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Our'an tonight. On the Night of Oadr. Our'an is brought down the skies of this planet called "Earth" tonight. Allah says, "Tonight is better than 1000 months" Why? Look carefully at how much difference Allah recognized between people. Normally, the Holy Our'an guarantees to grant 10 merits for each 1 merit worth of good deed of a person. No matter what kind of a person he is (even he is the worst person in the world) he receives these 10 merits. But those who enter the "Path of Allah" start getting 100 merits instead of 10 at the very moment of entrance. This is the status until the first level of skies (heavens). At the second heaven (i.e. when the spirit reaches the second level of heaven) it becomes 200 merits. At the third heaven it becomes 300 merits, at the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh of heavens it reaches 700 merits. Dear readers, one one good deed becomes worth 700 merits. This is the distinctive treatment of Allah to those he loves. This treatment tonight is really distinctive. It is neither only 700 merits, nor 700 times, nor 7000 times, but it becomes maybe 70 thousand or even 700 thousand times. Think about it. If you worship Allah the whole night with his 700 times scale, how much credit would you gain? Extend this as if you have worshipped 1000 years (Allah says Qadr Night is better than 1000 months). Assume you receive tonight, 700 merits every second. If you extend this to 1000 months, this is how much merit you would accumulate in this night. Tonight we are together, we have a conversation, and we are together with our Sustainer. Tonight Allah wants me to tell you about Tasavvuf (Sufism, the Islam in the Our'an) from A to Z. I must admit that I receive a great pleasure from this. We are living a unique night. Dear readers, this is one holy night that comes but once a year. How much I wish that you saw the unseen people that prayed with us. Dear readers, I know one-day the majority of you will see them. Now few of you do. So let us start our chat.

صدر مدرس وخطیب اداره پاک دارالاسلام فرینکفر ئ جرمنی جرمنی میں فقه اسلامی اور پروفیسر ڈاکٹر نوراجر شاہتازصاحب کی تالیفات کیلئے رابطہ کیجئے علامہ محداشرف چوہدری مدیر معاون مجلہ فقہ اسلامی First let me tell you definitely that no one can get into Allah's heaven just by living Islam's 5 rules. What does it mean to reach Allah? If you want to deliver your spirit to Allah how can you deliver your physical body and your soul? How can you reach and surrender?

#### 3-WHAT IS ISLAM?

Islam is a fruit that ripens in 5 stages. The first stage gives us the joy (happiness) of entering heaven. The last 2 stages give us the joy (happiness) in this world.

Here is the first stage: To wish (to will) to reach Allah.

Second phase: To reach to your religious guide (murshid).

Third phase: To deliver your spirit to Allah.

Each of the above three stages enables the person to go to heaven (provided the 5 pillars of Islam plus Zikr are in effect). The final two stages on the other hand are the deliver of the physical body and the soul to Allah.

## 4-NIGHT OF OADR

If Allah allows me (tonight), I'd like to explain all the stages fully. Do you know, dear readers, we had longed for sometime for such an opportunity? Until now we always had to design the program according to specific questions about individual sections. Tonight, dear readers, it is our night and you will hear the complete story. Tonight we are together before Allah, heart to heart to celebrate this holy Night of Qadr. Those people whose "eye of the heart" is not open; how are they to know that the Divan- Salihiyn (Court of Saints) empties tonight? I'll tell you an anecdote about this "how are they to know" so that you remember tonight.

One of the hunters shows his guests the fur of a bear. He says:

- -I shot this bear in Africa. His friends look at each other incredulously and say:
  - -But how can that be? This bear is a polar bear.
- -Poor bear, says the hunter, how could she know that she was in Africa?

Dear readers, so I'd like to start my words with such an anecdote: People who know and people who do not know. Those who are the friends of Allah and those who are not.... Allah delivers the Holy (nefs) to Allah at three different stages. The Holy Qur'an commands clearly and definitely that we do that in verse 58 in the surah of Nisa, Allah tells us:

4/ NISA-58:"innallahe ye'mürüküm en tüeddûl'emânâti ilâ ehliha ve izâ hakemtüm beynennâsi en tahkümû bil'adl, innallahe ni'immâ ye'izuküm bih, innallahe kâne semiy'an bas□yrâ."

Allah commands that we surrender the "emanet"'s (the consignments) to the owner. When you mediate between people He orders to judge with justice. Definitely Allah bestows a "ni'met" (favor) with this. And Allah is all hearing and all knowing.

Pay close attention: He does not use the singular form for what is to be returned (emânât not emanet); and he does not use the plural to whom they are to be returned. Allah means that he is the owner of the three "emanet"s. And we have to return those three emanets to Allah. (Spirit, physical body and the soul). Holy Qur'an in the surah of Bakara, verse 208 Allah says:

2/BAKARA-208:"yâ eyyühellezine amenûdhulû fissilmi kâffeten, ve lâtettebbi'û hutuvâti□□eytan. □nnehü leküm adüyvün mübin."

Allah says those who are "amenu", (who are faithful) let them acquire the standards of total surrender to Allah. Don't follow the tracks of Satan. Undoubtedly, he is an obvious enemy for you.

Allah says in the 54th verse of the surah of Zümer:

39/ZÜMER-54:Ve eniybû ilâ rabbiküm ve eslimû lehü min kabli en ye'tiyekümül'azâbü sümme lâ tünsarûn"

Before the suffering reaches you (the suffering in the grave) return (your spirit) to Allah and submit yourself otherwise you won't be helped.

# 2-ARE THOSE WHO FULFILL THE 5 RULES OF ISLAM REALLY ISLAM?

Dear readers to be Islam means TO SURRENDER TO ALLAH. There are 5 pillars of the Islamic Religion, which are a belief in Allah and in Muhammad (SAW) as his prophet, in prayer, in charity, in fasting, and in making a pilgrimage to Mecca. Whoever obeys these 5 rules is surrendered to Allah, they say. Tonight I want to tell you what a wrong conception that is and how far away it is from the reality of Allah.

# CONVERSATION ON THE HOLY NIGHT OF QADR

# THE ISLÂM PHENOMENON

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### 1-INTRODUCTION

We praise and give thanks to Allah for bringing us all together again on this Holy Night.

Dear readers, tonight is the Qadr Night. <sup>1</sup> Let every one celebrate the Qadr Night on the 27th night of the month of Ramadan. But this year, it is actually the 23th night of Ramadan. All the members of "Divan-i Salihiyn" (Court of Saints) will come down on earth with the angels that Allah designated to their work on this earth, but they are always among us at all times, even now. Dear readers we give thanks and praise to our Allah for allowing our word to spread by Internet, and also for allowing us to pray "Taraweh Prayer" together.<sup>2</sup>

Dear readers, I want to tell you about Islamic Religion. As you know our time is usually limited but not tonight. We have nothing to do with those who are not in love with Allah, We are all together to learn about Islam, but the Islam that Hz. Muhammad Mustafa (SAW) 3 and his Sahabe4 (companions) lived and which is forgotten today. Dear readers, the word of Islam is derived from the root of "silm". i.e., the Arabic letters Sin Lam and Mim. There are other words derived from the same root such as Muslim, Salaam, and Salaamed and especially and especially the word "teslim". Thanks to Allah we all know what the word "teslim" (surrender, submission) means: To give it back to the original owner without any option (preconditions). So, we have the duty to first deliver our spirit then our physical body and then our soul

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Qadr Night is the night when the Qur'an commenced descending. However it is not a fixed night in the month of Ramadan. The Prophet (SAW) has informed us that it should be sought in the last 10 days of Ramadan with an odd number.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Teravih Prayer is a special prayer, which is practiced in the month of Ramadan only.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> SAW "sallallashu 'alaihi wasallam" in Arabic means "Peace be upon Him."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Sahabe is companion followers of the Prophet Hz. Muhammad (SAW).