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NEVER GIVE UP!

Heart of Problems

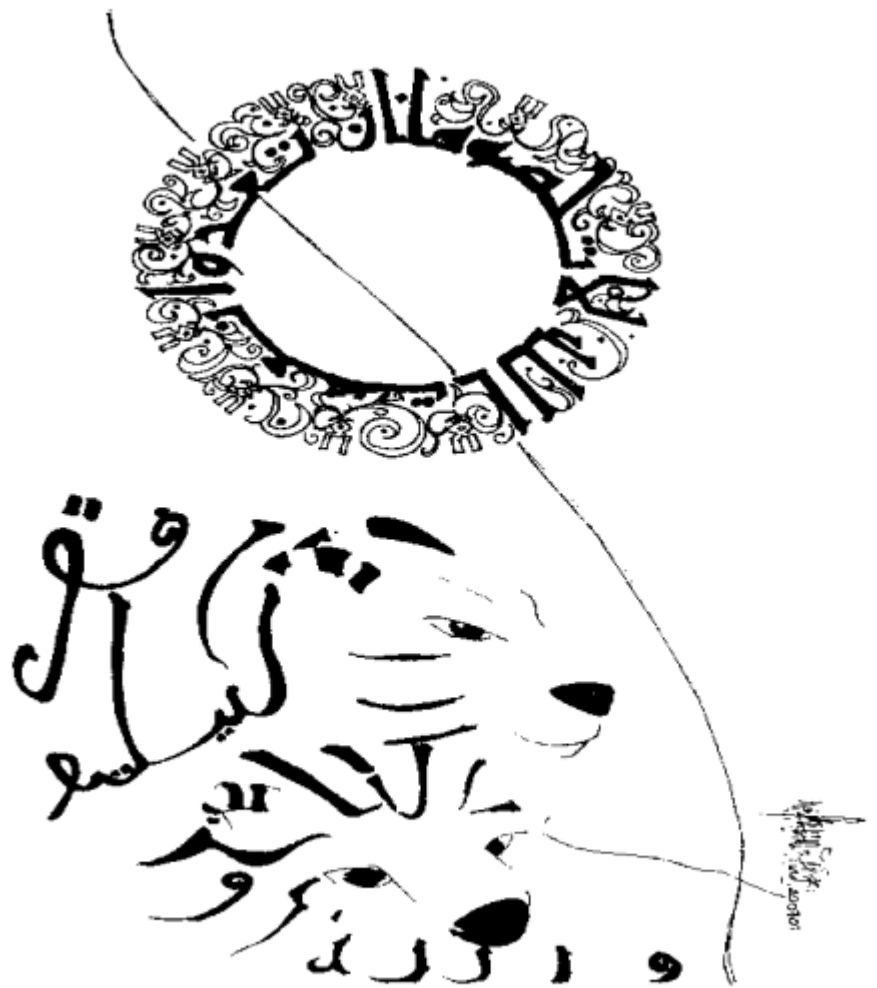
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**SOMETIMES THINGS AREN'T WHAT YOU
EXPECTED THEM TO BE.**

**SOMETIMES YOU FEEL DEFEATED AND
DESPAIED.**

**IN THOSE TIMES, KEEP YOURSELF GOING AND
LEARN THESE WORDS BY HEART : NEVER GIVE
UP ! BECAUSE TO LIVE THIS LIFE, ONE MUST
STAND TALL AND FIRM. C"EST LA VIE !**

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Bismillah Walhamdulillah Was Salaatu Was Salaam 'ala Rasulillah

A modest notes from a insignificant me, a humble self

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THE WORLD IS IN THE MESS

Where are events taking us? '1000 people dead from terror attack!'

'New war situation'. 'SARS kills hundreds'

It is difficult to watch TV news, or read a newspaper, without seeing sadness everywhere.

Where is this world going?

WORLDLY-VIEW (MATERIALISTICS=NOTHINGNESS) THAT SHAPED OUR MIND

We all have a worldview - a way of looking at and understanding the world.

This way of thinking is formed by such things as our education, experiences, culture, religion, and family.

Is there a single worldview throughout the world?

No, but with communications, travel, films, and books, viewpoints are becoming more similar in different countries. We can call it the 'spirit of the age', 'the mood of the times', or sometimes you may hear it named the 'zeitgeist' - a German word.

Our worldview comes to us by those in our society who think - writers, artists, TV and film producers. They are selling us their view of the world in all they do.

Once upon a time ago, these thinkers, although some did not observe religion, did believe that there was purpose and meaning in the world. They believed in absolutes, of good and evil, beauty and joy. They believed that the world was created, and that people belonged in it. Paintings and music, stories and architecture reflected this. There was harmony and beauty in pictures and musical works. Evil and ugliness might be shown, but usually good was winning.

However, over times, minds changed, and came a different view altogether. No longer did the world have a reason to exist. There were no standards. Absolute good and evil no longer had meaning. People could choose to do whatever they wanted. God was seen to be 'dead' or become insignificant. He was not needed any more. Paintings and music were often ugly, with no harmony (that why we see people into abstract and dodo art movements). Evil was shown more often than good. Buildings were often strange, impersonal things that people no longer seemed to belong in. (like my office now ... i think still ok la as they still have this egyptian motives)

Consider - when were the world's most famous paintings produced.

When was the most popular classical music composed? Not in this century!

Al Farabi (if i not mistaken), for instance composed music that touched hearts of his listeners, that they cried. Al Cardoba, Taj Mahal, are but a few of testimonies that past arts are masterpieces.

Different situation exists today. As God made insignificant, although with many people educated and talented in this century, their work is different. It is often empty, negative, without meaning.

For instance, the Irish playwright Samuel Beckett wrote a strange play WAITING FOR GODOT. For years, people tried to think on the message of the play. They put forward detailed ideas of its meaning. Alast Beckett admitted, there was no meaning. There were no hidden messages.

Let me ask now, what is the most influential section of the arts today? Sure, TV, film and media.

What are they selling to us? Usually, a view of the world which says, 'nothing means anything, but grab what you can, do what you like, put yourself first!'

Glued to the media. Minds moulded per their worldview. People led a life spoon-fed and dead. Live in nothingness. Polluted.



'HEART' OF THE PROBLEM

OK, so the world is in a mess. But does this have to affect us personally? Is it possible to hide? Does it matter? Can we survive in such a world?

How can we change the world? How can we rescue the environment? We want to end injustice, stop hunger, banish sickness.

This idealism is good. Yet so many people have given their lives to change these things and become disillusioned. Despite their efforts, things have got worse.

Others have felt the problems of the world are too big, and have just tried to live their own lives.

Neither way of living gives a real answer.

Many years ago, in the British TIMES newspaper, the editor asked for comments on what was wrong with the world. Among the many letters which came back to him, was the shortest ever letter to a newspaper editor. It read, 'Dear Sir, I am, Yours faithfully....' The writer was G. K. Chesterton, well-known author of such books as 'Father Brown'.

He had put in two words what many of us took years to find out. He meant that what is wrong with the world is a problem of the human heart. The problem is - I am wrong inside. We are all wrong inside.

The Quran has recognized this root of problem all along,

"By Nafs (a soul), and Him Who perfected him in proportion; Then He showed him what is wrong for him and what is right for him. Indeed he succeeds who purifies his own self. And indeed he fails who corrupts his own self" (Q, 91: 7-10)

Noted too that the Prophet s.a.w also said that heart is what make one good or bad.

He s.a.w, thus enjoined one to clean it regularly;

'The heart becomes rusted like iron in water' When asked how to banish this corrosion, the Prophet replied, 'Remember death frequently and recite the Quran' (Hadith of An Nasi on the authority of Abdullah Ibn Umar)

The prophet s.a.w. too advised us to ask for Allah's Mercy in curing our hearts;

'O God only You can change our hearts. We beseech You to do so, so that we may submit to You'
(Hadith of muslim on authority of Abdullah Ibn Amr Ibn al As)

So, to be the change one want the world to be,
SOLVE THE 'MIND PROBLEM'
CURE THE 'HEART ILLNESS'

God willing, we'll triumph out from this worldly mess,
and ride safely towards heavenly abode.

Wallahu 'a'lam bissawab



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Variety

Various dreams

Various lives

Various food to eat

Various jobs to be done

Various books love to be read

Various handsets love to be owned

Various songs love to hear at

Various events spin all over the globe

Various people sick

Various people dead

Various people alive

Various people riddled with bullets

Various people showered with riches

Various people suffered

Various people pampered

Various people are kind

Various people are arrogant

Various people are pretty determined

Various people are too damn BUSHIESLY terrorizing the world over

Various tragedies occur each every day

Various losses unaccounted, unreported

Various tears of sadness

Various triumphs unfolded

Various achievements garnered

Various tears of happiness

Various buildings being built

Various buildings being demolished

Various fears are propagated

Various bombs being piled

Various leaders become ruthlessly passionate

Various plans of cleansing being drawn up

Various 'terrors'

Various buses come and go

Various papers written and shredded

Various courses attended and completed

Various memories reflected and forgotten

Various moments in our various lives

Various dreams in our various realities

Variness...

Yet, still I see only ONE

Yet, still I see we all come from only ONE

Yet, still I see all our problems, their solution are only ONE

Yet, still I see we can only live on only ONE planet

Yet, o...dear, why all the variousness wrought about maladies?

Yet, o...dear, why not see the remedies in the varieties?

Variety ... Various dreams ... Various lives ...

IN THE VARIETIES,
WE REMEMBER
MOMENTS
AND NOT DAYS

