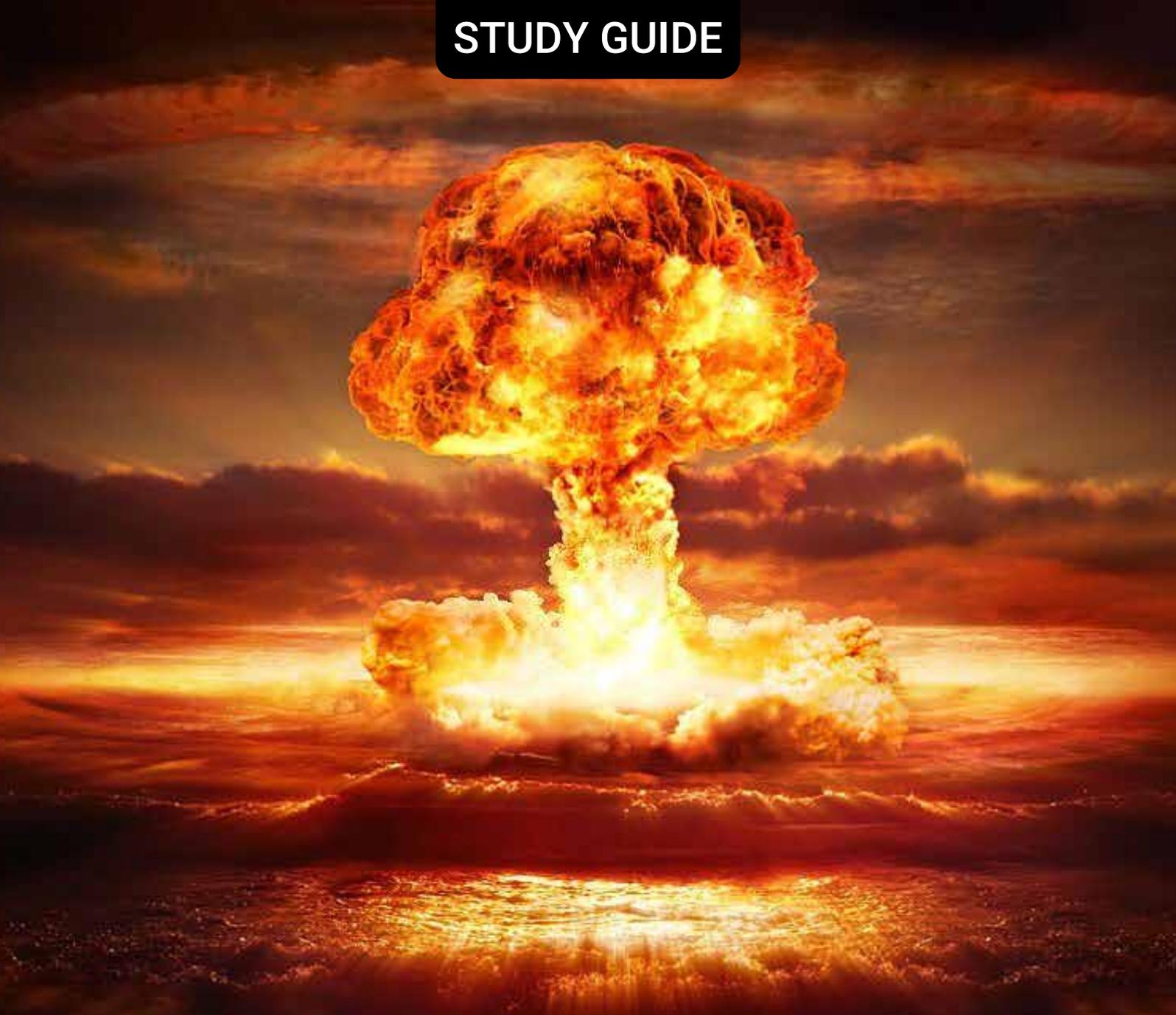


STUDY GUIDE



**AL HIDAAYAH**  
The Guidance for Humanity

# DIRE WARNING

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# COURSE OUTLINE



## COURSE TOPICS:

1. Testing the believers is a divine law – I
2. Testing the believers is a divine law – II
3. How to remain steadfast
4. Wisdom behind testing
5. Going back to sinfulness
6. Categories of sin
7. The importance of utilising our time
8. How to make the best use of time
9. The Dajjal or the Antichrist
10. The real Christ, Jesus (pbuh)
11. Jesus (pbuh) is not the last prophet

# COURSE OUTLINE



## **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

1. To be able to emulate the early righteous generation in time management
2. To be able to reproduce the sequence of events that will come at the end of time
3. To be able to make the best use of time
4. To turn one's habits into act of worship

## **QUESTION & ANSWER BUCKET**

## **TRANSCRIPTS**

# COURSE OUTLINE



## ASSESSMENT

Multiple Choice Questions

Match the Columns

True or False

## COURSE DURATION

Video – 2 hours 45 min

Study Guide – 50 min

Assessment – 10 min

Total Duration – 3 hours 45 min



Lesson 1

# **DIRE WARNING**

– Part 1



# 1. Testing the Believer is a Divine Law - I



According to the Qur'an, the very purpose behind our existence is to be tested (**Al Qur'an 67:2**). And based on the result of this test you will go either to Heaven, to Paradise or to Hell.

The most beloved to Allah, especially prophets and messengers, face the toughest tests. Does Allah (pbuh) not love them? Of course, He loves them. But this is the way to Paradise. It is full of obstacles.



## Some of the tests faced by the Prophets were:

### **i** Prophet Noah (pbuh)

- a** He lived among his people, calling them to the Divine Guidance, day and night for 950 years and yet only a handful of people believed.
- b** The drowning of his son, and his wretched fate, dying as a disbeliever



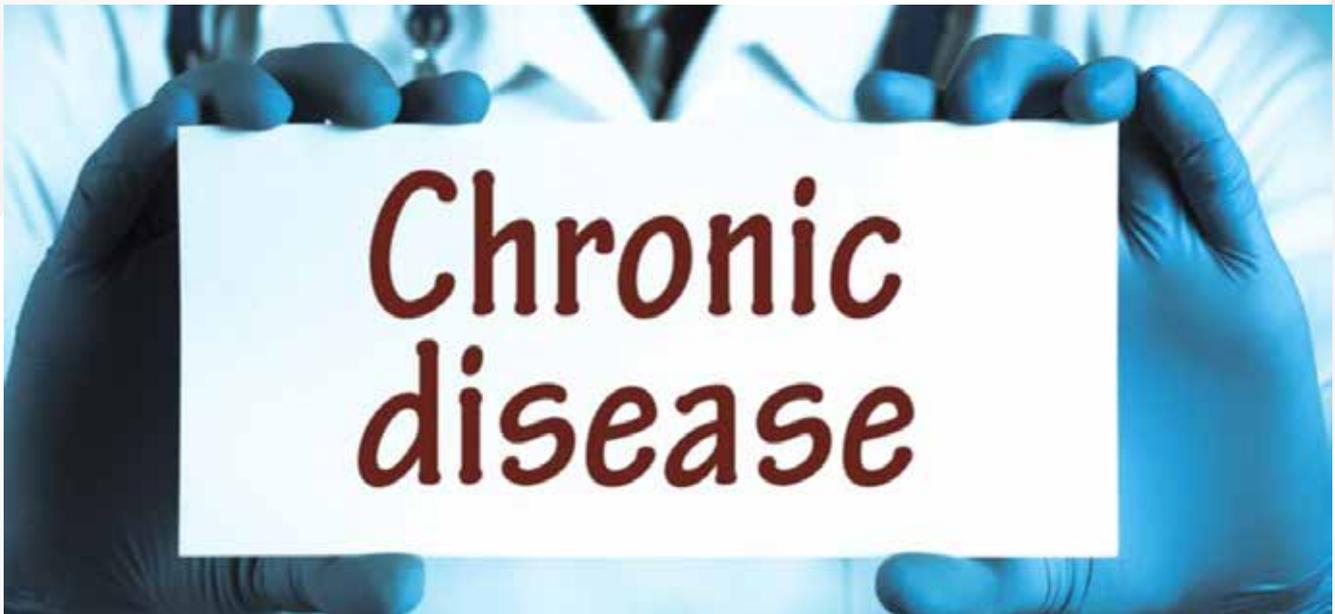
### **ii** Prophet Ibrahim (pbuh)

- a** Being thrown alive into a huge fire
- b** Being commanded to desert his wife Hajar and his son Ismael in the valley of Makkah where there is no vegetation, no human being and no water
- c** He was commanded to slaughter his own son.



### iii Prophet Noah (pbuh)

- a He lost his children
- b He lost his wealth
- c He was inflicted with a chronic disease

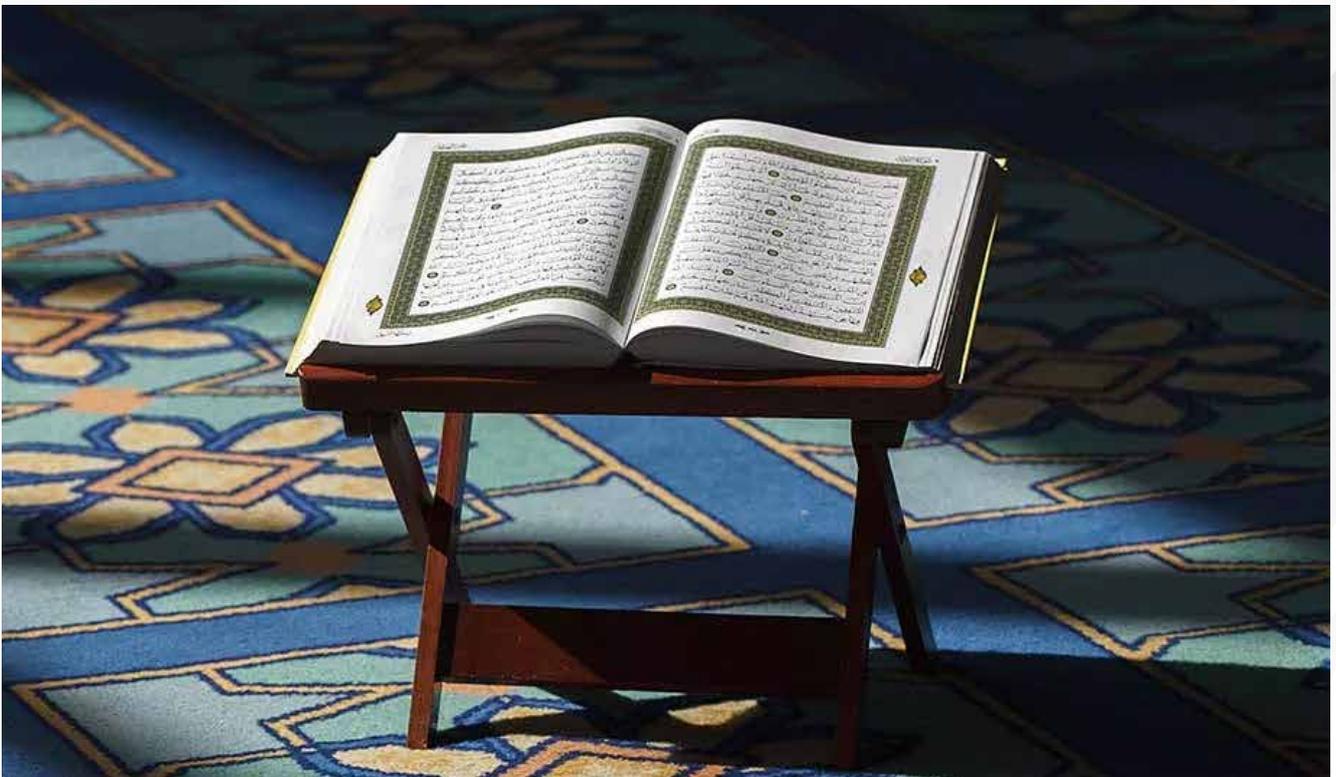


### iv Prophet Musa (pbuh)

- a In the year he was born the Pharaoh killed all infants. But Musa (pbuh) was predestined to be brought up in the palace of the Pharaoh. His mother was inspired to throw him in the water for his safety which led him to the palace of the tyrant.



- b** In his youth, as he was trying to defend one man from the oppression of another, he killed the oppressor unintentionally. Therefore, he was sought for retribution.
- c** Later as a prophet he was made to face the Pharaoh and invite him to the true religion.



## **v** Prophet Zachariah (pbuh)

He was sawn with the hacksaw that was put in the middle of his head. And he was cut into two halves alive.



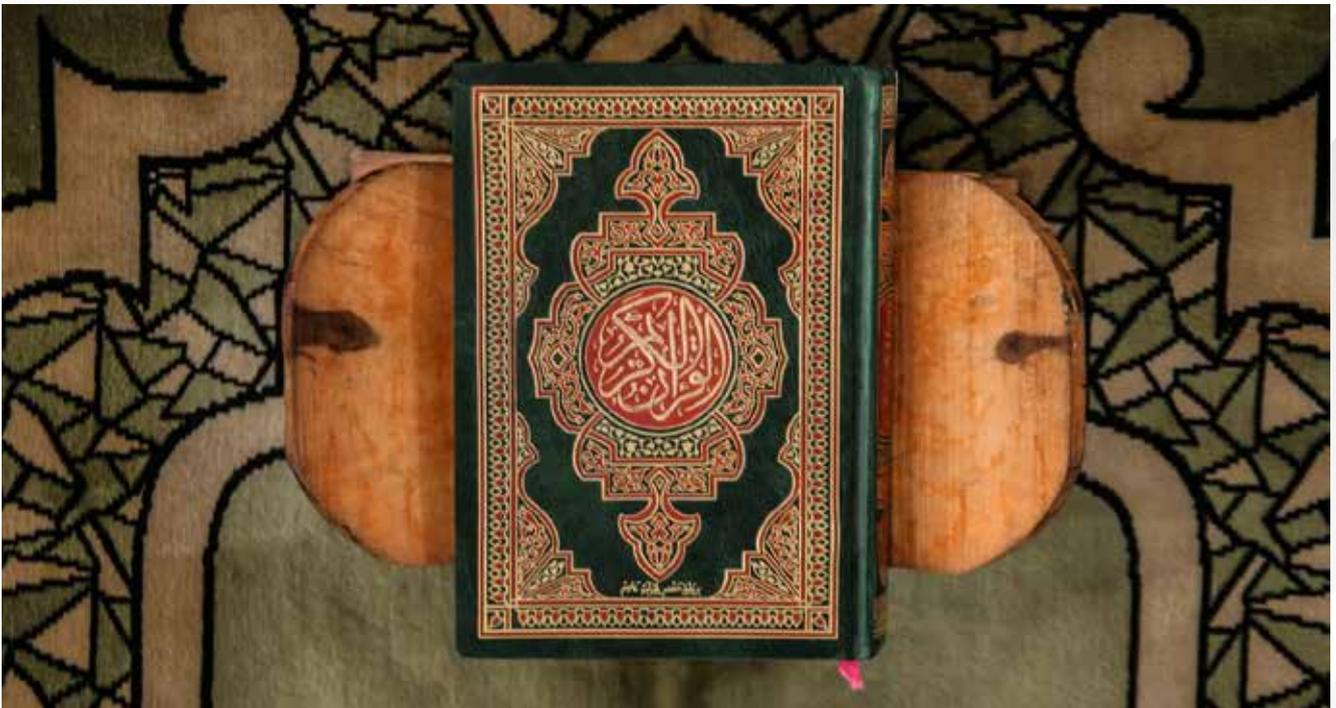
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## 2. Testing the Believer is a Divine Law - II



### vi Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

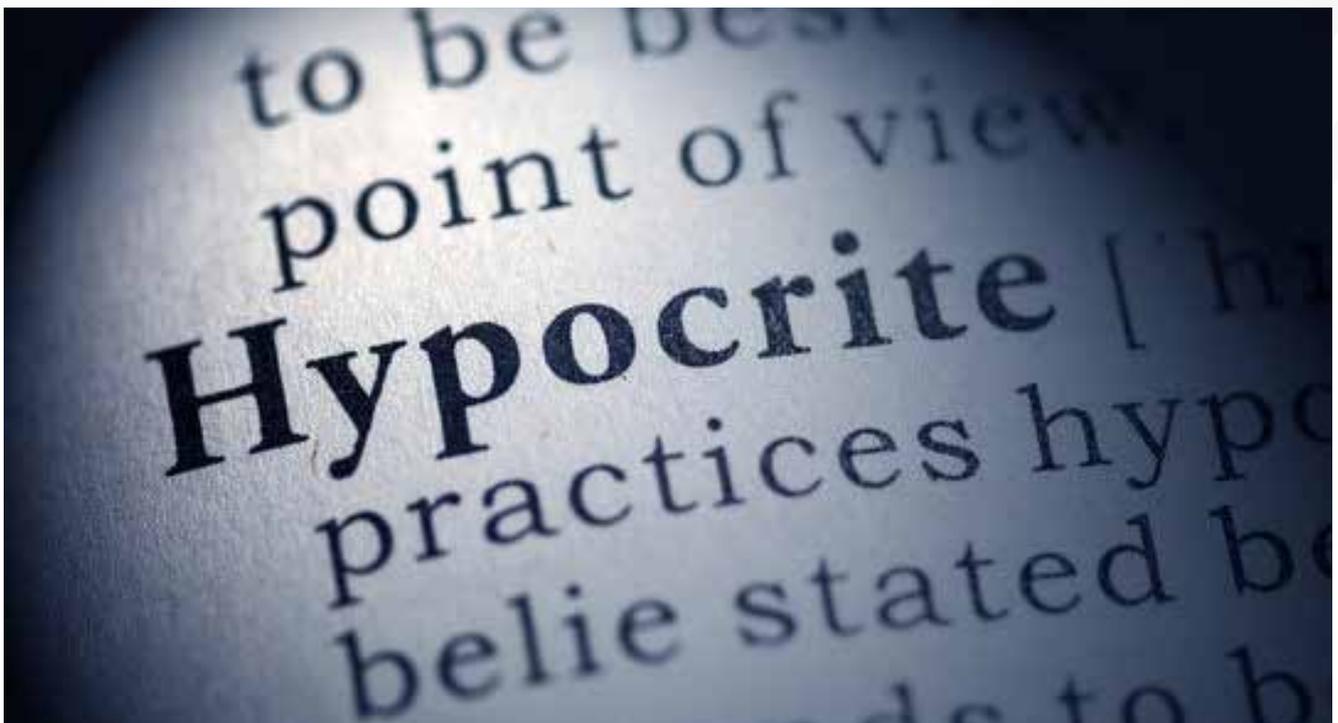


“And remember when the disbelievers plotted against you O Muhammad (pbuh) to imprison you, or to kill you or to exile you out from your home.”

*Al Qur'an 8:30*



- a** In the eve of the Hijrah, the pagans planned to kill Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).
- b** Uqbah bin Abi Mu'ayt strangled Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).
- c** They placed the placenta of a she-camel on the back of the Prophet (pbuh) as he was in Sujood in the House of Allah.
- d** In Taif, the pagans commanded their own children and the fools among them to stone the Prophet (pbuh).
- e** The Prophet (pbuh) also was tortured by his people.
- f** The hypocrites, the Fifth Column, who were in Madinah, pretending to be Muslims, falsely accused his wife of immorality.





## **vii** The Sahaabah (ra)

They were tortured physically and their wealth was looted by the pagans, to the extent that some of them lost all their money and became penniless after having earned a lot of wealth, and some of them were punished with the fire until the fat on their back extinguished the fire of the torturers.





### 3. How to remain steadfast?



- i Through maintaining Sabr, patience, because Sabr is the fuel for the Da'ee, the fuel for this body to endure the sufferings.
- ii The Taqwa, the piety, you need to be a pious person, fearing Allah
- iii Belief in Allah's Predestiny, what we call in Arabic the Qada and Qadar.

This gives you a sort of peace inside you, because this is the Qadr of Allah (swt). This is something I cannot stop.



- iv To remember that there is a Divine Wisdom behind all these trials and tests.
- v Remember the consequences of disobeying Allah (swt). Sometimes Allah punishes you to keep you upright.
- vi Du'aa, the core of worship
- vii The Righteous company



*The Prophet (pbuh) said:*

“The wolf devours the sheep that grazes away from the flock.”

- viii No matter how many times you promise Allah to give up sin and comes back to it, renew the Tawbah whenever you re-sin.
- ix To get involved in Da'wah



## Lesson 3

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– Part 3



## 4. Wisdom behind testing



- i In order not to forget the calamities, Allah keeps reminding you through mishaps, to acknowledge your weaknesses and admit Allah's power. Whenever man is in good health and wealth, he becomes arrogant unless he has been guided by Allah.
- ii To return to Allah and repent to Him; we sometimes need to be lashed to go back to the right path that Allah has set for the people.



- iii To remember the sufferings of others; people are bound to forget that there are people who suffer many pains. The rich forget the existence of the poor and the healthy forgets the existence of the sick and so on. By being inflicted with diseases and poverty, Allah turns many back to virtue and good deeds.
- iv To have one's sins expiated
- v It is a filtering process whereby the people of faith are distinguished from the people of sin.
- vi To elevate the status of the people being tested.
- vii To test our patience. A believer is supposed to contentedly endure the suffering of this world, to endure the acts of worship, day and night and in favourable and unfavourable weather, and to exercise self-restraint when it comes to prohibited items that we, as humans, desire.





## Lesson 4

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– Part 4



## 5. Going back to Sinfulness



### Causes of relapsing:

- i Sometimes when we are pious or think of ourselves as such, we become complacent, self-righteous, and arrogant.
- ii Lack of Ikhlaas, devoting our righteous acts purely to Allah
- iii Lack of Dhikr, for Dhikr is the food of the soul, without which we start to feel spiritual vacuum.
- iv Negligence of Nafl, which weakens one's Eemaan. They compensate for the deficiency of the obligatory prayers.



- v **Impious company:** So, one should get rid of his dark past.
- vi Taking one's sins lightly. Accumulating minor sins may form a great burden on the Muslim.
- vii Lack of knowledge. Only those who possess religious and theological knowledge fear Allah much.



*The Prophet (pbuh) said:*

“When Allah intends good for someone, He grants them knowledge of religion.”



## 6. Categories of Sin



**There are two categories of Sin:**

- i Major sins
- ii Minor sins

How to differentiate between major sins and minor Sins?

**Major sins are:**

- i Those sins that incur Allah's curse or anger



- ii Those sins that have prescribed punishment
- iii Those sins that Allah has threatened the perpetrators there of
- iv Those sins that are described as Kufr

The Muslim scholars have a famous saying, **Laa Kabeerata Ma'al Israar Wa Laa Sagheerah Ma'al Istighfaar**. This means that no minor sin remains as such if you persist on it, and no major sin remains as such if you repent and seek forgiveness for it. With persistence, a minor sin turns into big burden and with seeking forgiveness, a major sin is forgiven.





## Lesson 5

# DIRE WARNING

– Part 5



## 7. The importance of utilising our time



**Al Hasan Al Basri said:** “O son of man, you consist of seconds. So, every time a minute passes away, part of you is gone, and it will never come back.”



*Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said:*

“The lifespan of my Ummah is between 60 and 70 (years). And hardly you find some of my Ummah exceed that.”



So, the average is 60. If we subtract the 20 years of sleep and the 15 years of childhood and the time of food and drink and rest, we will lastly get 25 years. How much of this time is spent for the sake of Allah?



*The Prophet (pbuh) said:*

"There are two favours many people lose:  
Health and leisure time."

The grandfather of Sheikh Al Islam Ibn Taymiyyah told his attendants to read aloud when he went to the toilet to acquire knowledge as he was responding to the call of nature.

Many of the Hadeeth specialists used to tell their wives, I don't want you to make the food solid, make it in a semi-liquid form so that I will just gulp it. I don't want to waste time in chewing the food.



## Lesson 6

# DIRE WARNING

– Part 6



## 8. How to make the best use of time



- i We convert the years that we spend in sleeping, eating, and drinking into 'Ibaadah. How? If I sleep, drink, or eat with the Niyah to feel fresh and active to worship Allah properly, while I'm sleeping, the angels write good deeds for me.
- ii Reading the Qur'an for example, earn the Muslim much good for every single letter he reads.
- iii The Prophet (pbuh) said that the morsel of the food you put in the mouth of your wife can also be an act of 'Ibaadah, given that every single thing one does for the sake of Allah is an act of worship.



He also said that fulfilling your biological needs in ways that Allah has made lawful is considered as an act of 'Ibaadah, so long as you are avoiding His anger and seeking His pleasure. Need not to mention that Islam is a code of life and every movement one does for the sake of Allah as He commands is a rewarded act.





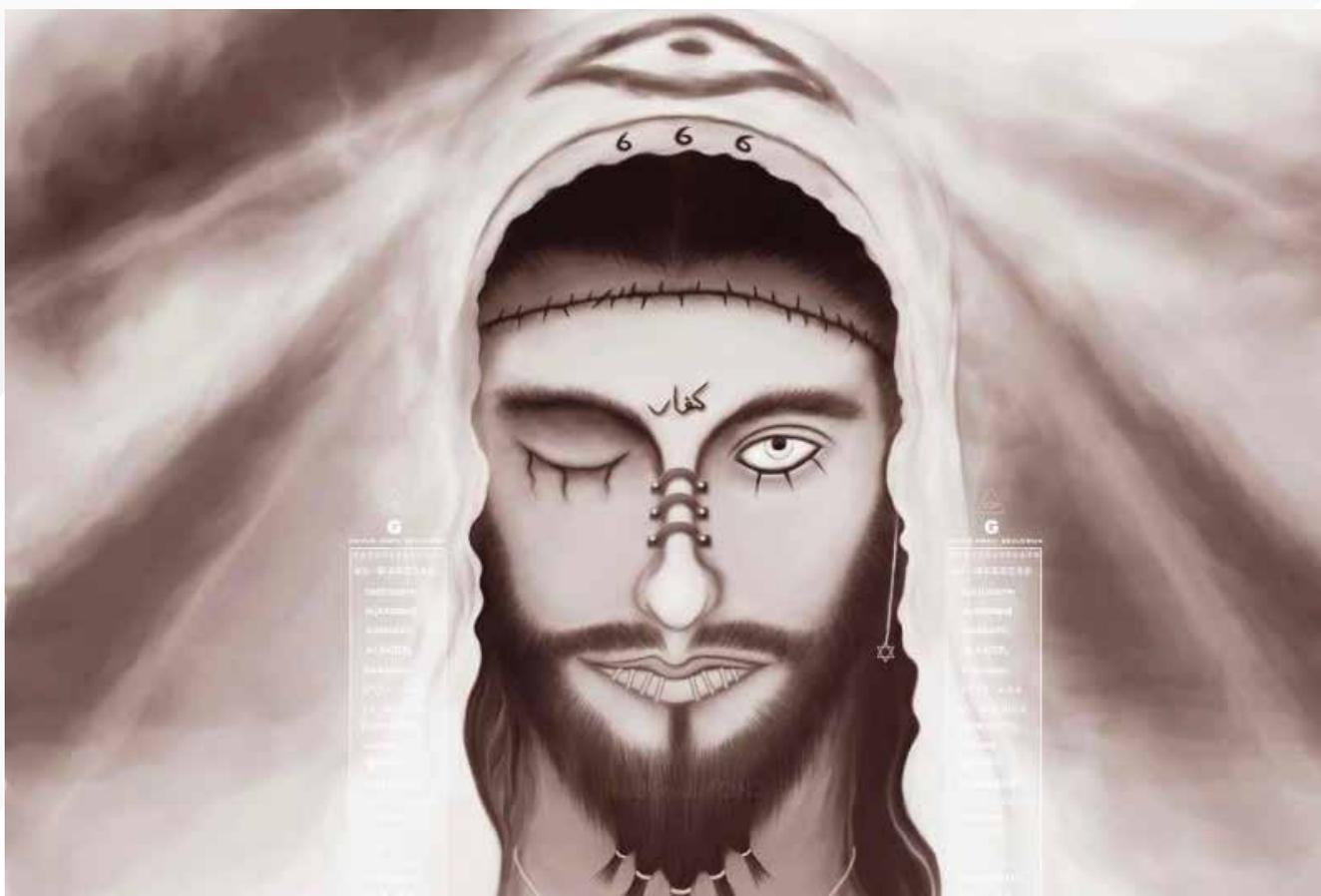
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## 9. The Dajjal, the Antichrist



- i He is a real person. He is not something figurative or symbolic, it is a reality.
- ii Etymologically, the word, 'Dajjal', is derived from the word Dajala, which means to move fast. The Arabs say, Dajalar Rajulu, meaning the man travelled fast. So, they say, it is derived from this root. Others say, it is derived from the root Dajala which means to lie.



- iii) There is no contradiction here. Yes, he is Dajjal from the root Dajala, that means travels fast, because that is what the Dajjal will do. The Prophet (pbuh) described the fast-ness of his travel, likening it to rain carried by a strong wind.
- iv) The word, 'Kafir' is written on his forehead. Every Muslim will be able to read it, whether he is literate or illiterate.
- v) He has a dark complexion
- vi) He will travel all the world except for Makkah and Madinah
- vii) He will have what looks like Jannah and what looks like fire, but his fire is actually cool and his Jannah is actually fire.





## Precursors of the Dajjaal's emergence

- i The advent of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)
- ii When the palm trees in Baisan in Palestine stop giving fruits.
- iii The appearance of many Dajjals each claiming to be a prophet, but this is the greatest Dajjal. The greatest deceiver is this one.
- iv There will be wars before his appearance, a lot of bloodshed. And Constantinople will be with the Muslims though it is with the Muslims, but Allah knows what will happen. But the Muslims also will have it again. And then while the Muslims are in Constantinople, sitting, relaxing, hanging their swords, by the way, hanging their swords on the olive trees, the Dajjal, that Dajjal now has appeared.





## His followers

- i 70,000 from among the Jews from Asfahan, that is Iran today.
- ii The Bedouin from among the Arabs.

He claims that he is the true Messiah. The true Messiah is Jesus Christ. That's why we Muslims call it the false Messiah, the Dajjal. Some people will follow him because he performs miracles. So, the fools from among the Arabs will believe him.





## 10. The Real Christ, Jesus (pbuh)



- i We Muslims believe he is not killed or crucified; he was taken into heaven, and he will come back.
- ii He is going to kill the False Messiah.
- iii He will come back when the Muslims are praying Fajr while the Imam is the Mahdi.

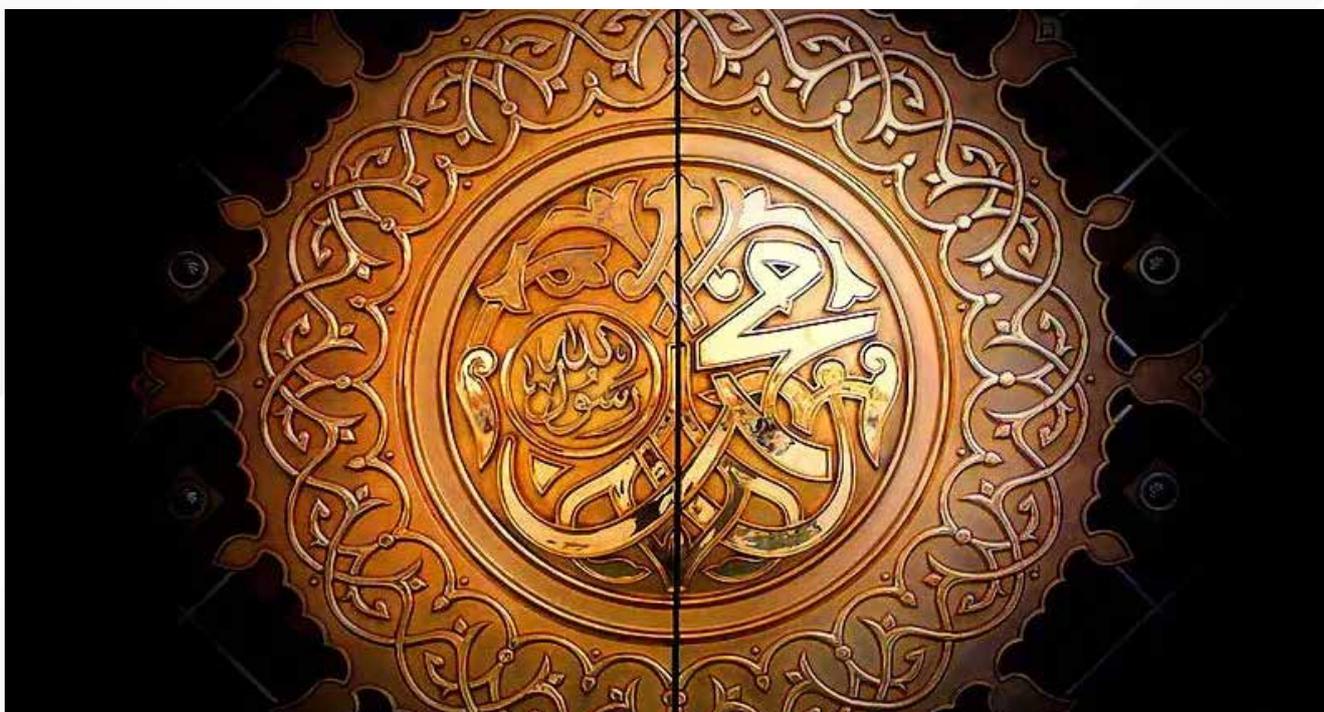


- iv He will descend, putting his two hands on the wings of two angels, and he prays the Fajr with the Muslims in Damascus, behind the Mahdi. And then after the Salaah, they hear about the Dajjal.
- v He chases, and kills the Dajjal in Lod in Palestine with the spear.





## 10. Jesus (pbuh) is not the Last Prophet



- i Jesus (pbuh) will not come with a new law that will abrogate the law of Islam.
- ii He will follow the religion of Islam.
- iii He prays behind the Imam of Muslims, the Mahdi.
- iv He will rule with the Qur'an and Sunnah, and he will follow the Qur'an and Sunnah.



# QUESTION AND ANSWER BUCKET



**Q1.** Why is the Dajjal so empowered by Allah if he is the greatest evil?

**ANSWER**

The Dajjal possesses superhuman powers for those who have little faith, as a test. But at the same time, he has many signs to identify him as the evil warned against by all prophets. So those who follow the prophets' commandments and guidance would not fall in his theological traps, whereas those who are far from their guidance would go astray and get distinguished from the guided ones.

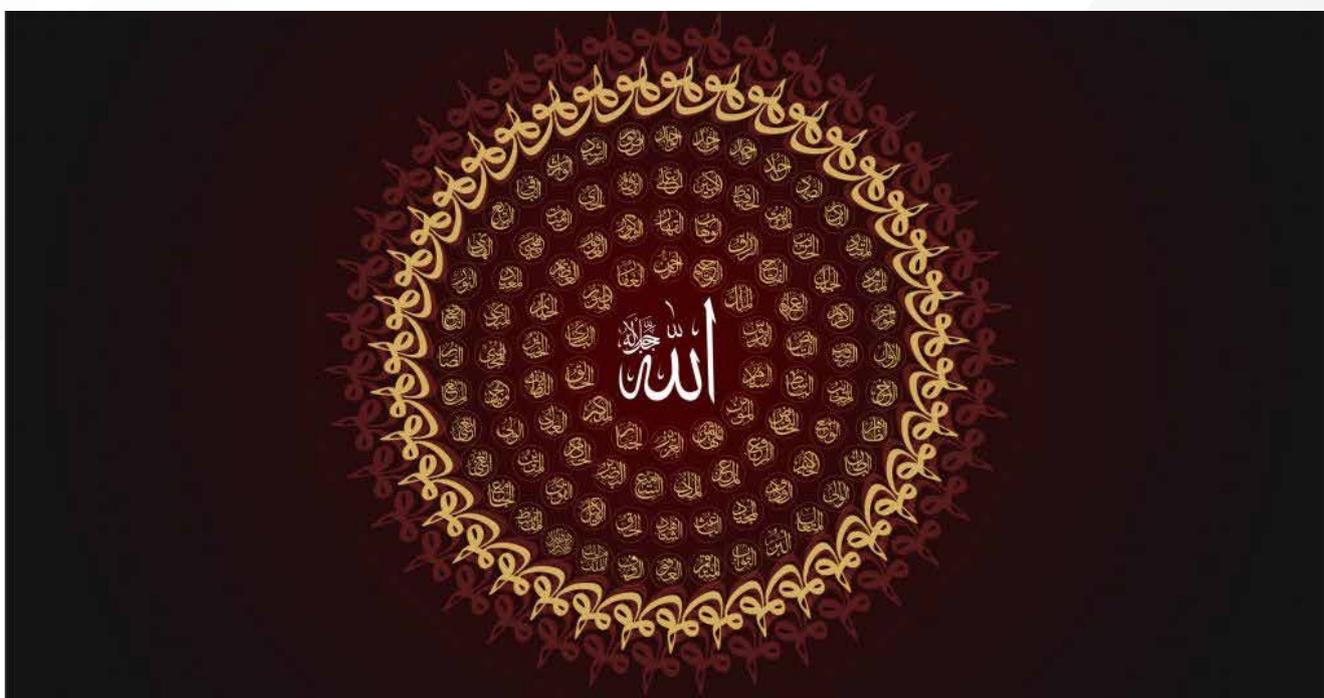




**Q2.** What is the rationale behind killing Gog and Magog with insects?

**ANSWER**

The rationale is to show the weakness of creatures. The Gog and Magog, such a powerful and far-reaching corruption which Pophet Jesus (pbuh) himself barely escaped, are killed by such small creatures. Therefore, the rationale is to show the might of Allah.





**Q3.** What are the reasons behind being informed about the major signs of the Hour?

**ANSWER**

Knowing about the major signs of the Hour is good for people to get ready and do good deeds before the Tawbah ceases to be accepted. Besides, people will not have anything as a justification for their sins, after seeing the major signs.





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