

A MUSLIM IS NOT AFRAID OF DEATH

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أَيْنَمَا تَكُونُواْ يُدْرِكِكُّمُ الْمَوْتُ وَلَو<mark>ْ</mark> كُنتُمْ فِي بُرُوجِ مُّشْيَّدَةٍ

"Aynama takunu yudrikkum almautu walaw kuntum fi burujin mushayada." "Wherever you may be, death will overtake you, even if you should be within towers of lofty construction." (Sura Nisa:78)

Why are we saying this? Because people are now scared when you mention death. In fact, there are some who say, "I am living with fear of death. I am afraid I am going to die." They come to complain or to ask for dua. We are all going to die. There is no human who will not die. There is no benefit to fearing death. It says: "Fear of the time (of death) is useless." It is a proverb.

We need to "Tafakkur mawt" meaning remember death at least seven times a day in our tariqa. Humankind thinks we will not die the more we live in this world. No, we will all die. We need not fear death. Who should fear death? Those who are not ready. Those who are not ready for the hereafter need to fear death. People who are unprepared are those who say, "I will do it later. I will pray later. I will do hajj later," and while they have the means who say, "Later I will give my zakat."

They need to fear since we will be brought to account. However, it does not fit a Muslim to fear death. Allah gave everyone a lifetime, an age, and breaths. He wrote how much water one is to drink. Whatever the amount of sustenance one will eat and however much livelihood one has are all written in the sight of Allah. You will not go until you eat it, drink it, and breathe it. If your time has come, you can fear as much as want. You are still going.

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Therefore, it does not fit a Muslim to fear death. A Muslim needs to be ready for death. What we mean by the ready is the one who fulfills Allah's commands, has no debts, no debts towards the hereafter, and without a deficiency. That time death is not something to be feared by a Muslim. It is the moment one reunites with Allah. However, people do not remember Allah and the hereafter anymore. That is why they are saying they are afraid. They say, "A state came upon me. Day and night I am afraid I will die."

They put people in a strange position. You need to trust in Allah (JJ). This is something that will happen to everybody. You can fear as much as you want and as long as Allah does not will it you cannot prevent it. There is no need for anybody to constantly live in fear. Those who need to be afraid, as we said, are those who have deficiencies, who have mistakes, who infringe on the rights of others, and who oppress others. They should be afraid.

A Muslim should always be ready so when death comes you can say, "Welcome to Allah's order. It's on top of our head (Thy will be done)." It is a trust and you will deliver it. Whether you deliver it or not, it will leave you. May Allah grant us all true faith (iman) so this fear does not exist. The person who fears Allah does not fear anything else. They neither fear death nor anything else. May Allah give us all iman and fear of Allah Inshallah.

Wa Minallah at-Tawfeeq. Al-Fatiha.

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