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Q. When did you come to Afghanistan?

I was blessed by Allah to see the Islamic Emirate for the first time about a year before it fell, and all praise is for Allah.

After a three-month stay there, I experienced a truly unusual blessing from Allah.

In my third month there, my mother became ill. She sent my father to bring me back for her sake. When my father came for the first time to the land of Jihad, to take me back, he saw the life of the Mujahideen, and decided to live there himself. Back home, my mother got really worried, so my father forced me to return home, and I came back, but my father stayed in Afghanistan! So because of the blessed Islamic Emirate and its Jihad, my parents became convinced about Jihad, and all praise is for Allah.

I returned to Afghanistan with my parents' permission two months before the fall of the Emirate, and all praise is for Allah. I spent my first few days with some Pakistani companions in Qarah Bagh, then I went to another camp of the Mujahideen in the same area. Thereafter, Allah granted us strength and we left for Qunduz. We were in Qunduz during the US air strikes and remained there for the whole bombing period. During this period, we witnessed a lot of help and support from Allah. Brothers would be martyred, but no one got disheartened. I was present when a battle against Masood's men took place at Dasht-e-Archi, in Takhar. The US planes were bombing the place from above, while the Mujahideen fought below. In spite of the bombing, the Mujahideen did not leave a single bunker, and all praise is for Allah. Even Masood's men started asking each other over the wireless, "What sort of people are these? We are fighting them on the ground and the Americans are bombing from above, and yet they are not leaving their bunkers." Allah gave us steadfastness and the brothers remained firm.

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My message to my brothers is this:

Serve your parents as much as you can. Who knows about the life of this world: today we have it, but tomorrow we may lose it. Therefore, try to please your Lord. Anyone who succeeds in this will be successful both in this world and the hereafter. And Jihad is one of the most important of the paths leading to eternal success. Martyrdom is met in this path. I have always asked Allah in my prayers that he grants me a martyr's death, and for this, all praise is to Allah. I just ask you to pray that Allah makes me resolute. Rouse others to this path after me, and tell them how abundant its pleasures are. The hardship it contains is limited to this temporary world. A pain so brief is no pain at all. Meanwhile, in the hereafter, never-ending success lies in wait. Just ask yourself for a moment: what lies between me and Allah? Only death blocks my way to heaven. Once I pass through death, I'll be meeting my Lord. For a human being, no fortune is greater than entering paradise, where life has no end. Think about the life of this world: a pauper lives it in the same way that a king lives it. This life is no more than a test. If it had not been a test, Allah would never have burdened His Prophet (peace be upon him) with so much suffering. Consider the sufferings the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) underwent. In spite of having eleven wives, he left all of them behind whenever he went out to the battlefield. Why? This is an evident proof of the fact that whoever adopts the righteous path will have to face hardships and suffering, but in reward, Allah will grant him everlasting success.

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To my companions in prison and to those who are still in captivity, my message is this:

Continue your Jihad for which you have suffered so much. This is the important thing to do, without which we have no deeds to present to Allah. Keep praying to Allah that He grants us steadfastness and makes us firm on the path of Jihad until the last breath. To all those who are living in the land of Jihad, my request is that they continue Jihad for the sake of Allah. Allah will bless us with His help and support, and destroy the unbelievers. Allah willing, we will be successful.

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In the end, I pray to Allah that He blesses me with martyrdom, and grants me a death like that of the Pakistani brothers who took part in the events of London. May Allah join me with the brothers who were martyred in the events of 11 September, and bless me with the company of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) and all those who have been martyred up to this day. May Allah always grant success to the Mujahideen, and remove the difficulties of all those who are supporting Jihad and the Mujahideen with their words, wealth and energies. May Allah grant them success in this life and the next, and bless us all with martyrdom in His path.

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The Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) once said that for a believer, this world is like a prison.

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The gardens of your Lord await you: they are your true abode! The maidens of paradise who are longing to meet you: they are your destiny! But you struggle only for this worldly life. And you waste your time with the women of this world. Why do you give precedence to their temporary affections over the eternal love of Allah? Look towards your bounteous Lord! Even today He calls out to you, "O my slave! My gardens await you! My blessings are in store for you! Come towards Me, walk on My path!" But your hearts suffer from that awful disease: love of this life and hatred of death. My friends! This world is not our true dwelling, nor are its profits our goal. We were sent to this world only to worship Allah, so that He be pleased with us. This was the sole reason Allah sent so many Apostles (peace be upon them) to the world: to guide men to worship their Lord and reach paradise.

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If we closely study the life of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) and analyze the mission that kept him occupied till his last breath, we will find that it was Jihad. The last day of his life is marked with the dispatching of an army under Usama bin Zaid

(may Allah be pleased with him). Today, we have forgotten that real mission of ours. Jihad is an obligation upon Muslims. Yet today, most people do not even consider it obligatory. We seek Allah's refuge from the evils of this belief. In fact, Jihad is as much an obligation upon a believer as prayer and fasting.

(8)

To my parents, my brothers, my friends and everyone else, my message is:
The only thing that will prove valuable in the hereafter is your service to Islam. This world will leave your side. And as for death, it has a fixed time to it. Allah says in His Holy Book:

{قُلْ لَّكُمْ مَّيْعَادُ يَوْمٍ لَا تَسْتَأْخِرُونَ عَنْهُ سَاعَةً وَلَا تَسْتَقْدِمُونَ}

Say: *The appointment to you is for a day which you cannot put back for an hour nor bring forward.*"

Look at Hazrat Khalid bin Walid (may Allah be pleased with him). He took part in 125 battles. But where did he die? He died on his bed. Death is not related to actions. Khalid bin Walid used to penetrate the enemy ranks in battle. Not even one hand span of his body was free of wounds. In spite of all this, Allah decreed that he die on his bed.

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Those men who are expending their energies and giving away their wealth for the sake of Allah's religion have to endure taunts from the whole world for this. The kuffaar will be taunting them in any case, but at least you, O Muslims, should be thoughtful towards them. Remember them in your prayers and aid them with your wealth. Today, the Mujahideen who have kept their struggle unpolluted from the filth of the security agencies are so few in number, they can be counted on fingers. They have sacrificed themselves solely to seek the pleasure of Allah. Look around the world (and I mean the *whole* world): if the kuffaar of the globe fear someone, it is these few Mujahideen. Why is this so? Assess the reason behind each case, and you will find it to be the same. These Mujahideen sacrificed everything they possessed – their energies, their fortunes, their families – and left their homes for the sake of Allah, and performed Jihad to hoist the banner of Islam. For instance, look at Shaykh Usama, may Allah protect him. It was the same Usama before, blessed with so much wealth and living a life of content. But today, after he sacrificed everything for the sake of Allah, the mere thought of him terrifies Bush and gives him nightmares. Why? All because of his sacrifice for Islam. And Allah has elevated him in status to such heights that he will be remembered for centuries by the kuffaar, Allah willing. My request to you is to do the same. Make an intention to present your life and fortune to Allah. And pray to Allah that He brings you to a group that is free of influence from any security agency. Only then will you experience the pleasure of Jihad performed with the purity of faith, and only then will you witness help and support from Allah.

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As for General Pervez Musharraf: examine the state of affairs before and after he stepped into power. He provided enormous assistance to America against the Islamic Emirate. Consequently, numerous Mujahideen were martyred there. What is more, he arrested more than five hundred Arab Mujahideen in Pakistan, of whom even today many are confined to prison in Cuba. And now he is working to establish relations with Israel, about which Allah has said in the Quran:

وَلَنْ تَرْضَىٰ عَنْكَ الْيَهُودُ وَلَا النَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَبِيعَ مِلَّتَهُمْ

“Never will the Jews or the Christians be satisfied with thee unless thou follow their form of religion.” (Al-Baqarah, verse 120)

He is trying to institute relations with these Jews, who are known enemies of ours from day one. And he is always repeating in his addresses that he will finish off the terrorists. Whom does he mean by terrorists? He means the Mujahideen. He says that he plans to finish off the Mujahideen by all means, and that the population should assist him in doing so. For God’s sake, beware! You are free to assist him in his wicked sins here, but what answer will you give in the hereafter? Praying five times a day on one hand and providing assistance to him on the other: is this righteousness?

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In a recent address, he said that rape is a profitable business for women. For God’s sake, he is the biggest rapist, he is the greatest apostate, he is the greatest hypocrite. So finish him off first!

(12)

I wish to deliver my will to you as Mohammed Siddique has done before me, and I say to you the same thing that he said:
Follow in the footsteps of those who have given up their lives to restore the esteem of Allah’s religion on earth, those who are still enduring the prisons of kufr. Look at Ramzi Yousef, look at brother Khalid [Shaykh Muhammad], may Allah free them. For what did they give away their freedom? They sacrificed it for Allah’s religion. Struggle resolutely, especially against this accursed regime of Musharraf’s. Today, you will find work on many other fronts too, but utilize your energies against this regime. Make sacrifices as these brothers did. May Allah grant us firmness on this path and give us patience. I am sure that if Allah wills, He will bestow His help and support on us.

(13)

I have a request to the respected students who are studying in madrassas. Today in Pakistan, these madrassas are functioning in large numbers; and all praise is for Allah. However, in spite of the presence of so many madrassas in the country, the government lies in the hands of apostates. In this situation, our esteemed scholars bear primary responsibility. And secondary responsibility falls upon the respected students. You are acquiring knowledge, and you understand that the sole aim of these studies is the triumph of Allah’s religion. But how does this religion triumph? This religion can not be established until and unless people make sacrifices for it.

Of what use are these studies? Of what use are these studies if you busy yourselves in them while your sisters are subjected to cruelty and oppression and your mothers await your help? Is this what the Prophet (peace be upon him) taught us? No! He taught us that all Muslims are like a single body: if part of it feels pain, the rest is affected. Look at the condition of the world's Muslims today. You'll find cruelty and oppression everywhere you look. Yet you are busy in your studies! I swear upon Allah, such studies are of no use. Allah will question you on the Day of Judgment: when children were orphaned and your sisters brutally attacked, and you yourself heard of what they underwent, why did you even then not respond? What use does Allah have for such studies? Acquiring religious knowledge is an obligation on the Muslim community as a whole, whereas avenging the cruelty and oppression that Muslims are undergoing is an individual obligation upon each one of us! The kuffaar are extremely preoccupied by their arrogant mission today. They know that this religion is true. I swear upon Allah, they see in it the truth yet knowingly strive to oppress and tyrannize us. We, on the other hand, are busy in our studies?! Merely praying five times a day: will this suffice?! No! I swear upon Allah, we will be questioned on the Day of Judgment about our neighborhood, beset with tyranny and oppression. The Islamic Emirate was stolen from us; the *entire* Emirate was snatched away, yet we took no heed. Will Allah not question us about this? Such a large number of Taliban and other Mujahideen made sacrifices for it: so many were arrested, so many martyred, and so many went missing. But what did we do? We continued to study, even then. For God's sake, now is not the time to study!

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The Noble Quran was extremely dishonored in Guantanamo Bay. So inhumanly was the Book of Allah burnt, its pages torn and even flushed down the toilets. One cannot imagine: what event, if not this, will possibly propel the Muslim youth towards Jihad?! Even the Word of Allah has been burnt and flushed today, yet there are young men who don't even try to take this path. For God's sake, it will be the same Quran that will complain to Allah about us on the Day of Judgment. It will say, "I was robbed of my honor yesterday, and they remained silent. They merely arranged a couple of processions in response! Was this all I deserved: a couple of processions in reply to the act of burning and flushing me?" If the Quran should raise this question on the Day of Judgment, what answer will we be able to give? Look at what happened in Shiberghan. Look at what happened in Masood's jail. I witnessed with my own sinful eyes the occasion when the brothers there were buried alive. It was the same Americans there, and the same apostates with them, and they buried our brothers alive to die screaming. If on the Day of Judgment they ask you, "We gave away our lives, what did you do?" what answer will you give them? For God's sake, O Muslims, come to your senses! Will you say on that day that the five daily prayers were enough for me? Or that serving my parents was all that was necessary? Look at your Prophet. Look at the Companions. Look at the graves of so many of them, and you'll find them scattered all around the world! Why? Because they journeyed only for the success of Allah's religion. But what do we have today? What good deeds have we stored up? None! We have none at all. That is why I request you to keep the banner of Jihad raised. Surrender your lives to Allah, and then see how Allah helps and supports you. You will feel pleasure in life. Grasp these weapons in your arms, for they are the believer's true adornment. At the Prophet's death, *six* swords were present in his

house. Throughout his life, he never ate his fill on three consecutive days, yet despite that, six swords used to hang in his house. Towards what does this motivate us?

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I communicate my will to my parents, as to do so is the Sunnah. May Allah bless you with patience and firmness and grant you the success of this life and the hereafter. I could not give you anything in this world; but now, with the blessings of the act I am about to undertake, I will enter heaven on the Day of Judgment, Allah willing, taking you with me.

The second part of my will to my parents is: do not weep when you hear the news of my martyrdom, because this is the path and this is the death that a believer yearns for. This is the death of glory. What death can be better than this, where Allah Himself takes my soul? It is said in a Hadeeth that when a person is martyred, Allah Himself takes his soul. What greater cause for rejoicing can there be? We all have to die one day. Allah has said in the Quran that when death comes upon someone, it arrives not a moment early nor a moment late. You are aware of the things I went through before this. But death was not decreed, so it did not arrive. As death was not decreed, Allah saved me from those close calls. And when it will arrive, one cannot be saved. So never be sad about my passing from this world. I proceed victorious and extremely fortunate, by the grace of Allah, and I state this with confidence.

As for my brothers: if, for the pleasure of Allah and the prosperity of His religion, they too ask your permission for Jihad, please do not forbid or stop them. This is the reality of this worldly life: today we have it, and tomorrow it will be lost. As for my nephews and nieces, teach all of them the skills that will help them serve Allah's religion, and will also benefit you in the hereafter. Regarding those who come to our house at my martyrdom: treat them with utmost reverence, so that they know that this is the path of the truth and that I have not given my life for some worldly gain. Imagine if I had died for this world, in some robbery or murder: how would it be for you? So thank Allah that He is accepting your son for His Cause. All praise is to Allah. And pray to Allah to grant me steadfastness, and to make Allah's pleasure the sole objective of what I am about to do, with nothing else polluting my intention. I wish to make this sacrifice only for Allah to be pleased with me and for His religion to prosper. I have no other objective.

(16) Agencies:

Assess the arrests throughout the world, and you will see that the largest number of Mujahideen has been arrested from Pakistan. The most arrests and murders of Mujahideen: where have they occurred? All of this has happened in *your* country. So for God's sake, Jihad is not a name for a struggle carried out under the influence of an intelligence agency. Jihad is what is carried out only and truly for the sake of the religion of Allah. Whatever hardship comes along the way for the sake of this religion, whether it be these Pakistani intelligence agencies or anything else, we have to fight it firmly. It isn't right that we be fighting in Kashmir in collaboration with these agencies. No! *These* are the hypocrites; *these* are the *true* hypocrites, clad in army uniforms. Come and see what a massive operation they are carrying out here in Waziristan. And we still call them Muslims?! How can they be Muslims?! Whom are they fighting? They are fighting the Mujahideen!

(17) (The enemies are scared of Jihad only):

Look at the abundance of different factions and movements in the Muslim world, all working for a common interest. Look at the Tablighi Jama'at, working all over the world: all praise is to Allah. Look at the Madrassas; look at the welfare organizations, all functioning throughout the globe. But today, who is it that America fears from beyond the seven seas? It is those who raise the banner of Jihad: America panics only at them. It only wants to finish them off. Jihad was the actual task of a Muslim. Inspect your history: as long as the Muslims kept the banner of Jihad aloft, they ruled the whole world. But when they forsook this banner of theirs and this obligation that was upon them...look at what Basra and Bukhara underwent. Even today we remember: the massacre of ninety thousand Scholars of Islam in a single day – a *single* day! Why did this happen? Weren't there madrassas present there? There were so many of them, but their inhabitants had become heedless of one thing, and that thing was the obligation of Jihad.

(18) Allah's support:

I swear by Almighty Allah, today we are heedless of this obligation of Jihad. If only we were to raise this banner and give away our lives to Allah. It was Allah who sent down His assistance through angels at Badr and Uhud; all praise is to Allah. And it is the same Allah today. What has changed is you and me. The change has just occurred in us. Allah is the same as ever, always ready to aid us. The words of a Qudsi Hadeeth say that each night Allah descends to the sky of this world [to answer the prayers of those who pray]. There He is, waiting to assist us, but we are the ones who have isolated ourselves of His mercy because of our sins, our foolishness and our love of this world, though these are not the characteristics of the believers. A Hadeeth of the Messenger (peace be upon him) says that this world is like prison for the believer and paradise for the kaafir.

(19) (Why are you carrying out a martyrdom operation?):

When I made the intention for this act, I received a lot of help from Allah. My decision to present my life to Allah is no big deal. I swear by the Almighty; if I had as many lives as I have hair on my body, I would have sacrificed them all. It would have made no difference to me. But I have just one life. The important thing is that Allah is pleased. This is the reason why I wish to give away my life to Allah. And the other objective of this act is that utmost damage be inflicted upon the kuffaar: such damage that they remember for generations that a Muslim neither fears death nor carries any love for this life. Only the religion of Allah is beloved to him. And it is this religion of Allah that gives us the courage to carry out martyrdom operations. What prepares a person for this? Allah's religion and nothing else. Today these kuffaar have everything. They lack no resources, so they are afraid of death. They want to live in this world forever; whereas a believer says, "O Allah, send for me today! Call me to Your Presence today and do not put it off until tomorrow!" This is the reason why I wish to present my life to Allah. To all those who hear this message: pray for me. And after me, persuade yourselves to do the same. By Allah, when you have talked yourselves into doing so, you'll see how the help and support of Allah comes down upon you.

(20) (Why are you carrying out a martyrdom operation 2):

If we study present circumstances, and especially the condition of the Muslim Ummah; and if we investigate the life of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) and the lives of his esteemed Companions, their followers and those who followed their followers, and all the sacrifices made by our elders for their religion to this day, we will reach the conclusion that until and unless a human being surrenders his life to Allah, he can neither serve the religion nor can he do much to harm the infidels and the hypocrites. When a person decides for the first time to present his life to Allah and give it away by his own hands, and persuades himself to perform this act, then Allah blesses him with His help. We must do as the esteemed Companions (may Allah be pleased with them all) did: whenever a caller used to call them towards war, and whenever the Messenger (peace be upon him) called upon them for battle, the Companions used to answer the call immediately – all of them. Not one or two, but every one of them longed to reach the Messenger first and sacrifice his life before anyone else. You are aware of the condition of the Muslim *Ummah* today. There is oppression everywhere. Look around the whole world, especially today: it will be the Muslims whom you will find under subjugation. Look around in any direction: if you find tyranny, you will discover that it is Muslims who are being tyrannized. What is the reason behind this? The reason is that the Muslim *Ummah* has forsaken the real mission that the Messenger (peace be upon him) gave to it. The Messenger said that as long as his nation keeps the banner of Jihad hoisted, fulfills this obligation and remains steadfastly upon it, it will dominate the whole world, but whenever the Muslims become heedless of this obligation, Allah will inflict humiliation upon them.

(21) Martyrdom Operations:

Look at Iraq. Why is each and every youth inclined towards martyrdom operations? Why are they using these tactics? It is because, first and foremost, this is a means by which a person meets his Lord. That's as far as the hereafter is concerned. As far as this world is concerned: look at the groupings of kuffaar; look at the amount of technology they have. Yet they lack the means by which to save themselves from these operations. They are stunned. Allah's religion, with which He has blessed and honored us, is such that it has freed us of the sorrows of this life as well as the anguish of death, and all praise is to Allah. The brothers who are enduring torment in Guantanamo; the many who are detained in the prisons of Afghanistan; the large numbers who have been imprisoned for so many years: for what are they suffering? For the sake of the religion of Allah only. And by God, the love of Allah in the hearts of those who have suffered torture for the sake of Allah is such that I just cannot explain to you. Only the person who comes to this path of Allah himself can taste the sweetness of this love and can experience its tranquility in his heart.

You'll become free of all worldly grievances. You'll have no worries concerning subsistence or any other troubles. But for God's sake, try to change your hearts. The chief element in the whole body of a person is the heart. Ask Allah for assistance. Then you will see how the help and support of Allah will be at your side, just as it was with the Esteemed Companions (may Allah be pleased with them all). Today, it is possible for Allah be at our side and His support to be with us in the same way – Allah willing – but on the condition that we purify our hearts, abstain from sins and present our lives for sacrifice in the Cause of Allah.

(22): Jihad and hardship:

If you wish to carry out Jihad and want to go out in the Cause of Allah, you'll have to sacrifice everything. This is the primary requirement. You'll have to leave everything.

You'll have to forsake worldly pleasures. You'll have to leave your home at all costs. And secondly, you will meet suffering in the way. Look at the life of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) and the lives of all the other Messengers, and you will come to know how much hardship they underwent. This is a sign of being on the truth. It is said in a Hadeeth of the Prophet (peace be upon him) that whoever Allah loves most is tested most. And Allah Himself says:

"Do ye think that ye shall enter the Garden without such [trials] as came to those who passed away before you? They encountered suffering and adversity, and were so shaken in spirit that even the Messenger and those of faith who were with him cried, 'When [will come] the help of Allah?'" (al-Baqarah; 214)

And then what did Allah say?

"Ah! Verily, the help of Allah is [always] near!"

Allah burdened the Esteemed Companions (may Allah be pleased with them all) with such difficult trials that even they asked, "O Allah! When will your help come? When will your help come?" Serving the religion and handling our households at the same time: this cannot be done, my friends! My last will and advice to you is this: keep the banner of Jihad raised high, and sacrifice your body, soul and everything you have for it.