The Ummah Is in Its Final Labor Pains (المخاض)

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Not every pain is an end, not every crisis is a downfall, and not every darkness proves that dawn will not come. The Islamic Ummah today lives a painful reality: conflicts, occupation, poverty, division, weakness, dependency, and intellectual, moral, and social crises. It is passing through the most difficult and critical stages of its contemporary history, preyed upon by colonialist powers led by the head of evil, America, and its ally, the Jewish entity. The former seeks to enable the latter to grip the neck of the entire Islamic Ummah and install it as the policeman controlling its water, air, land, sky, and wealth.

A person may feel pain and confusion in the face of this bitter reality, asking: Has the Ummah reached its end? Or are we facing a stage of rebirth?

Herein lies the meaning of “labor pains”; labor pains are the stage of pain that precedes birth. Therefore, speaking of the “Ummah’s labor pains” does not mean asserting that a specific event will occur at a predetermined time. Rather, it depicts a difficult stage that serves as a prelude to a major transformation, provided the Ummah deals with it correctly.

It is a great Ummah, but it lives a painful reality. The Islamic Ummah is not an Ummah without history or civilization. It is an Ummah that carried the message of Islam to the world, established a great civilization lasting more than thirteen centuries, contributed to building the edifices of science, thought, and architecture, and had a profound impact on human history.

But the strength of the past alone is not enough.

The real question is not: What were the Muslims? But rather: What are we today? And what do we want to be tomorrow?

An Ummah does not regain its status through mere wishes, but through Iman, action, knowledge, and awareness. One of the most dangerous mistakes is to always search for the cause of the Ummah’s weakness outside itself.

Yes, there is occupation, aggression, interventions, and international conflicts, but true reform begins from within. Allah (swt) said: ﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُغَيِّرُ مَا بِقَوْمٍ حَتَّىٰ يُغَيِّرُوا مَا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ﴾ **“Indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves”** [TMQ Surah Ar-Ra’ad 11]. The Ummah’s revival begins when its people change from weakness to strength, from ignorance to knowledge, from passivity to responsibility, from division to cooperation, and from loving this worldly life to loving the Hereafter.

In the face of this reality, we find the Ummah in a state of stillness that has aroused the interest and concern of the West. This prompted its seasoned thinkers and political figures to try to understand and study what the state of the Islamic Ummah entails, because the West knows with absolute certainty that beneath the surface of this stillness, accompanied by bitterness, lies a boiling turmoil and a fire beneath the ashes—a volcano capable of erupting at any moment to drown their dreams, grudges, and suspicions in an instant. Therefore, they have worked to delay its revival and awakening from its heedlessness.

So what prevents the Ummah from rising? Is the problem in the small number of Muslims? Or in the scarcity of resources? Or is the problem deeper than that?

The Ummah possesses massive numbers, immense wealth, and excellent minds and competencies, yet it does not benefit from these capabilities as it should. Why is that?

Herein lies the answer: because the disbelieving (kafir) West had among its greatest objectives to make the Ummah feel weak and feeble despite all the potential it possesses, and to obliterate the Islamic ideology—which is the secret of its strength—from the hearts of the people. Collaborator rulers installed by the West over the necks of the Ummah contributed to this. They squandered its potential, monitored its every breath, and opened prisons for anyone who whispers a word seeking to change the painful reality. Worse and more grievous still, they opened military bases for the enemies of the Ummah throughout our lands to solidify their own pillars, execute their agendas, serve their interests, plunder the wealth of the Muslims, and even combat any force that contemplates establishing an Islamic entity. For the West believes with absolute certainty that the Khilafah (Caliphate) is coming—that it is capable of dismantling its fragile entity, capable of leading the Islamic Ummah and harnessing its capabilities, and capable of carrying the message of Islam to the entire world, thereby demolishing the unjust, rotten capitalist civilization whose criminality has long offended all decency.

This Khilafah is that which Netanyahu warned against and declared his fear of and his fight against it. Before him, George Bush, former president of America, warned against it, along with his defense secretary Rumsfeld and John McCain. After them, the director of Russian intelligence stated that the danger of the Khilafah and its return is linked to a political party working to establish it, specifically mentioning Hizb ut Tahrir.

The issue of the Khilafah and its capacity to confront all the enemies of the Ummah, and indeed to carry the message of Islam to the entire world, is not a matter of debate among the enemies of Islam, be they Jews, Crusaders, or atheist secularists. The issue for them is working to prevent the return of the Khilafah anew. This is a statement by the English Orientalist Bernard Lewis who said: “For the first thousand years Islam was advancing, Christendom in retreat and under threat… the Islamic advance into southeastern Europe, which twice reached as far as Vienna... we must take great care on all sides to avoid the danger of a new era of religious wars.”

And what is strange and reprehensible after all this is that the Islamic Ummah sits negligent of seeking the Khilafah, and working diligently to restore its ember and supply it with the necessary heat so that it returns as a bright flame on the brow of the world. And the leaders of the Kafir West, like Netanyahu, realize the truth of the saying of Allah (swt) Who said: ﴿وَعَدَ اللهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُم فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْناً﴾ **“Allah has promised those who have believed among you and done righteous deeds that He will surely grant them succession to authority upon the earth just as He granted it to those before them and that He will surely empower for them therein their Deen which He has approved for them and that He will surely substitute for them, after their fear, security”** [TMQ Surah An-Nur: 55].

For the Khilafah brings with it empowerment and the security that all the peoples of the earth seek today and aspire to, far removed from the destruction, killing of millions of people, and their displacement, as is happening in Sudan, Syria, Palestine, Yemen, Ukraine, Myanmar, and many others.

The justice that all the peoples of the earth seek, and which America and the kafir West trample upon every day and at every moment, is suppressed by the force of arms and vile schemes, and by accursed policies manifested sometimes in bloody military wars, sometimes in other financial and commercial wars, and by moral degradation and repeated transgressions against the creation of Allah (swt), among many other things.

Let the Muslims, whom Allah (swt) has made their Ummah the best Ummah brought forth for humankind, know that this goodness has its price, and they bear its burden if they fail to fulfill its duty. For when Allah (swt) placed the mark of goodness upon this Ummah, He clarified its entitlements. The best community brought forth for humankind must exercise the role entrusted to it, which Allah (swt) has defined, the most important of which is achieving justice and equity for all people. This is achieved initially by removing the obstacles through

revolution against their wicked rulers and removing their foul thrones, restraining America and its allies from harming people and causing them injury, and lifting the humiliation under which all the peoples of the earth groan.

Netanyahu and the henchmen of the West challenge the Khilafah only because they know that this Ummah will not be able to carry out the duties placed upon its shoulders except under the leadership of a Khaleefah Rashid (Rightly Guided Caliph) who leads it to what is good for humanity. The leaders of the entity of the Jews and the kafir West behind them know the source of the danger to them, so they ignite fires here and there to divert the Ummah from its crown and its glory. They bring forth every sorcerer to divert the Ummahs gaze from the truth of their glory, the source of their strength, and the antidote to their life, so that they no longer see the light emanating from the folds of the Khilafah's banners, fluttering across the horizons.

All of this is because they know and see with their own eyes that the global order today is inevitably on its way to collapse, due to its contradiction of the foundations upon which it was built, and its failure to lead the world with this greedy system based on pure utilitarianism and the plundering of the world's wealth for the benefit of a small clique of the savage, capitalist, Epstein class.

So all praise be to Allah (swt) who has shown us America as it begins to demolish its own throne with its own pickaxe, and all praise be to Allah (swt) who has shown us the beginning of the demolition of international law and the United Nations and all its organizations, and its international courts which have long humiliated Muslim peoples, exhausted them with debts, and drowned them in their rotten Western culture.

And all praise be to Allah (swt) Who has shown us the collapse of the lie of democracy, freedoms, and human rights, and has shown us the beginnings of the disintegration of the Atlantic Alliance (NATO), which has long united in directing its deep-seated malice to kill Muslims, plunder their wealth, and colonize their lands.

And all praise be to Allah (swt) Who has shown us the values of the West crumbling, who has shown us capitalism muzzled and devouring its own young, who has shown us the humiliation of the nations of Europe and the world before the arrogance of the Pharaoh of the age, and who has shown us America as a state structure ruled by a gang of cowboys.

This is your time, O Muslims, O free people of the Ummah, O carriers of the Dawah, O beacons of guidance. This is your time to strengthen the arm of your Ummah and give it glad tidings that victory is near, and it is only a matter of your efforts and sincerity combining with their efforts and the will of Allah (swt).

For today, the Ummah is in dire need of those who will rouse its ambitions and instill within it a spirit of initiative and sacrifice so that it may break free from humiliation and enslavement.

For you, O carriers of the Dawah, in the Seerah (Prophetic biography) of the Messenger of Allah (saw), there is a lesson and a sign. For he cultured his Companions (ra) with a solid, creedal, Iman-based culture that molded enlightened minds and hearts that knew no path to defeat. He (saw) instilled concepts and standards that influenced their behavior, forming unique personalities that defied the world with their Iman—figures of Iman whose heads reached the heavens.

It is the culture of strength and honor that shaped their mentalities—how they reasoned matters, how they understood events and realities, how they confronted situations and endured hardships, and how they offered sacrifices with contented, reassured souls seeking the pleasure of Allah (swt) and the eternal companionship of His Prophet (saw). This was the ultimate goal for them, the true happiness. So when one of them was struck with a fatal blow, he would say, "I have succeeded, by the Lord of the Kaaba!"

It was a culture that molded minds with strength and honor, producing men who forged a revival, conquests, and advancement.

And here he (saw) is, strengthening the arms of his companions during the Battle of the Trench (Ghazwat al-Ahzab), when hearts reached throats and they were shaken with a mighty quaking. He gave them glad tidings of victory, saying: **«بِسم الله» "Bismillah (In the name of Allah)"** and struck the rock, saying: **«الله أكبر، أُعطيت مفاتيح الشام، والله إني لأبصر قصورها الحمر من مكاني هذا» "Allahu Akbar (Allah is the Greatest), I have been given the keys to Syria (al-Sham). By Allah, I can indeed see its red palaces from my place here."** Then he struck a second time and said: **«الله أكبر، أُعطيت مفاتيح فارس، والله إني لأبصر المدائن، وأبصر قصرها الأبيض من مكاني هذا» "Allahu Akbar, I have been given the keys to Persia (Faris). By Allah, I can indeed see al-Mada'in (Ctesiphon), and I can see its white palace from my place here."** Then he gave them glad tidings, saying: **«لَنْ تَغْزُوَكُمْ قُرَيْشٌ بَعْدَ عَامِكُمْ هَذَا، وَلَكِنَّكُمْ تَغْزُونَهُمْ» "The Quraysh will not attack you after this year of yours, but you will attack them."** Thus, he utilized the elements of strength within the souls of the people, reviving them within them, thereby shielding them from defeat and regression. And he (saw) made them perceive the elements of weakness in their enemies and led them to exploit them.

This is but a drop from the ocean of the biography of our role model and exemplar (saw), who was indeed the finest of leaders. So, will we not return to it to trace his footsteps, especially in moments of hardship and crises?

Indeed, the Ummah today lacks true leadership, and we do not stray from truth and correctness if we say that it suffers today from a leadership vacuum. Do you not see, O Muslims, that your rulers spend their lives in servitude to the disbelieving colonialist, and in dominating your wealth and resources? Do you not see that they are not ashamed to declare in the loudest of voices that they are weaklings who possess no authority whatsoever—except, by Allah (swt), for begging—and that they grant the kafireen (disbelievers) authority over you?

Indeed, the culture of weakness and defeat is alien to Muslims; it was planted within the Ummah through a malicious methodology. It is imperative to re-educate the Ummah with a culture of honor and dignity, and to rehabilitate them for serious and genuine work to change their reality from defeat to victory, honor, and empowerment. They have no solution except to work with the sincere sons of the Ummah who are striving to resume Islamic life by establishing the Khilafah Rashidah (rightly guided Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood, which will, by the permission of Allah (swt), work to remove the control of the kuffar, cut off their influence, and uproot the evil of the Jews from the heart of the Ummah. The Ummah that gave birth to leaders like Khalid (ra), Abu Ubaydah (ra), Sa'd (ra), Nur ad-Din (rh), Salah ad-Din (rh), Qutuz (rh), and Baybars (rh) is still capable of giving birth; there are still among the men, and in their loins, those who will come to restore its honor, dignity, and elevation. No matter how intense the darkness and how severe the tribulation, Allah (swt) will bring forth from the womb of darkness a dawn by which faces will shine, souls will be delighted, and the Muslims will then rejoice in the victory of Allah (swt).

﴿وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَى هُوَ قُلْ عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ قَرِيباً﴾

"And they say, 'When will it be?' Say, 'Perhaps it is near.'" [TMQ Surah Al-Israa': 51]