## **IN THE NAME OF ALLAH** *Who Is Hussain?*



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Throughout the next centuries, narration & explaining the sad & melancholy death scene will result in awareness & of Imam Hussein PBUH sensitivity of hearts and souls for the entire mankind anywhere they might be.<sup>2</sup>

"If Hussain had fought to quench his worldly desires... then I do not understand why his sister, wife, and children accompanied him. It stands to reason therefore, that he sacrificed purely for Islam."<sup>3</sup>

If Hussain was one of us we would have put up a flag and a minaret for him in every part of the earth and called the people to christianity.<sup>4</sup>

"Although when our priests talk about suffering and sorrows of Jesus, they are touching and make one to feel sad when listening to them, but the enthusiasm and excitement in Hussain followers can never be witnessed in followers of Jesus. As if sufferings and pains that Jesus went through comparison to what Hussain went through looks like a stick of straw against a gigantic planet.<sup>5</sup>

"Imam Hussain's sacrifice is for all groups and communities, an example of the path of righteousness."<sup>6</sup>

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- <sup>4</sup> Antoine Bara
- <sup>5</sup> Thomas Masaryk
- <sup>6</sup> Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
- <sup>7</sup> Washington Irving

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Irving Washington

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Edward Gibbon

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Charles Dickens

"The world is unable to present an example finer than and brighter than the personality of Imam Hussain (A.S). He was the embodiment of love, valor and personification of sacrifice and devotion. Every Muslim, in particular, must learn ...<sup>8</sup>

Hussain (A.S) sacrificed his life , belongings and children in the way of his honor , dignity , his people and the greatness of Isalm ; He did not give in to Yazid's arrogance and adventures So let us symbolize him and get ourselves rid of Yazid and the likes and prefer honored death adisgraceful life . This is a summary of the teachings of Islam.<sup>9</sup>

"In a distant age and climate the tragic scene of the death of Hussain will awaken the sympathy of the coldest reader."<sup>10</sup>

"Imam Hussain (a.s.) will warm the coldest heart."11

"My faith is that the of Islam progress does not depend on the use of sword by its believers, but the result of the supreme sacrifice of Hussain."<sup>12</sup>

"It is Hussain's sacrifice that has kept Islam alive or else in this world there would be no one left to take Islam's name."<sup>13</sup>

...a reminder of that blood- stained field of Karbala, where the grandson of the Apostle of God fell, at length, tortured by thirst, and surround by the bodies of his murdered kinsmen, has been at anytime since then, sufficient to evoke, even in the most lukewarm and the heedless, the deepest emotion, the most frantic grief, and an exaltation of spirit before which pain, danger, and death shrink to unconsidered trifles.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Swami Shankaracharya

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Muhammad Ali Jinnah

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Maurice Dekobra an over

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> [The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, London, 1911, volume 5, pp391-2] Edward Gibbon

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Rabindranath Tagore

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Mahatma Gandhi

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Edward G. Brown

"Hussain fell, pierced by brave followers were cut an arrow, and his down beside him to the last man. Muhammadan tradition, which with rare exceptions is uniformly hostile to the Umayyad dynasty, regards Hussain as a martyr and Yazid as his murderer."<sup>15</sup>

"Imam Hussain is the leader of humanity."16

"My admiration for the noble sacrifice of Imam Hussain (a.s) as a martyr abounds, because he accepted dealh and the lorlure of thrust for himself, for his sons, and for his whole family, but did not submit to unjust authorities." "I learnt from Hussain how lo achieve victory while being oppressed."<sup>17</sup>

"Hussain's sacrifice indicates spiritual liberation."18

"Hussain and his companions faced eight kinds of enemies. On the four sides the army of Yezid was their enemy which was ceaselessly raining arrows; the fifth foe was the sun of Arabia that was scorching the bodies; the sixth foe was the desert of Karbala the sands of which were scorching like a heated furnace; the seventh and eighth foes were the overpowering hunger and the unbearable thirst. Thus on those who fought with thousands of infidels conditions has ended bravado; on in such such a people no gallant (hero) ever have pre-eminence."<sup>19</sup>

"In order to keep alive justice and truth, instead of an army or weapons, success can be achieved by sacrificing lives, exactly Hussain did."<sup>20</sup>

"The tragedy of Karbala decided not only the fate of the Caliphate, but also of Mohammadan kingdoms long after the Caliphate had waned and is appeared."<sup>21</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Reynold Alleyne Nicholson

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Rabindranath Tagore

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Mahatma Gandhi

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Rabindranath Tagore

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> James Corne

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Rabindranath Tagore

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> (Annals of the Early Caliphate, London, 1883, p.441-442) Sir William Muir

"Though Hussain gave his life Imam almost 1300 years ago, but his indestructible soul rules the hearts of people even today."<sup>22</sup>

"The best lesson learnt from tragedy of Karbala is that Hussain and his fellow companions had a firm faith in God. They made it crystal clear that when the truth and just confronts vanity and unjust, numerical superiority is of no importance. The triumph achieved and accomplished by Hussain despite of being in minority amazes me."<sup>23</sup>

"There is a universal appeal in his martyrdom. Hazrat Imam Hussain (as) sacrificed his all, but he refused to submit to a tyrannical government. He never gave any weight to the fact that his material force was far less in comparison with that of an enemy; the power of faith to his greatest force, which regards all force as nothing. This sacrifice is a beacon light of guidance for every community and every material nation. Pandit<sup>24</sup>

I congratulate Muslims that from among them, Hussain, a great human being was born, who is revered and honored totally by all communities.<sup>25</sup>

"... Weeping and lamentation over the evils and persecutions suffered by the 'Alid family and mourning for its martyrs: these are things from which loyal supporters of the cause cannot cease.' More touching than the tears of the Shi'is has even become an Arabic proverb."<sup>26</sup>

"Of that gallant band, male and female knew that the enemy forces around were implacable, and were not only ready to fight, but to kill. Denied even water for the children, they remained parched under the burning sun and scorching sands, yet notone faltered for a moment. Hussain marched with his little company, not to glory, not to wealth, but to a supreme sacrifice, and power of every member bravely faced the greatest odds without flinching."<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Dr. Radha Krishnan

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Thomas Carlyle

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Jawaharlal Nehru

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Sarojini Naidu

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> (Introduction to Islamic Theology and Law, Princeton, 1981, p.179) Ignaz Goldziher

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Dr. Khalid Sheldrake

"If India wants to be a successful country it must follow in the footsteps of Imam Hussain (as)."  $^{\rm 28}$ 

"Throughout the next centuries, narration and explaining the sad and melancholy death scene of Imam Hussain will result in awareness and of hearts sensitivity and souls for the entire mankind anywhere they might be."<sup>29</sup>

"No battle in the modern and past history of mankind has earned more sympathy and admiration as well as provided more lessons than the martyrdom of Hussain in the battle of Karbala."(Husain in Christian Ideology)<sup>30</sup>

"The Imam Hussain is not limited to one sacrifice of country, or nation it is but the hereditary state of the brotherhood of all mankind."<sup>31</sup>

"It was possible for Hussain to save his life by submitting himself to the will of Yazid. But his responsibility as a reformer did not allow him to accept Yazid's Caliphale. He therefore prepared to embrace all sorts discomfort and inconvenience in order to deliver Islam from the hands of the Omayyads. Under the blazing sun, on the parched land and against the stiffing heat of Arabia, stood the immortal Hussain."<sup>32</sup>

"If sacrifice taken place by Jesus and Hussain is to be compared, surely scarification manifested by Hussain will reveal itself to be more valuable and matured. Since the day Jesus sacrificed himself, he had no wife or children to worry about them, and that what they will go through after him. But Hussain had wife and children and some of them still infants and babies who had a genuine need for their father to take care of them."<sup>33</sup>

"Let humanity awakens and every tribe will claim Hussain as their own."34

- <sup>31</sup> Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- <sup>32</sup> Washington Irving
- <sup>33</sup> Paul Thomas Mann
- <sup>34</sup> Josh Malihabadi

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Mahatma Gandhi

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Edward Gibbon

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Antoine Bara

"Indeed the courage and bravery that these less number of people showed was at a level that in all centuries, anyone who heard it, unconsciously, they admired it and their tongues praised it. These are handful of brave and zaelous people who made their forever."<sup>35</sup>

Hussain despotism forever, till the day of Resurrection. He watered the dry gardens of freedom with a surging wave of his blood, and indeed he awakened the sleeping Muslim nation. If Imam Hussain (a.s) had aimed at acquiring the worldly empire, he would not have traveled way he did. Hussain weltered "Imam uprooted the in blood and dust for the sake of truth. Verily, therefore he becomes the foundation of Muslim creed. 'La Ilaha Illallah', meaning there is no deity but Allah (God)."<sup>36</sup>

"If our historian knew the truth about Ashura, they would nol consider the mourning (ritual) as abnormal. Hussain's followers themselves consider it upon a duty not to accept disgrace, shame and the hegemonyofcolonialpowers becuase it's their leaders as motto not to surrender to injustice, dispotism and lyranny."<sup>37</sup>

"When Yazid encouraged people to murder Hussain and ordered them for bloodshed, they said: How much would you pay? But the companions of Hussain (a.s.) said to him: "We are with you; even if we get killed 72 times still we would like to fight along with you and gel killed again."<sup>38</sup>

"By sacrificing all his children Hussain pushed all the boundaries and limits of self sacrifice,... the decisive and immovable position of Hussain for absolute sacrifice was neilher obslinacy nor caprice, il was a full and encompassing compliance to reason and wisdom that he had been decisive to sacrifice by all means and multilaterally, so that not to be forced against and in contrary to his eminent and exalted goal and belief to carry on with his life through a compromise with Yazid Ibn Moaviye."<sup>39</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> names inevitable Sir Percy Skyes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Allama Iqbal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Maurice Dekobra

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> George Jordac

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> kurt Frischler