

In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

ASSALAM ALAIKA YA ABA ABDILLAH

The month of Muharram has yet again come knocking on our doors reminding us of our purpose in this temporary life.

The tragedy of Karbala is a saga we hear about every year. Millions of Shias all over the globe unite and commemorate the death-anniversary of Sayyidush Shuhada - Aba Abdillahil Husayn (A.S). Each of us has memorized the details of this tragic event, but yet our hearts fail to be satiated no matter how many times they may be narrated to us.

The tragedy of Karbala was a historic revolution 1400 years ago, but is a revolution of the self today and will be for many years to come. Karbala instils in us the desire to perfect our souls to its maximum potential through the experiences of flawless personalities of this revolution. It is a bridge which links man with his inner-self thus allowing him to reach the proximity of Allah. Karbala took the lives of 72 brave soldiers, the likes of whom will never be found again, but gave life to Islam that had been torn to pieces and mutilated by the hands of the power-hungry Umayyads and continues to breathe life to one and all till today. It awakens the sleeping hearts, it revives the dead souls of the living and educates the ignorant minds.

We did not choose not to be there as our life in this world had not even started yet, but it makes me question myself that had I been present, would I have answered the call of my Imam or would I have failed the test of faith.

Every Muharram ask yourself, which category do I fall in? Am I with the devoted companions of Imam, like Muslim bin Awsaja, Habib ibne Mazahir or Jawn? Or is my soul like that of Shimr and Umare Saad that only desired the world and all its glory and power?

Where are we today? And how ready are we for the next revolution? The Awaited Saviour may be hidden behind divine veils, but he is anxiously waiting for the day when Allah shall grant him the permission to emerge. Will we respond to the call of our Imam when he emerges? Will our eyes be able to witness the glory of the day when he shall appear by the house of God, promising a life of peace of justice?

This Muharram, the Shia Youth Dubai has decided to dedicate the newsletter to the Imam of our time - Al Mahdi Saahibuz zaman (AF). The articles will focus on different aspects of his life, his qualities, the minor and major occultation, praying for him and the tragedy of Karbala narrated by him to us through Ziyarate Naahiya.

Imam Ali (AS) narrates that the majority of the companions of the Imam will be from amongst the youth. Are we, the youth ready for this grand and honorable duty? Are we in the stage of Intidhar? Do we ache to hear the news of his arrival?

Let this Muharram be the turning point to improve ourselves. It's the perfect time to make our new year resolutions and to renew our pledge with our Imam, so let's not waste this opportunity.

Every time we enter the mosque, let us not forget that the Imam is also mourning the death of his grandfather and is shedding tears with us. Let us offer our condolences to him and his mother Hazrat Fatima (AS) and pray that the tears we shed for Sayyidush Shuhada are a means of extinguishing the fire of hell for us. Ameen.

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