nonetheless had sound advice to prevent and combat a development like COVID-19.

Muhammad (SAAW) said: “If you hear of an outbreak of plague in a land, do not enter it; but if the plague outbreaks out in a place while you are in it, do not leave that place.”



He (SAAW) also said: "Those with contagious diseases should be kept away from those who are healthy."
 Muhammad (SAAW) also strongly encouraged human beings to adhere to hygienic practices that would keep people safe from infection. Consider the following hadiths, or sayings of Prophet Muhammad (SAAW):

"Cleanliness is part of faith."

"Wash your hands after you wake up; you do not know where your hands have moved while you sleep."

"The blessings of food lie in washing hands before and after eating."

And what if someone does fall ill? What kind of advice would Muhammad (SAAW) provide to his (SAAW) fellow human beings who are suffering from pain?

He (SAAW) would encourage people to always seek medical treatment and medication: "Make use of medical treatment," he (SAAW) said, "for God has not made a disease without appointing a remedy for it, with the exception of one disease—old age."

Perhaps most importantly, he (SAAW) knew when to balance faith with reason. In recent weeks, some have gone so far as to suggest that prayer would be better at keeping you from the coronavirus than adhering to basic rules of social distancing and quarantine. How would Prophet Muhammad (SAAW) respond to the idea of prayer as the chief—or only—form of medicine?

Consider the following story, related to us by ninth-century (C.E.) Persian scholar Al-Tirmidhi: One day, Prophet Muhammad (SAAW) noticed a Bedouin man leaving his camel without tying it. He (SAAW) asked the Bedouin, "Why don't you tie down your camel?" The Bedouin answered, "I put my trust in God." The Prophet (SAAW) then said, "Tie your camel first, then put your trust in God."

Muhammad (SAAW) encouraged people to seek guidance in their religion, but he (SAAW) hoped they take basic precautionary measures for the stability, safety and well-being of all.

In other words, he (SAAW) hoped people would use their common sense.

Source: Adapted from an article by CRAIG CONSIDINE posted on <https://www.newsweek.com/>

Note: Dr. Craig Considine is a scholar, professor, global speaker, and media contributor based at the Department of Sociology at Rice University.

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Press Releases issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami

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Lahore (PR): "We ought to make special supplications and repent collectively, along with taking other preventive measures for protection against coronavirus."

The Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, noted in a statement that USA, Israel, India and Europe have been working together to constantly commit atrocities against Muslims and oppressing them throughout the world for more than half a century. Israel has locked down Palestine while India has done the same in Kashmir, yet the entire 'international community' has sinisterly kept silent on that oppression. However, the wrath of Allah (SWT) befalls the oppressors sooner or later and today we can see that those rulers who had imposed inhumane curfews to oppress Muslims are being forced to lock down their own countries. Their streets and markets are vacant like those of a ghost town. The European countries that had made laws to prohibit Muslim women from covering their faces with veils have been subdued by Allah (SWT) in such a way that not only their women, but men, too, have been forced to 'cover their faces' with masks (for prevention against coronavirus).

The Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami said that the degree of fear that has been created amongst the masses due to coronavirus is massive and if the fear of Allah (SWT) had been imbibed on a similar magnitude amongst them not only would we have become free from all kinds of torments, but the entire world would have benefitted from global peace and prosperity. He emphasized that we ought to make special supplications and repent collectively, along with taking other preventive measures for protection against coronavirus. Trials, tribulations and wraths are inflicted upon us by the Lord of the Worlds (SWT) due to our own corrupt and depraved deeds, and we can get salvation from them ONLY by reverting to Allah (SWT) by beseeching His (SWT) forgiveness and genuinely repenting for all our transgressions. He said that we have also invited the wrath of Allah (SWT) by continuously betraying and resisting the implementation of the 'great cause' for which Pakistan had been created as a separate homeland for Muslims. He said that it has now become imperative for us to sincerely revert to Allah (SWT) and wholeheartedly peruse the implementation of that *raison d'etre* by fulfilling the promise on the basis of which we created Pakistan so that we could become eligible for salvation from the wrath of Allah (SWT) that has engulfed us. He concluded by asserting that it is the ONLY way for us to achieve peace and prosperity in this world and be successful in the Hereafter.

Aameen, O Lord of the Worlds (SWT)!

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