Let Us Increase God's Blessing in Our Life and in Our Country

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All events in the world occur according to an order that we call the Universal Order. All beings behave and function according to this Universal Order. God has devised this Universal Order. We can say that:

Nothing can happen in the world which is not according to the Universal Order.

According to this Order, man has been created with the capabilities of discovering some of the secrets of the world, and bring about changes in his/her life. Many other secrets of this Universal Order have been revealed by God to His Prophets.

We observe the following verses from the Holy Quran [1, 2]:

 مَنْ جَاءَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ فَلَهُ عَشْرُ أَمْثَالِهَا وَمَنْ جَاءَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ فَلَا يُجْزَى إِلَّا مِثْلَهَا وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ (سوره 6، الانعام، آيه 160)

He that doeth good shall have ten times as much to his credit: he that doeth evil shall only be recompensed according to his evil. No wrong shall be done unto (any of) them (Sūra 6, Al-An'am, verse 160).

2. وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ الْقُرَى آمَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَفَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ بَرَكَاتٍ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالأَرْضِ
وَلَكِنْ كَذَّبُوا فَأَخَذْنَا هُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ (سوره 7، الاعراف، آيه 96)

If the people of the towns had but believed and feared God We should indeed have opened out to them (all kinds of) blessings from heaven and earth; but they rejected (the truth) and We brought them to book for their misdeeds (Sūra 7, Al-A'rāf, verse 96).

3. إِنَّ الْمُبَذِّرِينَ كَانُوا إِخْوَانَ الشَّيَاطِينِ وَكَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ لِرَبِّهِ كَفُورًا (سوره 17، الاسرا، آيه 27)

Verily spendthrifts are brothers of the Evil ones (Satans); and the Evil one (Satan) is to his Lord Ungrateful (Sūra 17, Al-Isrā, verse 27).

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4. ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ لِيُذِيقَهُمْ بَعْنَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ (سوره 30، الروم، آيه 41)

Mischief has appeared on land and sea because of that the hands of men have earned, That (God) may give them a taste of some of their deeds: in order that they may turn back (from *Evil*) (Sūra 30, Al-Rūm, verse 41).

5. وَمَا أَصَابَكُمْ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ فَبِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِيكُمْ وَيَعْفُو عَنْ كَثِيرٍ (سوره 42، الشورى، آيه 30)

Whatever misfortune Happens to you, is because of the things your hands have wrought and for many (of them) He grants forgiveness (Sūra 42, Al-Shūra, verse 30).

6. ...وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَـهُ مَخْرَجًا-وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ وَمَنْ يَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِفَهُوَ حَسْبُهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بَالِغُ أَمْرِهِ قَدْ جَعَلَ اللَّهُلِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدْرًا (سوره 65، الطلاق، آيات 2 و 3)

...And for those who fear God, He (ever) prepares a way out, and He provides for him from (sources) he never could imagine. And if any one puts his trust In God, sufficient is (God) for him. For God will surely accomplish His purpose: Verily, for all things has God appointed a due proportion (Sūra 65, Al-Talāq, verses 2&3).

These and many other similar verses from the Holy Quran have convinced me that the present world problem (namely Corona Virus) and the predicament that the people in our countries and throughout the world are in are the result of the people's behavior. All the pains we have inflicted on other beings and the environment have brought the present pain and the calamity.

I believe it is possible to eradicate all miseries [3].

With all the problems mankind is facing now in the world, and the Muslims encounter in their countries, we need to examine our attitudes and behavior, and make corrections in them. We need to determine where and when we deviated from the teachings of our Holy Book and make the necessary changes in our attitudes, beliefs and behaviors.

I believe when we express our gratitude to God Almighty for all He has provided for us according to His Universal Order, we will receive more of His blessings. If we do the opposite, then His blessings will be reduced.

I suggest we all adapt and cultivate the following values as a means of expressing our gratitude to God Almighty:

- 1. Honesty and truthfulness in thoughts, words and actions,
- 2. Respect for the rights of others, and exude love to all beings,
- 3. Render the most effective service to those who need it most,
- 4. Use the minimum of natural resources to meet our needs,
- 5. Do not waste any resource such as water, energy, food, money and time,
- 6. Be protective of the environment.

I believe these are parts of the teachings of the Holy Quran. If we modify our attitudes and implement the above points in our lives, we should expect more of God's blessings, both in our own life and also in our country.

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