

# Elegizing Shaykh Abu Mus'ab al-Zarqawi

may Allah have mercy on him

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All praise is due to Allah, who dignifies Islam with His aid, humiliates polytheism with His force, directs all affairs with His command, and draws out the infidels with His plotting: the One who preordained the alternation of days with His justice. And may peace and prayers be upon him with whose sword Allah raised the beacon of Islam.

To proceed...Ummah of Islam: peace be upon you and the mercy of Allah and His blessings.

Today, one of the lions of Islam was killed, and one of the heroes of Tawheed was martyred, and with that one of the igniters of the wars passed away: splitter of the heads of the Romans, the sword unsheathed against the enemies of the religion, the Mujahid commander Abu Mus'ab al-Zarqawi, may Allah the Exalted have mercy upon him. And so a bright page of contemporary history was closed, a page whose lines were recorded in ink of blood, and whose words were written in the light of resolve, and whose letters were embellished with the pearls of faith.

Yes, Abu Mus'ab was killed, in the way that men are killed in the battlefields, and he went out like the heroes go out: amidst the blows of the swords. He bade farewell to this world as a steadfast, confident emigrant Mujahid who was neither swayed by the severest of tests nor broken by the distractions of the time. How often he waded into battle without fear, and defied danger without hesitation or doubt. And how much he pursued death at every turn, and knocked at its doors at every

rendezvous, and he continued to seek it and strive for it until he earned the honor of dying in the same way that he wore the clothes of glory and chivalry in his life.

*He tosses onto the arenas some of his blood  
To say: O world, come look and testify  
For here we feed the fields of Jihad  
By pouring on them waves of fresh blood  
And here is the believers' Ribaah and a place  
For their Jihad or a sign for he who is guided*

And he is deserving – and so he should be – of the statement of the Prophet, peace be upon him, “*One of the best examples for the people to emulate is a man who holds the reins of his steed in the Path of Allah and who, every time he hears a cry for help or the sound of fear, runs to it seeking death where it is to be found.*” And it is as if I am with him as he roams the fields of Jihad and goes into battle, and eagerly awaits the day of martyrdom, shouting to the skies with his words and actions:

*I shall carry my soul in the palm of my hand  
And toss it into the pits of death  
So either a life which delights the friend  
Or a death which enrages the foes*

Yes, Shaykh Abu Mus'ab al-Zarqawi was killed, to establish with proof positive that the brilliant words which he would send to his Ummah and which he would pull from the bottom of his heart with honesty and sincerity were not just empty claims, pretty words or flowery sermons, but rather, were a methodology, doctrine, and principle for which blood is spilled, for whose life limbs are severed, and for whose superiority life is given. And he didn't suffice with letting the evidence for his sincerity be his effort, sweat and lack of sleep: no, he made his finale his blood and soul, to say to the whole world, “My faith, religion and methodology are more valuable and important than anything, even my soul which is in my

body, and the proof is in what you have seen with your own eyes, and not in what you have heard or been told.”

Yes, Shaykh Abu Mus’ab al-Zarqawi was killed, but do his enemies who applauded his death realize that they have presented him with the greatest wish, noblest gift, and highest goal he could ever ask for? It is martyrdom in Allah’s path, and is there a wish greater than martyrdom? **“Think not of those who are slain in Allah's way as dead. Nay, they live, finding their sustenance from their Lord. They rejoice in the bounty provided by Allah: and they rejoice over those behind them who have not yet joined them, that on them is no fear, nor will they be sad.”** [3:169-170]

*And when they saw that some ways of life are humiliating  
For them, and that a dignified death is not prohibited  
They refused to live a life worthy of blame  
And died a death in which there was no blame  
And don't be surprised if the lions are vanquished  
By the enemy dogs among the Arabs and Ajam  
For the spear of Wahshi made Hamza taste death  
And the death of Ali was in the sword of Ibn Muljim*

Yes, Shaykh Abu Mus’ab al-Zarqawi was killed, but his words have not died, nor has his philosophy been cut short. And how could it, when the love of Jihad, martyrdom, and sacrifice which he sowed in the hearts of the youth has continued to develop, flourish, bloom and bear fruit, until the martyrdom-seekers – youth and elders, men and women – have become row after row whose slogan is:

*I shall take revenge, but for my Lord and religion  
And I shall remain on my path with conviction  
So either to victory over the people  
Or to Allah with the immortal ones*

And here I say: you truly consoled the Islamic Ummah – oh rogue of Iraq Nouri al-Maliki – when you prefaced the news with your words, “To all the Zarqawians,” because you knew that behind al-Zarqawi are Zarqawians who have not died, and whose ideology is his ideology, whose faith is his faith, and whose path is his path. They will not change nor swap, and their way is Jihad, their provision is patience, and their motivation is love for the Gardens.

*If Abu Mus'ab has disappeared from us  
The armies of guidance have not disappeared  
They shall continue with resolve in his path  
Cleaving the darkness of the enemy like meteors*

So let the worshippers of the cross, dynasties of treason, suckers of depravity, and agents of the Jews who boasted about their participation in the killing of the Shaykh know that their swaggering won't be for long, and that the reprisals of the Mujahideen shall come like lightning bolts one after the other, and that the retaliation for every fragrant drop of the Mujahid commander's blood shall be swift, heavy and costly, and that this boastfulness of yours which pleased your infidel masters shall be a bitter curse upon you which will make you bite your knuckles in regret. So wait: we too are waiting.

So oh Ummah of Islam: here is one of your righteous, loyal sons who was sincere in his affiliation to you, jealousy for you, and eagerness to honor you and raise your standing, and who gave his life in exchange for the superiority of your religion, establishment of your Shari'ah, and liberation of you from the disgrace of slavery and vassalage to men. So be loyal to him by staying on his path and continuing to support his companions and helpers with your self, wealth and prayers. And know that Shaykh Abu Mus'ab, Allah have mercy on him, was not killed in pursuit of material gain, nor in search of the goods of this world, nor out of desire for its adornments, for his soul and concerns were too noble to stoop to the level of this lowly world. He was the one who inhaled the breezes of glory on the fields of battle and truly knew how the believer is

honored with his religion and faith, and he wouldn't have exchanged it for anything. And so he traveled along this path with patience and diligence, overcoming difficulties and throwing off shackles until Allah appointed him to that lofty rank.

*He continued to strive until those jealous of him said  
He has a short way to highness*

As for you, the sincere, patient Mujahideen: may Allah console you. And you should know, beloved brothers, that this religion is the religion of Allah, and He has taken it upon Himself to protect and preserve it, and the martyrdom of the Mujahid Shaykh is only another part of the series of trials with which Allah tests His believing slaves, to reveal their reliance on Him, confidence in Him, and steadfastness on His religion. *“What you suffered on the day the two armies met was with the permission of Allah, in order that He might know the believers and know the hypocrites, who were told, ‘Come, fight in the way of Allah, or [at least] defend’. They said, ‘If we knew of a fight, we would follow you’. They were that day nearer to unbelief than to faith.”* [3:166-167]

So fear Allah in your Jihad, fear Allah in your steadfastness, and fear Allah in the blood of your brothers. And know that the greatest act of loyalty to them – and in fact, there is no loyalty to them without it – is to remain firm on their path and hold fast to the methodology for which they sacrificed and were killed. And avoid side roads, for you have been left with the clarity of the Book and Sunnah, whose night is like day and from which only the irredeemable deviate. *“O you who believe! Persevere in patience and constancy; vie [with one another] in such perseverance; strengthen each other; and fear Allah; that ye may prosper.”* [3:200]

Oh Allah, send prayers on Muhammad and all his companions and family. And may peace be on you and the mercy of Allah and His blessings.