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**From the Qur'an:**

“Beautified (has been made) for people (humankind) the love of that which they desire – of women and sons, heaped-up sums of gold and silver, fine branded horses, and cattle and tilled land. That is the enjoyment of worldly life, but Allah has with Him the best return.”

“Say (O Muhammad!), “Shall I inform you of (something) better than that? For those who fear Allah will be gardens in the presence of their Lord beneath which rivers flow, wherein they (shall) abide eternally, and (shall have) purified spouses and approval from Allah.”

(*Surah Aal e Imran: Verses 14 & 15*)

**Selected Hadith:**

The Messenger of Allah (SAAW) is reported to have said:

“Avoid doing injustice to others, for on the Day of Judgment, it will turn into manifold darkness, and safeguard yourself against miserliness, for it ruined those who were before you. It incited them to murder and treating the unlawful as lawful.”

(*Sahih Muslim*)

All praise is due to Allah (SWT), and peace & blessing on his noble Messengers (AS), in particular, on the last of them all the blessed Prophet Muhammad (SAAW).

Let us tell you a story. It is a real one. Every once in a while, the ‘global elite’ assemble in a city called Davos in the Swiss Alps and participate, rather play-act, as ‘intellectuals’ as well as ‘philanthropists’ in what is known to us as the World Economic Forum (WEF). This year, the ‘Davos elite’ are play-acting as refugees, which according to an editorial published in The Trends Journal by Gerald Celente, is a ‘disgusting spectacle of small-minded rich people’!

The 2017 World Economic Forum annual meeting opened in the luxury resort town of Davos in the Swiss Alps. The theme of this year's gathering was “Responsive and Responsible Leadership”.

The Davos forum is often viewed as a meeting of the rich and powerful. At this year's forum participants will be able to pretend they are undergoing the same deprivation as refugees.

Notably, before the Davos forum opened, the charity Oxfam released a report into the growing gap between the rich and poor. According to the report, the eight richest people in the world now have the equivalent wealth to the poorest half of the world's population put together. Moreover, the reports also says that the ten biggest corporations now have greater earnings than 180 governments combined.

In our opinion, this is a camp for billionaires, and they are acting like they are little campers. These are the kind of people who put in place ‘no bullying zones’ in school in the West, as though it ought to stop the menace.

Moreover, it is cowardly of them, as well, because none of them talk about the cause and effect regarding the real reasons behind the great refugee crisis. None of them bother to recall the utter destruction of Iraq in an illegal war, which has killed over a million people to date. They do not talk about the destruction of Afghanistan, the longest war in U.S. and Nato history, and its fallout in terms of refugees. In their eyes it has nothing to do even with the fact that the US, NATO, and its coalition on one hand and the Russian military forces, the Syrian regime of Al-Assad and its allies on the other, together are responsible of killing and slaughtering people throughout Syria and forcing them to leave their homes...

Instead, according to an article published in the New York Times, this is how they take “Responsive and Responsible Leadership” for the refugee crises:

**“One notable event is a simulation in Davos of a refugee’s experience, where Davos attendees crawl on their hands and knees and pretend to flee from advancing armies. It is one of the most popular events every year.”**

(*Sources: NYT, Vanity Fair*)

The reenactment of the refugee plight is a popular event at the Davos forum?? When ‘that’ is a popular event in Davos this year, how about a popular event of being in a place where your home town is bombed to rubble, and your mother and father are being killed, and the ‘soldiers’ are raping your sisters? Could the ‘role-players’ of Davos deal with that?

All in all, the entire moot is a disgrace, and it shows us the level of inconsideration, arrogance, and myopic thinking of these little people with all of this money. Make no mistake that the World Economic Forum 2017 in Davos, Switzerland is disgusting spectacle, hands down!

Signing off...

Dr. Absar Ahmad (Chief Editor)

## Press Releases issued by Tanzeem e Islami

Date: January 27, 2017

**Lahore (PR): “The use of foul language and enactment of loutish deeds in the National Assembly are extremely shameful.”**

This was stated by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, Hafiz Aakif Saeed, during the Khitab e Jumu'ah at Qur'an Academy, Lahore. The Ameer noted even 70 years of exercise in the 'art' of democracy has not been able to instill 'Democratic Values' among our politicians. He added that foul and irrational statements are given only by those who lack the fundamental notion of being civilized and refined. The Ameer remarked that only Allah (SWT) knows the real instigators of the sorry incident that occurred in the National Assembly, however, our nation has seen a reflection of its collective moral standing, because those in the National Assembly are the elected representatives of the entire nation. He added that we were blindly following the ideals of Western democracy, which had very little in common with the Islamic Ideals, and consequently the vehicle of our state was constantly doing 'knocking' and moving haphazardly. The Ameer stated that we will have to adopt the ideals of Islamic civilization, Islamic social values and the Islamic System of polity as a whole or else we will keep becoming laughing stock for the entire world because the Western democracy of today was in no way in sync with our natural order of polity.

The Ameer said that in the last few days, the government had taken two actions, one of which was worth applauding while the other equally shameful. He said that the National Assembly had adopted the 2017 bill for making the education of the Holy Qur'an obligatory in all institutions, a step which we endorsed and duly praised. He said that the government ought to take steps as soon as possible to make the bill actionable materially, so that the nefarious designs of parts of our bureaucracy did not come in the way of its implementation.

The Ameer stated that on the other hand PM Nawaz Sharif, by allowing the import of Indian movies in Pakistan for viewership, had shamelessly and audaciously supplemented vulgarity and promiscuity in our society. He remarked that our society was already becoming devoid of decency and civility and the import of vulgar Indian movies would only add fuel to the fire. The Ameer concluded by stating our PM appeared to be in the grip of Allah's (SWT) displeasure, with his family being discussed in talk shows on TV every day, yet he appeared to be learning no lesson.



Date: January 20, 2017

**Lahore (PR): “Any form of amendment in the constitutional article or the legal procedure regarding the Blasphemy Law would never be acceptable to the Muslims of Pakistan.”**

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, Hafiz Aakif Saeed, in a statement. The Ameer noted that according to newspaper reports, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan was doing its 'homework' at various forums to introduce 'subtle' amendments to article 295/c (the article of the constitution regarding blasphemy law) in order to render it ineffective, because the regime knew that any major change or wholesale repeal of the article was impossible due to the emotional attachment of the Muslims of Pakistan with the issue. The fact of the matter is, he remarked, that even a non-practicing Muslim of Pakistan would never tolerate such amendments to the article whereby the capital punishment of the crime were substituted by life imprisonment or the registering of the First Investigation Report (FIR) of any incident falling under its domain were made so cumbersome that it became almost improbable in practice to register a case regarding the crime of blasphemy. The Ameer added that making such amendments to this law would only embolden and encourage people with wicked agendas to commit acts of blasphemy without the fear of being punished and would also make the government a facilitator in the heinous crime of committing blasphemy against the Holy prophet (SAAW).

The Ameer said that the anti-Islam 'axis of evil' operating in the world wanted to purge the sacred relation with the Holy prophet (SAAW) from the hearts and minds of Muslims. He remarked that possessing genuine love with the Holy prophet (SAAW) and following his (SAAW) saying, practices and methods unwaveringly was an absolute essential for the salvation of Muslims in this world and in the Hereafter, both at the individual and the collective levels. The Ameer warned the government that if any form of amendment was made to the blasphemy law of Pakistan, the Islamic parties and organizations of the country would initiate a unified movement against the regime.

The Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami praised and strongly supported the decision made by the provincial government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) that all public and private schools in the province would introduce the obligatory teaching of *Naz'irah* of the Holy Qur'an to children in classes up to five, and the Qur'an with translation to pupils of classes six through matriculation (*to Muslim children only*). He concluded by stating that it is hoped that this decision would not remain merely an announcement and would, in all earnestness, be enacted.



## Davos, Concentration of Wealth, and 8 people worth \$3.6billion

Around this time last year there were 62 of them. Today that number has shrunk to just eight to evince a troubling fact- the wealth of the world is getting concentrated in a fewer hands- 16 of them to be exact.

Let me ask you a question: What do six Americans- Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft, business magnate Warren Buffett; Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, co-founder of Oracle Larry Ellison, and businessman and former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg; Mexican business tycoon Carlos Slim Helu; and Spaniard Amancio Ortega have in common? The answer is: These eight billionaires own as much wealth as the half of world's population. You may write this extremely unjust distribution of wealth as 8=3.6 billion – in the language of mathematics that is.

The combined net worth, which basically means assets minus liabilities, of these eight richest men of the world adds up to a whopping \$ 426 billion plus. This is the breakdown: Bill Gates \$ 75 billion; Amancio Ortega \$67B, Warren Buffett \$60.8B, Slim Helu \$50B, Jeff Bezos \$ 45.2B, Jeff Bezos of Amazon \$ 45.2B, Mark Zuckerberg \$44.6B, Larry Ellison \$43.6B, and Michael Bloomberg \$40B.

This concentration of wealth in just 16 hands from 124 hands last year within just 364 days is horrific indeed. It is not only unjust but also unacceptable. And yet the billionaire boys, and girls, club which has decorated itself with such a fancy but highly misleading title like World Economic Forum is keeping awake some 11,000 residents of Davos, an otherwise sleepy resort town in Swiss Alps, awake to cater to the whims and fancies of over 2,500 global elites from 90 countries- including top level representation from Pakistan with prime minister in attendance personally. Though the majority of people attending the overly expensive and silly gala are corporate executives around two dozen heads of state and government are also there.

The question is: Just what good attending the hobnobbing event and rubbing shoulders with the billionaire boys and girls at Davos would do to the country. And secondly, why could explain the squandering away the taxes paid by the impoverished people of this country so lavishly for an event which obviously offers no benefit for a people who are being forced to survive on their own without the least help from the government? But let us put that off for some other time.

This concentration of global wealth in the hands of just eight individuals is truly obscene in a world where the number of working poor is on a constant rise, the employment opportunities continue shrinking, the jobs layoffs have become a routine, the workers are forced to work longer hours for lesser pay, the rulers everywhere continue imposing more and more oppressive taxes, the cost of living is incessantly climbing, the unemployment is of the rise, the job incentives and facilities have taken a severe beating, all kinds of sweat shops continue mushrooming.

The squalid back office of democracy- capitalism has turned the world into a global village where there are just races exist- the masters and the slaves. The situation is the same everywhere. Remember the Occupy Wall Street in the bastion of democracy, capitalism, secularism, liberalism, and neocons- the Europe and the US? Could public frustration, anger, rage, mistrust, and cry for economic and financial justice be any more pronounced?

The Davos Forum is simply a gala aimed at fostering a sense of kinship and harmony among the global elites. The representatives of world's rich; including Facebook CEO Sheryl Sandberg and Chinese billionaire founder of Alibaba Jack Ma who are expected to attend the gala- are lavishing it out in Davos with champagne bottles being popped out, the buckets after buckets of caviar, and an extravagantly expensive gala to let the rich of the world hobnob. These are the elites who continue minting money even during periods of high inflation or recession.

It is being said that the world economy is taking off. The questions are: Do the poor have any take in it, secondly if not why not, and for whom? Does the landing of thousands of private jets- some 1,700 of them landed in Davos in January last year- would mean anything to the world's poor and the marginalized everywhere including even those living in some of what are being called the most developed nations of the world?

The global elite has gathered in Davos putting on a mask to talk about poverty and they may also pledge to throw out some crumbs in charity despite evading taxes where due by stashing their wealth in offshore companies - taxes that could fuel national economies in real by delivering acutely needed education and healthcare facilities.

Alas nothing good for the poor and the marginalized could be expected to come out of Davos because the sermons are sermons and moving speeches are moving speeches good only for getting reported and published in print media and extravagant digital show.

Believe it or not, that's what Davos is all about. Anyone expecting anything more lives in a fool's paradise.

*Written by: Syed M. Aslam*

## Feature article... Man with a Vision

Dr. Israr Ahmad was born in Haryana (India) on 26th April 1932. He completed his high school from Haryana and matriculated with distinction from Punjab University. He witnessed the creation of Pakistan and was associated with the movement in his school and college life. During his medical education from King Edward Medical College Lahore (1950-54), he became a student leader and was elected head of the Islami Jamiat al-Tulaba, a student organisation. Later he joined the Jamaat-e-Islami but resigned in 1957 because of policy differences. In 1965, he did his MA in Islamic Studies from the Karachi University and topped the list of successful candidates.

He remained closely associated with Moulana Maududi (d. 1979) and Amin Ahsan Islahi (d. 1997) – two great scholars of the last century. He also drew inspiration from the works of Shah Wali Ullah (d. 1762), Mahmud al-Hasan Deobandi (d. 1920), Hamid al-Din Farahi (d. 1930) and Abu al-Kalam Azad (d. 1958).

From early high school days, he was exposed to revolutionary literature of the Jammat-e-Islami (JI) and Moulana Maududi. The blend of Iqbal's intense poetry and the brilliant essays of Mawdudi acted as a catalyst for the structural framework of Islam's politico-socio-economic system in his mind and he espoused the same, till he breathed his last.

Dr. Israr left Jamaat-e-Islami in 1957, rather, was deliberately shown the door, though parting was a better way forward. In 1957, when a meeting of a JI "shoora" was held in Machigote, Pakistan, it was decided that one with differing views cannot be a part of gathering committee (Arkaan-e-jamaat ijtema), cannot share his differences with any "rafeeq" and neither is entitled to write a word of difference. This kind of decree was unbearable to any sane person and he had left his flourishing medical profession and devoted it to the pious cause of Islam.

In 1972 he helped establish the Markazi Anjuman Khuddam-ul-Qurân in Lahore, and Tanzeem-e-Islami was founded in 1975, and Tahreek-e-Khilafat Pakistan was launched in 1991. He expressed his contentment upon knowing that Iqbal also wished for an organisation which would purely produce students whose roots are deep in Quran, fully equipped with western philosophy and contemporary subjects.

Dr. Israr Ahmad first appeared on Pakistan Television in 1978 in a program called Al-Kitab; this was followed by other programs, known as Alif Lam Meem, Rasool-e-Kamil, Umm-ul-Kitab and the most popular of all religious programs in the history of Pakistan Television, the Al-Huda, which made him a household name throughout Pakistan. His television lectures generally focused on the revitalisation of the Islamic faith through studies of the Quran. Dr. Israr Ahmad also criticised modern democracy and the electoral system and argued that the head of an Islamic state can reject the majority decisions of an elected assembly.

Dr. Israr Ahmad was awarded the Sitara-i-Imtiaz in 1981. He has to his credit over 60 Urdu books on topics related to Islam and Pakistan, 29 of which have been translated into English and other languages.

"Islam is not a mere 'religion' of values, beliefs and dogmas but an all-encompassing worldview, its 'Al-Deen', meant to supersede all other isms and schisms," was a profound statement, propagated and disseminated by Dr. Israr Ahmad. He stressed that the need is more evident and urgent than before for Muslims to revert back to Quran. As provocative as he may have been in his lectures, Dr. Israr brought essence and importance of Islam's politico-socio-economic system back into vogue in the public sphere, after Maududi's essays. He confronted the Muslim apologists head on and impressed the most powerful rulers of Muslim world to break the shackles of western enslavement and present true picture of Islam in front of the world. He had a good command on Urdu and English languages and words would flow magically from his mouth and he believed in this magic not because he was aware of his skill but because he understood that Islam had won hearts over centuries through the powerful and peaceful strength of its spoken words and not through the hoofs of its horses. He vehemently said that Quran is the "ultimate constitution of world, the final testament, the perfect manifesto", revealed to mankind to create just world order. He used to say Quran contains divine music, so "recite it beautifully, memorise it, understand it at a philosophical level and debate with Non-Muslims through this Quran and go out all guns blazing".

But unfortunately, Muslims are still in the deep slumber, chasing the western mirage, which is nothing but a charade. Dr. Israr Ahmad was possessed by the philosophy and divine music of Quran and approached it very objectively. Any person who has listened to his lectures or read his exegesis and books would simultaneously have learned two lessons, one on Quran and second on Iqbal. It was out of sheer brilliance that he used Iqbal to such a good effect in his lectures and created a frequency, wherein he related almost all his couplets with every theme of the Quran.

From PTV to Peace TV, Dr. Israr came to be known as living spirit of Quran, who would preach and practice Quran by keeping up with Islamic tradition and would call a spade a spade.

One can have difference of opinion on many issues with Dr. Israr based on the knowledge and wisdom but it can't be denied that he was another flicker on the horizon who untiringly offered his invaluable services for an Islamic renaissance. I am one among those fortunate students who was brought on the path of Islam by Dr. Israr and continue to work towards his vision. Alongside this sublime endeavor, he continues to be my spiritual mentor.

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