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## Welcome Message

We wish that you and the community are well. We hope you will enjoy this issue of the News Journal, and you will share it with your family and friends. If you have your own list please forward this News Journal to your list.

The July 2020 issue contains the following articles.

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## A Commentary on Approaches to COVID-19 World-Wide

Source: Research Department, The Muslim Voice Project.

The COVID-19 pandemic has swept all countries and all people across the world. While the health risks to all humans are the same, the results across the world are quite diverse. Similarly, all economies of the world have been brought to their knees, the details are, however, quite diverse. We have analyzed the data carefully. The results are summarized here for the benefit of the community.

When COVID-19 infections started in China in mid-November 2019, its deadliness was not appreciated in the rest of the world. Rest of the world merely watched, as if it was a Chinese problem. But the infectious disease soon spread to Iran and then Italy, creating havoc. That was the real wake-up call for Europe and USA. It was now obvious that COVID-19 was not a Chinese problem. It was knocking Europe down too.

Until now, Europe was just watching. It was receiving data and information from China but they did little, if anything, with that data. So, when COVID-19 started to knock Europe down, Europe panicked. Their behavior was even more panicky than the approach taken by China. In China the methodology was scientific, calm and determined. On the other hand, Europe was neither calm nor determined. Europe was not even scientific in dealing with the problem.

So, what did Europe do? Europe was acting like an ostrich, burying its head and hoping that the problem will go away. But it did not go away. Further, Europe did not behave in a scientific manner. For example, they did virtually nothing with the data that they had received from China; they did no research on how best to deal with COVID-19. However, they loudly complained that China was not being transparent, and was not providing all the data. This was business as usual, politicizing the reality.

When it came for Europe to let the rubber hit the road in January, Europe was as unprepared as China had been back in November. Almost two months were wasted in dragging feet and seeing the reality through the anti-China lens. Europe was left with no alternative except to copy-cat the Chinese approach to COVID-19.

The result was devastating. The situation was a chaotic disaster. The loss of life far exceeded in Italy than it was in China, even though China has far larger population. The economy of Italy started to tank, while in China the economy was taking off afresh.

The entire Europe is in these shoes, what a shame for the part of the world that proudly calls itself the First World and calls others the Third World.

There are two minor differences. Sweden took an arrogant approach. It felt it could ignore the problem, and let the life in the country continue as if nothing was happening. The result was an excessive loss of life, especially for its most vulnerable population in the Senior Homes. The second difference is Germany.

Before COVID-19 hit Italy, it had already devastated Iran. What did Iran do? It did not copy-cat the Chinese methods, in contrast to what the Europeans did a month later. Instead, Iran used the Chinese methods surgically, and scientifically. Thus, Iran kept the human cost and the economic cost both under checks. Turkey did a very similar approach, proceeding scientifically, analyzing the data carefully and applying the surgical approach

Germany in Europe was observing both the Chinese methods as well as the methods developed by the two Muslim countries. Germany followed the model developed by the Muslims. The rest of Europe as well as USA were too ignorant and arrogant, and indeed they are paying the price for that ignorance and arrogance.



## A Discourse on the Purpose of Life

Reference: <https://www.understanding-islam.com/jinn-and-men-created-for-worship-or-for-hell/>.

In one of his articles<sup>1</sup> Mr. Jochen Katz has pointed out a contradiction in *Al-Zaariyaat* 51: 56 and *Al-Aa`raaf* 7: 179.

*Al-Zaariyaat* 51: 56 reads as:

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

I have not created Jinn and men but for worshipping Me.

While, *Al-Aa`raaf* 7: 179 reads as:

وَلَقَدْ ذَرَأْنَا لِجَهَنَّمَ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسِ ط

And We have raised many among the Jinn and Men for Hell.

Mr. Katz writes:

It would be no problem to say that all of them were created to worship and serve God, but because they have free will and some or many decided to disobey they will be punished in Hell. But to state that **many were made for Hell** is an obvious contradiction to the first statement – or else we must conclude that they were created in order to serve Allah in Hell, but this would require a serious shift in the understanding of the meaning of Hell as well as the issue of justice in who is sent to hell.

As far as the first cited verse is concerned, its implication is quite clear. It declares that God created Jinn and men for the purpose of worshipping Him. However, the confusion has been caused by a misinterpretation of the Arabic prefix “لِ” – translated as ‘for’ – in the second cited verse. Mr. Katz has, apparently, interpreted it to imply ‘for the purpose of’, in exactly the same way, as it has been implied in the first cited verse. This interpretation has resulted in a conflict of the contents of the two cited verses, as, according to this interpretation, both the stated verses mention the purpose of the creation of men and jinn and the mentioned purpose in one verse is different from that mentioned in the other.

However, it is important to note that the Arabic prefix “لِ”, very much like its English counterpart ‘for’ is used in extremely diverse implications. One of the many implications of “لِ” is ‘For the ultimate destiny of’. This usage is clearly supported in the following poetic verses:

ألا كل مولود فـللموت يولد ولست أرى حيا عليها يـلد

(كما في “البحر المحيط” تحت تفسير الأعراف: ١٧٩)

Behold, all that are born are born for [the destiny] of death. I have not seen any living being, who is born for eternal living.

In another verse, a poet says:

فللموت تغدو الوالدات سخالها كما لخراب الدهر تبني المساكن

(كما في “البحر المحيط” تحت تفسير الأعراف: ١٧٩)

For [the ultimate destiny of] death do the girls raise their children; just as for [the ultimate] desertion are the houses constructed.

*Ali Ibn Abi Talib* (ra) has said in one of his poetic verses:

له ملك ينادي كل يوم لدوا للموت وابنوا للخراب

(ديوان الإمام علي بن أبي طالب، ص ٤٤)

Many an angel calls out to [remind] you every day: You give birth for [the ultimate destiny of] death and you construct buildings for [ultimate destiny of] desertion.

Keeping the foregoing explanation in perspective, a mere correction of the translation of the two cited verses should resolve the contradiction pointed out by Mr. Katz.

The first cited verse should be translated as:

I have not created Jinn and men but for the purpose of worshipping Me.

While the second cited verse should be translated as:

And We have raised many among the Jinn and Men for the ultimate destiny of Hellfire.

The first verse stipulates the purpose of the creation of Jinn and men, while the second verse informs us that a large number of Jinn and men are destined for the growling fires of hell.

1. The complete article titled 'Will Jesus burn in Hell?' may be accessed at: <http://www.answering-islam.org/Quran/Contra/qj031.html> [[↗](#)]



## Muslim News Digest

Source: Research Department, The Muslim Voice Project

### Islamic Iran issues arrest warrant for Trump over drone strike that killed Qasem Soleimani.

**(CNN)**Iran has issued an arrest warrant for US President Donald Trump over the drone strike that killed a top Iranian general in January, the semi-official Fars news agency reported Monday.

Trump is one of 36 people Iran has issued arrest warrants for in relation to the death of Qasem Soleimani, commander of the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps (IRGC), according to Fars, but the Tehran attorney general Ali Alqasi Mehr said Trump was at the top of the list.

Mehr claimed Trump would be prosecuted as soon as he stands down presidency after his term ends, Fars reported.

Iran also said it had asked Interpol to issue a Red Notice for these 36 individuals, semi-official state news agency ISNA reported, though it was unlikely that Interpol would grant the request.

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### Major West Bank annexation move not imminent, Israeli minister signals

JERUSALEM (Reuters) - An Israeli minister played down on Tuesday the likelihood of major moves to annex Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank on July 1, the planned start date for cabinet debate on the issue.

Zeev Elkin, a member of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party, said Israel still did not have the green light it seeks from Washington to begin extending its sovereignty to parts of the West Bank, territory Palestinians seek for a state.

Netanyahu said in a speech he had met U.S. Ambassador David Friedman and White House adviser Avi Berkowitz to discuss "the sovereignty question," adding: "We are working on it in these very days and will continue working on it in the coming days."

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## **Turkey, Italy to cooperate in Libya for permanent peace**

We will continue to cooperate with Italy for permanent peace in Libya, Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu said during a news conference with his Italian counterpart Friday.

The minister stated that Turkey will continue to work with Italy for permanent peace and a political process that will bring about results in Libya.

"We are thankful to Italy for not siding with putschist Gen. Khalifa Haftar in Libya, unlike many other countries," Çavuşoğlu said.

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## **An Appeal**

We at The Muslim Voice Project have been providing valuable service to the community since 2018. We are dedicated. As the saying goes: If the Trumpet blows and you are in the middle of planting a tree, finish planting the tree before attending to the Trumpet. We will continue our work, as long as we possibly can. May Allah grant us strength and create resources for us.

We are at the end of our rope regarding the financial resources and volunteer participation. We are dedicated to the community. However, the community is not coming forward. Tomorrow when Allah asks you about your role, you will need an answer.

1. We are sending you this News Journal.
2. We maintain our email servers to send you this bulk email.
3. We maintain our webservers for the archive websites.
4. We maintain our blog servers for Muslim Voice sites.

Each thing costs money for the computer systems, the software systems, and maintenance systems. And how much help did the community offer us? Please ask yourself what have you contributed?

Muslim Organizations in North America are closed. They are by invitation only. For example, ISNA does not welcome uninvited contributions to its bimonthly magazine, The Horizon. The speakers at ISNA

conventions are not openly selected on the basis of an open process in which the community can participate and contribute.

We at The Muslim Voice Project are the only organization that is completely open. We welcome contributions from the organizations, mosque imams, mosque boards, mosque congregations, and all individuals. We have multiple forums where you can contribute. We have this News Journal to which you can submit articles. We have The Muslim Voice Publishing House where you can freely publish your articles, books, and multimedia. We have free websites and blogs servers where you can have your own websites and blogs, and express yourself as you prefer.

And we made all these platforms completely open. That is because we want Muslims to come together. We want Muslims to unify; we want them to think together regarding the problems and opportunities, as well as towards unified plans and actions. That is why we run these platforms free to make everyone feel welcome. All we ask is for voluntary donations.

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## Afghan War and Bin Laden Bookshelf

In hundreds of confidential interviews that constitute a secret history of the war, U.S. and allied officials admitted they veered off in directions that had little to do with al-Qaeda or 9/11. By expanding the original mission, they said they adopted fatally flawed warfighting strategies based on misguided assumptions about a country they did not understand.

The result: an unwinnable conflict with no easy way out.

---- Washington Post

How will you win a war whose leaders are pessimistic and whose soldiers are committing suicide?

As for us, jihad against the tyrants and the aggressors is a form of great worship in our religion. It is more precious to us than our fathers and sons. Thus, our jihad against you is worship, and your killing us is a testimony. Thanks to God, Almighty, we have been waging jihad for 30 years, against the Russians and then against you. Not a single one of our men has committed suicide, whereas every 30 days 30 of your men commit suicide.

Continue the war if you will.

----- Usama bin Muhammad bin Ladin.

### Truth about Afghan War

Source: Special US Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR)

SIGAR conducted numerous interviews with important players in Afghanistan. Many of these interviews were candid and offered a picture of the Afghanistan War that is very different from the publicly released information. Using the SIGAR material, the Washington Post journalist Craig Whitlock wrote a series of articles.

For this issue of the News Journal we present the article titled: [STRANDED WITHOUT A STRATEGY](#) which shows that *Bush and Obama had polar-opposite plans to win the war. Both were destined to fail.*

### Bin Laden Bookshelf

Source: US Directorate of National Intelligence

The Intelligence Agency released the Bin Laden documents for the American People.

103 documents were released on May 20, 2015. The translation from the original hand written notes in Arabic is provided by the US Government.

In this issue of the News Journal we have included the document titled: [Letter to the American People](#) from Usama Bin Muhammad Bin Ladin.

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