

Islam prayers and their significance

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In this entire universe, the earth is the only planet blooming with all the necessary conditions required for the survival of the human race. From the time immemorial, mankind has evolved on all grounds of physical, psychological, cultural and technological frameworks. The history of the human civilization is huge and deciphering it in just a few words is just impossible. Our entire planet is divided into continents, countries, states, cities, towns and villages. Each nation on this earth has its own culture and tradition to represent itself as a different entity altogether. Also, there are multicultural societies which comprise of various communities with different kinds of lifestyle.

Since the birth of the human civilization on this globe, it has always adhered itself to some kind of a strong belief. People believed that someone from the above ruled the acts of the humans on this earth. As humans started evolving on their psychological and spiritual aspects, different kinds of beliefs started taking shape among the various communities of the human race. Different regions of the world harboured different communities of humans. Each of them had their own history of evolution. The culture and lifestyle of these communities differed in many ways from each other. There was one factor which was considered to be the strongest contender in deciphering the diversified cultural characteristics of these communities – religion. Each one of them believed that the Almighty was the one who controlled the entire framework of the human civilization. As each community in the human race differed greatly from each other, there were different perceptions of the ultimate truth. Each community had their own way of perceiving the spiritual aspect of their belief.

Islam being one of the major religions of the world, it holds a significant identity in the world today. According to ‘Quran Sharif’, the holy book of Islam, Prophet Mohammed was the harbinger of Islam on this earth. People committed to Islam are called Muslims and they believe that Prophet Mohammed was the son of ‘Allah’ or the Almighty himself. It is said that he was the one who showed the people of the world that by following the path of ‘Allah’ or the Almighty; one can attain salvation and peace for the soul. For a human, remembering the lord requires praying. Prayers are a humble way of remembering the Lord and are found in almost religions of the world with different ways of recalling the Almighty. In Islam, prayers are referred to as ‘Salah’. People who have undergone the Islamic ritual of purity or the ritual ablution can only perform ‘Salah’. The primary reason behind the prayers in Islam is to communicate with ‘Allah’ or God. In ‘Quran Sharif’, the first chapter called ‘The Opening’ asks a Muslim (a person preaching Islam) to thank and praise the ‘Allah’ and ask for guidance in the righteous path of existence in the earth. The daily prayers always help in reminding a Muslim that everything in this world is transitory and that he/she should submit himself/herself to the will of the ‘Allah’. The ‘Quran Sharif’ presses on the facts that people who believe in the Almighty, they always have a fear for doing sins. This is because they believe that doing

something wrong according to their holy scripture is disrespecting the ‘Allah’ which has its consequences. The Muslims believe that ‘Salah’ helps stay away from engaging in social wrongs and moral deviances.

In the past few decades, Islam has been going through some rough patches. Religious fundamentalism stands to be the lone factor for the misinterpretation of the Prophet Mohammed’s teachings in the ‘Quran Sharif’. Today, the entire Muslim community of the globe has been the witness to frequent fluctuations in the world peace order which have led to major events. These events have distorted the perception of Islam for the entire international community. Now, the onus is on the entire Muslim community to propagate the true teachings of the Prophet. Peace is resplendent in the entire ‘Quran Sharif’ and Islam prayers. People need to understand that resorting to anti-social ways of earning sovereignty and one’s own rights will never bring order to the human race.

Rather it will continue to deteriorate the order of peace and order in the world. The Islam prayers are the appropriate weapon to make this happen. Relying on larger resources for an initiation may not be very helpful for such a movement. One needs to start from the grassroots level. The menace of religious fundamentalism always threatens to curb the power of the Islam prayers. The Islam prayers are the best channel to communicate with the ‘Allah’ or the God and thus pose all the potential to demystify the mirage of religious fundamentalism. Religion and its prayers is the perfect framework to stay close to Him. They act as great cleansers for a human soul. Islam prayers are highly interspersed with the love for ‘Allah’ and the righteous ways to be a great human being in the world.

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