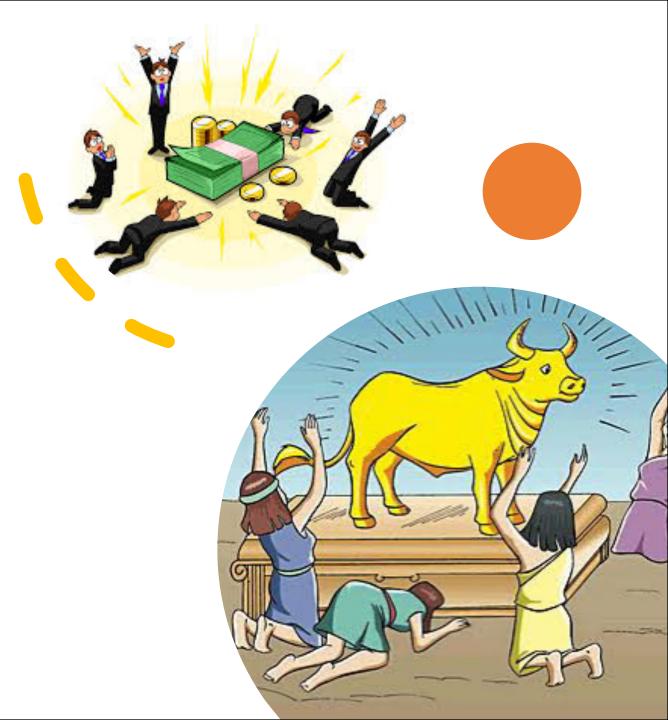


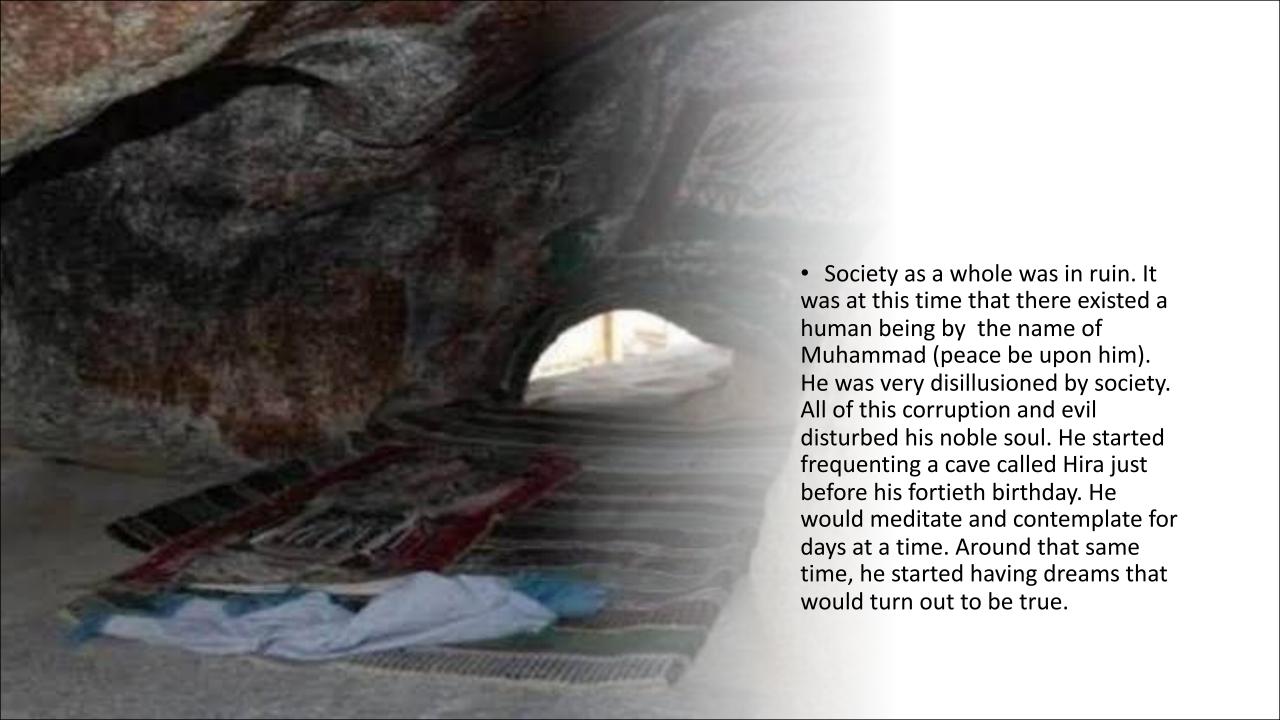
• Laylatul Quadr is in these last days, and Muslims across the globe will be giving their best in trying to attain the pleasure of Allah and forgiveness for all their sins. • Why is it that Allah says that this night is better than a thousand months?



What impact did it have?

• Lavlatul Qadr was made special by Allah more than 1,400 years ago in the middle of the Arabian desert. It was a society full of corruption and hatred. There was not only the false belief in idols and idol worship inside the House of Allah itself, but even more! Prostitution was common. People were cheated in the marketplaces. Men would often cheat their wives and have no remorse about it. People would be killed for petty reasons and there would be no retribution or justice. The strong overpowered the weak, and slavery was widespread.







• Solitude in the cave of Hira' became more and more beloved to him over time. Then one night as he was there in meditation and contemplation, he saw a very bright light. And a tremendous creature came and said: "Read!"



- Muhammad a man of the desert had no idea about how to read or write. He duly replied:
- "I am not able to read"

- The creature, who was the angel Jibreel, gave him a tight squeeze. It was so tight that Muhammad thought he would choke to death. Then he was released and the angel said again:
- "Read!" Muhammad replied again as he had before: "I am not able to read."

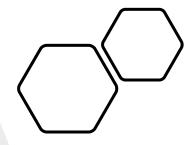


• The angel squeezed him again, until he thought he would choke, and released him. The order was repeated "Read!" He replied again the same: "I am not able to read." Jibreel (peace be upon him) gave Muhammad (peace be upon him) another tight squeeze before letting him go. This time, he said more, he recited words that were so purely Arabic but not at all human speech. The angel recited, the meaning of which is: {Read in the name of your Lord who created. Created man from an embryo. Read and your Lord is Most Honorable and Generous. The One who has taught by the Pen. Taught man that which he had no knowledge of.} (Quran 96:1-5)

First revelation, at Mt. Hira', near Mecca, 26th-27th Ramadan 610:

Qur'an 96: 1-5:

- Read in the name of thy Lord who created.
- Created man from a blood-clot.
- Read, for thy Lord is the Most Generous,
- Who taught by the pen,
- Taught man that which he knew not.

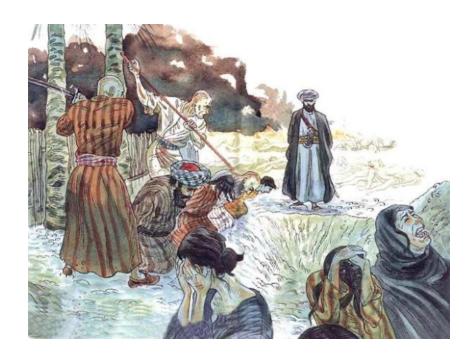


• This was what happened on the Night of Al-Qadr. Without any exaggeration, in the history of humankind the greatest night is probably this night. Its implications for humanity are so far-reaching that is not possible to fathom for any of us. Allah, the All-Mighty, the Most Powerful, the Owner of all that exists, the King of Kings and Creator of all Creation communicates His last message to mankind on that night. From above the seven heavens, Allah sent down what is described as "guidance and mercy".





• All that we have today, all that we do of prayers (salat), charity and anyother goodness, has its root in that fateful night of al-Qadr many many years ago. All the technological discoveries that the Muslims did later on that allowed the West to flourish all had their base on that fateful night. That night Allah sent a message that turned the war-mongering Arabs into the greatest generation of humans that ever walked the face of this earth. That was the Night of Al-Qadr.





• When we reflect on how grand that Night was, how much it changed humanity, it actually seems like an understatement that Allah said that it is greater than a thousand months! Along that same chain of thought, many scholars actually do say that "thousand" here is actually a metaphor for "a lot". Allah knows best. So what is the significance of this night?



May this day bring you peace, tranquility and harmony.

- Allah talks about Laylat us Quadr inSurah Al-Qadr of the Quran, and following is a summary of what He says:
- · It is the night in which the Quran was revealed
- The night of Qadr is better than a thousand months for worship
- Multitudes of angels and the angel Jibreel himself descend to the earth on that Day
- The command and decree of Allah is sent down for the next year
- Peace and tranquility is on that night until the break of dawn





The time when Allah comes down to the lowest part of Heaven by His knowledge and asks if someone is calling on Him arwants something.

On this night, a single act of kindness gives the blessings of 1,000 months.

• This year, let us look at Laylatul Qadr a bit differently. Let us understand the grand and magnificent value of a night that is so great and majestic.Let us truly indulge in the last ten nights seeking it and finding it. May Allah bless us all with an accepted Laylatul Qadr.



• Narrated Abu Huraira: The Prophet (**) said, "Whoever fasted the month of Ramadan out of sincere Faith (i.e. belief) and hoping for a reward from Allah, then all his past sins will be forgiven, and whoever stood for the prayers in the night of Qadr out of sincere Faith and hoping for a reward from Allah, then all his previous sins will be forgiven."





- Narrated `Aisha:
- Allah's Messenger said,
- "Search for the Night of Qadr in the odd nights of the last ten days of Ramadan."

• Narrated Aisha:With the start of the last ten days of Ramadan, the Prophet (ﷺ) used to tighten his waist belt (i.e. work hard) and used to pray all the night, and used to keep his family awake for the prayers.



- Some of the things Muslims do during that night is they:
- Recite the Quran because the Quran was sent down in the Night of the Decree.
- Also they're making istighfar, asking for forgiveness from Allah. Soimagine if you're asking for forgiveness for 83 ears straight continuously!
- Offering extra rakahs of prayers.
- Making plenty of du'aand there is actually a specific du'a that was taught by ProphetMuhammad (peace be upon him) to his wife Aisha: Aisha said: "O messenger of Allah. What do you think I should say in my supplication if I come upon Laylatul Qadr?" He said: Say: Allahumma innaka afuwwuntuhibbu al afwa fa'fu anni. (O Allah You are forgiving and loveforgiveness so forgive me.)





Authentic Signs for Laylatul Qadr

It will be a soft, peaceful night. The moon will look like a plate. In the last ten nights on the odd nights.

There is a possibility of rain.

Sunrise for the next morning will be special.

The Signs of Laylatu-l-Qadr



• 1- A Peaceful Night It's a pleasant night and we know it's going to be a pleasant night from that same Quran verse:Peace it is until the emergence of dawn. (97:5)



• 3- In the Last Odd NightsThe night is in the last ten nights on the odd nights: 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th of Ramadan.



• 4- There is Possibility of Rain

- So there are narrations where Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) did mention that he dreamed about Laylatul-Qadr and in that dream he had prostrated and when he came up, his face was wet with rain water and mud. (Al-Bukhari, 813)
- Rain may fall either during the night or during the day of that night, and the weather will be pleasant.



• 5- The Sunrise for the Next
MorningNarrations say that it is
going to be a sun with no rays. So
that means it's a very weak sun, you
can look straight at it. But the
explanation for why, imam AnNawawi gave us two
explanations:Allah just wants it that
way. He wanted the sun to come up
in a very special way after a special
night.Because the amount of angels
filling the sky, they're actually
blocking the sunbeams.



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