



**QUESTION AND
ANSWER BUCKET**



Q1

How to Differentiate between a Conspiracy Theory and the Truth according to Qur'an and Sunnah?

Answer

The first guidance to differentiate between a conspiracy theory and the truth is given in the Qur'an.

فَسَأَلُوا أَهْلَ الذِّكْرِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ



"If you realise this not, ask of those who possess the Message."

Al Qur'an 16:43 & 21:7

Whenever a conspiracy theory is propounded, it can either be a fact or it can be a fiction.



For example, the conspiracy theory about 9/11, whether it was actually done by Al-Qaeda, by Osama Bin Laden or was it done by the US government itself? There were many documentaries and various movies and books written on it. I'm not talking about any documentaries by the Muslims, but by non-Muslim researchers.

For example, they give the evidence that when one person from the plane, who spoke to his mother and said, "Mother, I am Mark Benning. I am Mark Benning." Now the point to be noted is when anyone speaks to his mother, will he use the surname? If I speak to my mother, I will say, "I'm Zakir speaking." I will not say, "I'm Zakir Naik speaking." That means they wanted to identify the passenger so much that in the evidence they gave, they said, "Mother, I'm Mark Benning speaking." They should have said, "Mother, I am Mark speaking." You do not have to tell the mother your surname. There were various other evidences shown.



When you hear the experts and when you hear both the sides, Allah has given you a brain and Allah has given you a thinking capacity and you can very well analyse that a plane crashing cannot bring the Twin Towers down. If you see the video, the way it came down, there were explosives put in it. There are hundreds of evidences to prove this. Because of that, I said in my talk, "It was an inside job." Because of that, Theresa May said, one of the reasons Dr Zakir Naik should not come to UK was because he's saying 9/11 is a conspiracy theory.

Do you know according to the survey on the 15th anniversary of 9/11 that is in the year 2016 in France, which is an anti-Islamic country, according to the French, the survey said that 45% of the French don't believe it was done by Al-Qaeda. 28% of the French people believe that this was done by George Bush himself to attack Afghanistan and Iraq. Will UK government now stop 28% of the French people coming to UK? The answer is no.



If you go to Statistica website, it says a survey in 2019 said that in USA 11% people strongly believe in the conspiracy theory. 12% believe in the conspiracy theory, 15% don't know. 7% no comments. If you add up, it comes to 45% percent. 45% doesn't believe in the government. Amongst the balance, 54%, 45% believe the government is strongly correct and 9% weakly believe they are correct.

Other statistics say that more than 50% of the Americans don't believe in their government's view, that it was done by the Muslims. They believe it was an inside job. Will this stop 50% of the Americans coming into UK? The answer is no.

In any conspiracy theory, we should always be careful that we should see the opinion of the experts and you as a general person if you hear any news, you should not convey because you are not an expert, unless you have done proper research.



Unfortunately, many of the Muslims just pick up something and they convey, which is totally wrong. For example, you have the conspiracy theory of Coronavirus. Now that is the medical field. Unfortunately, you find so many Da'ees saying, "Oh, this is a conspiracy theory, you should not get involved in it." You have other Da'ees who say this is not conspiracy theory, it is correct.

I'm a medical doctor, I've read hours and hours of material, yet I don't know what is the truth because there are many experts saying that this is conspiracy theory. We have many experts saying it is not a conspiracy theory. So what we have to understand that Coronavirus is a mixture. As far as I'm concerned, we have to follow what our government says. The Malaysian government is doing their own research and we agree with that.



Don't just believe what the Western world is saying or what WHO is saying. As far as I'm concerned, I don't believe Coronavirus is a conspiracy theory, neither do I believe it is not a conspiracy theory. There are many which can be in between depending upon the research. Today we cannot keep on promoting any ideas. Even I, doing extensive research on it, today I cannot say whether it genuinely came up as a medical virus, or there was a conspiracy. There are chances of both. I'm yet silent on it. As far as Islam is concerned, if you follow the experts, what your country's medical directors are saying, even if they are wrong, yet they will get one reward, Thawaab, In Sha Allah.



Q2

How should a believer respond to the trials and difficulties one faces in his or her life?

Answer

وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ
الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالثَّمَرَاتِ ۗ وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ



"Be sure we shall test you with something of fear and hunger, some loss in goods or lives or the fruits (of your toil), but give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere."

Al Qur'an 2:155

Here Allah says that Allah is surely going to test you with fear or hunger or with loss of goods or lives or loss of toils of your work.



وَأَعْمَوْا أَنَّمَا أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَأَوْلَادُكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ



"And know you that your possessions and your progeny are but a trial; and that it is Allah with Whom lies your highest reward."

Al Qur'an 8:28

أَحْسِبَ النَّاسُ أَنْ يُشْرِكُوا أَنْ يَقُولُوا ءَامَنَّا وَهُمْ لَا يُفْتَنُونَ وَلَقَدْ فَتَنَّا الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ۗ فَلْيَعْلَمَنَّ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَلْيَعْلَمَنَّ الْكَاذِبِينَ



"Do men think that they will be left alone on saying, "We believe", and that they will not be tested? We did test those before them, and Allah will certainly know those who are true from those who are false."

Al Qur'an 29:2-3

The test is surely bound to come; the test is going to be there. What do you have to do is you have to see to it that you have to follow the Faraidh, see to it that you are steadfast. Whenever any difficulty comes, think it is a test for you.



Whenever any calamity befalls any human being, it's either a test or a punishment. When any calamity befalls, first you introspect yourself that am I doing something Haraam? Am I disobeying Allah (swt)? Am I disobeying the Prophet (pbuh)? Am I going against the Qur'an or the authentic Hadith? If you are Alhamdulillah doing the major Faraidh and the other major things, then you must consider that this is a test for you.

If you are doing any of the Haraams or any of the things which are prohibited, immediately stop doing it and don't do it again. If you find that the major things are fine, then you think this is a test for you and higher the test, greater is the reward. Then you have to say, "O Allah, lay not us on a burden greater than we can bear."

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