

THE MESSAGE OF HUMANITY

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Friends,

I am happy to see this large gathering which has assembled to hear a talk on a subject which, in my opinion, is the burning problem of the day and must be cogitating the minds of all thinking persons. It has revived in me a new hope that the future of mankind is not beyond repair and there is no reason to be despondent about it.

God is not despaired of man and His bounties and munificence are being showered on the world as before. Every drop of rain which falls from heaven on earth is a symbol of His unending faith in the future of mankind. The land, sun, moon and all other creation are performing their assigned functions. The universe is a wonderful manifestation of the power of Divine Creation - look at a flower, a leaf, a blade of grass, peep into - anything and you will find rare beauty and perfect order in it. But the best of all creations is man and everything else has been created to serve him. It is an indication of God's love for mankind.

But the attitude of some of us towards mankind suffers from apathy and indifference. An eminent poet has said that every birth of a new born child is an indication that God is not yet disappointed in man. But man appears to be disillusioned at the lack of purpose in life. He is denuded of love for fellow-men and human life is considered of no importance. Thus we unwittingly prove what the angels said when God declared His intention to create man :

"And when Thy Lord said unto the angels : Lo ! I am about to place a vice-regent in the earth , they said : Wilt Thou place there in one who will do harm and will shed blood. We hymn Thy praise and sanctify Thee. He said : surely I know that which ye know not. "

Surat - ul - Baqarah : 30

**THE HEART WHICH PULSATES WITH LOVE
IS DEARER TO GOD:**

God addressed the angels and said , you do not know the inherent qualities of man which I know. He has immense knowledge which the vastness of seas cannot match. He has gleam of love in his bright eyes which you do not possess. He has the tenderness of heart and feels hurt at the distress of others where as you do not experience these emotions.' Allama Iqbal has very aptly expressed the same sentiments in the following couplet :

*"Na kar taqleed aye Jibreel mere juzb-o-masti ki
Tan asan , 'Arshion ko zikr-o-tasbeeh-o-tawaf awla."
(O, Gabriel ! Do not imitate my ways of meditation
and ecstasy,
Prayers, chaplet and circumbulation is best for
easygoing angels.)*

The most precious possession with man are his qualities of love and mercy and a drop of tear which he sheds when he sees an indigent man or a widow or an orphan with-

out visible means of support. Unfortunately we have also not realised the true worth of this drop of tear :

*“Is khak ko bakshe hain Allah ne woh ansun ,
Karti hai chamak jinki sitaron ko araq nak.”
(Man has been endowed with such tears
The glow of which puts the stars to blush)*

WE CANNOT CALL IT BLOOD WHICH DOES NOT FLOW AS TEARS :

A person devoid of a feeling of sympathy for his less fortunate fellow-men is no better than an animal. Irrespective of the magnitude of material possession the country is poor if it is morally degenerate. It is man who feels disconsolate. His heart bleeds at the woes of others and deprived of this tender feeling it is worse than a piece of stone.

It was the merciful heart of Prophet Muhammad (peace be on him) that after the Battle of Badr when the prisoners' hands were tied with ropes , he was so perturbed on hearing their groans that he could not sleep that night. While leading the prayers if he heard the cries of a child he could cut short the prayer to lessen the agony of the mother.

But we do not prove by our behaviour that the under privileged brethren are our equal and really a part of a whole. This tendency in man's behaviour with his fellow-being does not augur well for the future of humanity. The conflict between man and man and the inhuman ways with which the basic rights of some are trampled by the rich and the powerful show in no uncertain terms that the real enemy resides within man and the danger to the well-being of mankind is

from within. It is not prudent to shut our eyes from the general welfare of humanity and it is necessary to save the society from the muddle in which it has landed.

Just as the bridegroom is the central figure in a marriage procession and without him the entire pomp and show has no meaning, similarly man's place in the scheme of creation is comparable with that of the bridegroom in the aforesaid procession. Without man the whole panorama of creation pales into insignificance.

It is regrettable that the main consideration with most of the people is to amass wealth by any means. Of course, there are some persons who are motivated by consideration of their community or nation. But such persons are in microscopic minority who rise above the limitations of bellicose nationalism and derive inspiration from the wide-ranging concept of humanity. The glorious Qur'an has drawn a vivid picture of the conditions which would prevail on the Day of Judgement. We see a glimpse of it from the mounting number of self-seekers in the world these days :

"On the day a man fleeth from his brother, and his mother and his father and his wife and his children. Every man that day will have concern enough to make him heedless (of others)."

Surat-ul-Abasa : 34-37

WE HAVE FORGOTTEN THE REAL WORTH OF MAN :

When there are air and rail accidents then instead of helping the unfortunate victims, the people remove their

watches , wallets and other valuables.

Then these recurrent disturbances are another symptom of the deep seated malaise in the society. We cannot ignore them except at the risk of our own peril.

The dignity of man has been emphasised by Prophet Muhammad (peace be on him) in a Tradition which runs :

“ Verily God will say , “ O children of Adam ! I was sick and ye did not visit me.” And the sons of adam will say , “ O our Defender , how could we visit Thee ? For Thou art the Lord of the universe , and art free from sickness.” And God will say, “ O Man ! Such a one was sick and you did not visit him.” And God will say, “ O children of Adam, I asked you for food, and ye gave it me not ?” And the children of Adam will say, “ O our Patron, how could we give Thee food, saying Thou art Cherisher of the universe and art free from hunger and eating.” And God will say, “ Such a one asked you for bread and you did not give it to him.” etc.

The great warriors like Alexandra , Darius , Changiz , Halagu , Hitler , etc., Who have indiscriminately massacred mankind were ignorant of the real value of man. They forgot how a youngman is brought up , the sacrifices that are made by the parents and the hard work put in by the teachers from his early childhood to adolescence when he becomes the centre of hope and aspirations for the family. If they had

any realisation of these hard facts they would not come out to kill any man. They also forgot that such killings and plunder recoil on the perpetrators and invite the wrath of God.

SOMETIMES FEEBLE VOICE CREATED A CHANGE :

If we have love and respect for humanity it should compel us to do something and try to stop all such inhuman activities. Those who carry any influence with the public should give up their prestigious occupations and come out to save the society from the chaos towards which it is steadily moving. If the society is not saved in time where the government, democracy and universities will eventually find themselves in the prevailing disorder ?

It is necessary to develop a human outlook first. There should be an awakening in this regard and a keen desire for the welfare of human beings.

The most important task of the intelligentsia today is to create an awareness for and restore the dignity of man. What is the purpose behind his creation ? What are his functions and responsibilities towards himself and others ? These are the questions over which every one of us has to think seriously and chalk out the course in the light of divine Guidance. There should be no incidence of oppression and persecution which we witness at frequent intervals. They have to be stopped once for all. They tarnish the fair image of our country.

It has been experienced that the scourge of God strikes at the place where iniquity and tyranny are perpetrated. It is

also to be kept in mind that the destructive forces of nature are infinitely more devastating than man can think of. We witnessed this when a cyclone ravaged the coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh some time back and destroyed every thing in its wake.

We have raised our lone voice in the prevailing confusion with the expectation that right thinking persons who are pained at these conditions may join hands with us to save the society from utter chaos before it is too late.

This is the message of "HUMANITY MOVEMENT", It has happened that some times a lone voice , which can be compared to a "cry in wilderness," became the voice of the populace and created far-reaching changes. We have hopes of rousing our contrymen from their present slumber. When once awakened to the reality of living with love , peace and good neighbourliness , we would have taken the first step in the right direction and towards a bright shining future.

PRO'EM

The following is an English rendering of a speech delivered in Urdu by Maulana Sayed Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi under the auspices of "PAYAM-E-INSANIYAT" Forum at a public meeting held at Bhopal on 18th January, 1981. Which was attended by members of all communities.

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AIMS & OBJECTS

1. To create mutual good-will and an atmosphere of affection and kindness purely on human and national levels founded on BROTHERHOOD and WELL-BEING of MANKIND generally ; to put an end to violence, lawlessness, anarchy, moral degradation and create FELLOW-FEELING towards each other ; and to hold Public meetings and Seminars for promoting and spreading the sense of sharing sorrows and sufferings of human beings.
2. Publication of useful cultural / moral literature in various National, Regional and widely spoken languages; to bring together through service and sacrifice, people belonging to different classes and communities; to restore confidence amongst people who have become sick of life; and restore/revive love for life in spiritually sick souls and to give them a virtuous AIM of life.
3. To weed-out from the society and human race :
 - (i) Bribery and illegal gratification ;
 - (ii) Nepotism and favouritism ;
 - (iii) Misconceptions arising out of hatred ;
 - (iv) Hoarding, profiteering and black-marketing ;
 - (v) Sectarianism ;
 - (vi) Disparity in economic and living standards and
 - (vii) Full-fledged crusade against sub-standard behavioural

inclinations and obscenity.

4. To eradicate all ill-founded rites, rituals and cruel conventions.
5. To uplift irrespective of caste, creed, colour and sex the poor, the backward, the neglected, the down-trodden, and the agonised people.
6. To create a sense of Sobriety, social service, submissiveness, self-respect, self-restraint, self-confidence, self-vigilance, and to raise cultural and intellectual levels of the STUDENT COMMUNITY and the up and coming GENERATION there by helping them to grow into better and useful citizens.
7. To extend all possible help in personal sphere and on the levels of a locality, village and town and finally, in the Country for creating:

FEELINGS OF LOVE, AFFECTION and BROTHERHOOD.

AFFIRMATION

In the SACRED name of the SUPREME CREATOR I swear and solemnly promise :

1. (For Student) My principal aim shall be :
 - (a) to achieve educational elevation,
 - (b) to work for social welfare and human service,
 - (c) to become a noble citizen,
 - (d) to abstain from violence and lawlessness,
 - (e) to dedicate my youth, life and intellect.**FOR THE SERVICE OF THE NATION AND THE COUNTRY.**
2. (For Employees) My principal aim shall be :
 - (a) Hard work,
 - (b) Honesty and devotion,
 - (c) Sincerity of service,
 - (d) Abstention from bribery, nepotism, distregard of dishonesty.
3. (For Businessman) My principal aim shall be :
 - (a) Not to indulge in hoarding,
 - (b) Not to resort to profiteering,
 - (c) Not to practise black-marketing,
 - (d) Not to exploit the needs of the people.
4. (For Teacher, Journalist, Writer and Poet) My principal aim shall be :
 - (a) To work for spreading aims and objects which promote
 - (i) Universal fellowship and friendship,
 - (ii) Suppression of sensual allurements,

(iii) Suppression of violence, hatred, inhuman activities, destructive mentality, and anti-social inclinations. I shall try to the utmost to discharge my obligations in any responsibility entrusted to me and deliver TO THE RIGHTFUL OWNER his due.

Whatever be my social, caste, and religious affiliations I shall as a devoted citizen of my country behave with my countrymen with love, affection, sympathy, sense of co-operation and brotherhood.

7. For the pious mission of uplifting the country from
Moral degradation, and
Humanity infirmities.

I shall fully and whole-heartedly help and co-operate to the best of my capacity in the noble activities of the Payam-e-Insaniyat Movement.

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