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البصيرة THE INSIGHT

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This is a real-life incident which has been mentioned in the Noble Qur'ân. It happened during the life of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ when he was engaged in a discourse with some members of the Quraish tribe.

Ibn Umm Maktoom, a blind man gifted with spiritual insight, came to the Prophet with a query. Since the Prophet was busy at the time, he did not attend to the blind man. The latter walked away still groping for an answer.

It was on such an occasion that one of the *Sûrah* of the Noble Qur'ân (*Surat Abasa*, 80:1-10) was revealed in which Allâh the Almighty admonished the Prophet ﷺ for not paying attention to the blind man who was sincere to his faith.

“*Al-Baseer*”, or the one with true sight, illustrates the life of Ibn Umm Maktoom who had a rare insight which his wife could not detect. It was for this reason that she was



*In the Name of Allâh,
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful*

“Frowned and turned away. Because there came to him the blind man. And how can you know that he might become pure? Or he might receive admonition, and the admonition might profit him?” (80:1-4)

charmed by the show of wealth displayed by the Arabs of that time. Impressed by their riches, she would urge Ibn Umm Maktoom to go out and buy himself a new dress or some other trinkets for her own use. But he had no interest in the luxuries of this world, since his priorities were different.

This small book carries a message for all of us. It shows that we should not be carried away by the glitter of wealth and beauty. All this is a passing phase. Like the flashes of lightning which shine forth momentarily after which there is pitch darkness.

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The Insight

Would this life pass with no taste, no color, no light, no meaning? Is it darkness in the eyes and within the hearts?

Oh, what is this darkness that covers my life? What is this thick screen that blocks my vision?

They say that the sun rises everyday. I almost don't believe them. If the light spreads through the universe, then hearts will have been brightened by it and people would enjoy the warmth of love. If light covers the universe, then the clouds of darkness should have dissipated and the forces of transgression be destroyed.

Why then is there hatred and malice filling our souls? Why does malice and darkness extend to press on all the chests and throats. How does one kill his brother? How would a father bury his daughter alive? What are these wild wars among the Arab tribes that none can barely survive? Values are turned upside

down. To steal from the peaceful and to make raids upon them is considered a heroic act of bravery. To steal from the poor and take advantage of them is considered business. To kill girls is regarded as an honorable action. The treasures of the wealthy are full and spent on vain desires and drinking. The funds due to the poor are redirected and transferred to the pockets of those Jews who filled the land of the Arabs with their clubs and bars.

Ibn Umm Maktoom continues to think, question and talk to himself. Suddenly, he hears a noise. What is this noise?

His wife comes to him and says, "The sounds of horses and camels penetrate the quiet and fill the neighborhoods and roads of Makkah with life and energy, yet you are alone with these walls. It is the caravan from Syria, oh 'Amr. All of the people have went out to see what types of valuable merchandise it brought in." She started counting the many types the Quraish traders had brought back with them.

"They say they brought with them different kinds of silk from Jullaq, colorful fabrics, jewelry and bracelets from Busraa. They are displaying their wares in front of Dar-un-Nadwah. Stand up and go, for with them is what any eye might wish for?"

"The eye? But where is the eye that I can see with?"

"Pardon me dear, I didn't mean that. But go and buy yourself a new outfit to fix your appearance."

"It is myself that needs to be fixed, lady. I need a new body. Did they bring anything with them that might fix my body? Did they bring medicine that cures blindness? If they didn't, then I have no business with them."

"Go and clear your suppressed chest. Listen to their exciting talks about Syria and what treasures and beauty is there. Their talks at Dar-un-Nadwah are about the cold water they drank from rivers and running wells, about

