Not a single leaf falls... (659)

Believers know that God alone is in absolute and complete control of everything in the heavens and earth. They demonstrate their acceptance of this Quranic fact by trusting in God, following His commandments in the Quran. There are many examples in the Quran of God's control. Believers should reflect on these examples and be appreciative.

God's awareness and power encompass everything. He alone holds the heavens and the earth in His hand. Verse 39:67 states, "...in fact, the universe are folded within His right hand." He controls the alteration of night and day (2:156-158), the expansion of the universe (31:47), and keeps the planets from colliding. He is cognizant of all of the inhabitants on earth and provides for each of them in exact measure. Verse 6:59 states, "With Him are the keys to all secrets; none knows them except He. He knows everything on land and in the sea. Not a leaf falls without His knowledge. Nor is there a grain in the depths of the sea whose number is not recorded in a profound record." God knows everything!

Who you marry is destined by God. As He wills, He pairs the righteous man and woman together and assigns the un-wills, He pairs the righteous man and assigns the un-righteous woman (4:49-50). The exact time the couple meet each other is pinpointed by God.

Not long ago, the Islamic countries were relatively economically, educationally and technologically. Many were under colonial rule while some were independent republics or monarchies. However, they all struggled to make ends meet.

That was the past. What we have today is shocking disparity. In some 40 years, the Islamic world has been stratified into a wide spectrum, from the wealthiest in the world, to the poorest in the world, and everything in between. Some countries do not even exist as sovereign states anymore.

One of those Islamic countries that no longer exists as a sovereign state and whose people became divided into tyrannical factions is Somalia. My motherland, where Islam was introduced by emigrating believers in the early days of Prophet Muhammad over 1400 years ago, is today totally annihilated. Far worse annihilation than the people of Aal, Thaumud and Pharaoh combined in terms of loss of lives, Somalia is suffering from a combination of civil war, famine, drought, diseases and mass corruption. Every city in the country is totally devastated and every single home is destroyed. The survivors are using what used to be the nation's basic schools, and universities as shelters. The surviving children are in their fourth year without school. Their future is, at best, uncertain. Forget about electricity, or running water, any kind of transportation, telephone, or even food. Anything that a civilized society needs to function does not exist anymore.

Where are the "Muslim" brothers? Most who were strong enough to get out of that misery, find themselves trapped in the shark infested waters of the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea. Those who made it to the neighboring "Islamic" countries were held in concentration camps and not allowed to get in.

Wealthy Saudi Arabia called the refugees illegal aliens, and sent 3000 fleeing Muslim refugees in a cattle ship back to the killing fields of Somalia. The United Arab Emirates did not return the refugees, but confined them in their own ships, and later transferred them to the government jails if they were criminals.

Why is helping? Ironically, the refugees who fled to the neighboring non-Muslim countries faced better treatment. Somalia's Christian neighbors, Ethipopia and Kenya, are not rich. However, this did not stop them from helping the nearest refugees.

Creed Professor Mohammad would have been saddened to see how the Arabs returned the favor of people who gave them refuge over 400 years ago. But, he would not be surprised, for both of the following Quranic verses came out of his mouth:

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"...And you will find that the closest people in friendship to the believers are those who say, 'We are Christians.' This is because they have priests and monks among them, and they are not aroame."

(5:82)

"The Arabs are the worst in disbelief and hypocrisy, and the most likely to ignore the laws that God has revealed to His messengers..." (9:97)

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