



Reflections on the Second Waaz Mubarak – Ashara Mubaraka 1428H

Mohabbat, and not rules and regulations, is the force that engenders harmony. Only with the infusion of love can the fulfilment of rules and regulations be achieved. Without love their very purpose ceases to exist.

“There is no creed except love,” said Maulana (TUS). Domestic affairs, governance or even faith will fail without the spirit of love, dedication, devotion and sacrifice.

This spirit of love is found, at its pinnacle in the “*Safinatul Najaat*” – the Ark of Salvation, whose captain is the Waliullah. Awliyullah continue to steer the Safinah through the tumultuous seas of time. It is the Dai’s love and stewardship that keeps this ship on course and enables it to endure the stormy seas it inevitably encounters.

In this second waaz mubarak, Huzurala (TUS) narrated how each Imam and Dai protected the “*Safinatul Najaat*” against the storming seas of enmity, oppression and injustice.

Nuh (AS) was instructed by Allah (TA) to build an ark prior to the great flood. He told his people that those who boarded the ark would be saved and that those who did not would drown. Many ridiculed him. Among those who refused to board was Nuh’s own son. In defiance, the son claimed to find sanctuary upon a high mountain, but when the storm broke no mountain was safe. At that point, Nuh (AS) implored Allah (TA) to save his son to which Allah replied, “He is not of your family.”

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“He is an act that is not virtuous.”

The “*Safinatul Najaat*” in this age are the Ahle Bayt of Mohammed (SAW). Those who affiliate themselves with the Ahle Bayt will receive salvation, whilst those who do not shall drown. When Imam Mehdi (AS) was preparing for Zuhoor and the establishment of the Fatimi Empire, the enemy was seeking him desperately. At one point, the Imam allowed himself to be imprisoned. Imam asked the other prisoners if they wanted to escape. His question was mocked by the others. One of the prisoners responded, “Yes, I would like to go to Syria.” Imam Mehdi prised away the massive prison door and laid it on the ground. With some charcoal he drew the outline of a ship on the door. Both Imam Mehdi and Imam Qaaim (AS) climbed upon it. One by one all but one prisoner climbed aboard. The Imam summoned the wind and the door rose from the ground. As it rose further, the last remaining prisoner caught hold of it, but he fell to the ground and broke his ankle. The door flew away and came to rest upon the Nile River, where it sailed in full view of people standing on the river banks. Huzurala (TUS) explained that the capture of the Imam and the miraculous escape proved to the world that this was the awaited Mehdi.



“*Safinatul Najaat*” has repeatedly encountered storms throughout the ages. Waves like mountains have borne down upon the vessel and the captain of this ship has fought away the storm or steered it to safety. Imam Hasan (AS) avoided devastation and dealt with the threat posed by Muawiyah in the aftermath of Maulana Ali’s (AS) shahadat. Imam Hasan (AS) offered a truce to Muawiyah and ceded the caliphate to him. He established his Dawat without let or hindrance. His exceptional moral character and gentle personality drew people towards him. But most importantly, Imam Hasan (AS) ensured that the remaining stalwarts of Dawat were safeguarded from further conflict. The Dawat became firmly established and flourished much to Muawiyah’s despair. Muawiyah, who wanted to destroy Dawat, was unable to accomplish his mission because Imam Hasan (AS) would not fight with him in battle. Ultimately, he set in motion the plot that would lead to Imam Hasan’s (AS) shahadat by sending poison.

The captains of the *Safinah* have had to face trials and tribulations, even death. Imam Aamir (AS) would take a knife and plunge it into a watermelon saying the words indicating that he would be slain by a knife. No one in Imam Aamir’s (AS) court understood the significance of this act, but his hujjat, Molatona HurratulMaleka (RA), who was in Yemen, instantly recognised that an old handkerchief sent to her by the Imam was news of his impending shahadat.

After *satr*, Duat Mutlaqeen have captained this ship through periods of turmoil and treachery. When Jafar Laeen returned from Yemen, he led many namaaz on his way to India without obtaining the raza of the Wali of Hind as he had been instructed to do by Syedna in Yemen. When he was told to inform all the people who had prayed behind him to repeat their namaaz he came out in open conflict with the Wali. This conflict led to bloodshed and the persecution of Mumineen (AS), especially in Ahmedabad.

None will forget the most violent and devastating storm that the *Safinatul Najaat* encountered in Karbala. Imam Hasan (AS) had steered the ship through a treacherous period and it had emerged unscathed. Now Imam Husain (AS) steered it through the apocalypse of Karbala. Imam Husain (AS), the captain of *Safinatul Najaat*, ensured the survival of this ship by giving his life and the lives of those dear to him.

Molana (TUS) mentioned that certain poets write that this ship sank on the day of Aashura. This is not so. The ship survived under the stewardship of Imam Ali Zainulabedin (AS) who steered it on its course despite the severe torture that the enemies meted out to him. After him, it has been captained by Aimmat Tahereen (AS) and finally, in the period of seclusion, by the Duat Mutlaqeen. Today, Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (TUS) is at the helm of this *safinah* and those on board are secure in the conviction that the ship will safely lead them to the shores of heaven.

May Allah ta’ala preserve the life of our beloved Aqa Maula (TUS), the captain of this *safinah*, the protector of Dawat. Ameen