

There are many hadiths about crying and lamenting in muharram

**BUT**

Should they really be taken at face value? Does that mean I can sin 355 days a year as long as I cry for the 10 days of Muharram?



OR does it mean Islam is like Christianity, where Salvation is through a person?



because of Hussain (A.S)'s death, all my sins are forgiven.

Such AS:



Every Mu'min, whose eyes shed tears upon the killing of Husayn Ibn Ali (A.S)... Allah shall accommodate him in the elevated rooms of paradise. Yanaabe 'al-Mawaddah pg. 419.

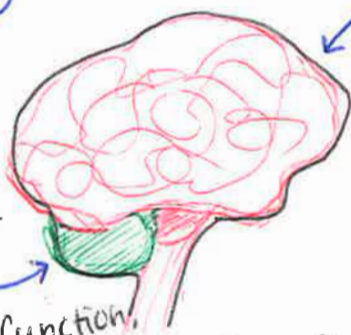


NO! of course not! These hadiths are true, but they are only part of the bigger picture.

Let's delve deeper into these ahadith so that we can come to an understanding about them.

The CEREBELLUM is a single part of the brain, just like these hadiths are only a part of Islam.

By itself it CANNOT function. Just like we need all the parts in order to reach PERFECTION!



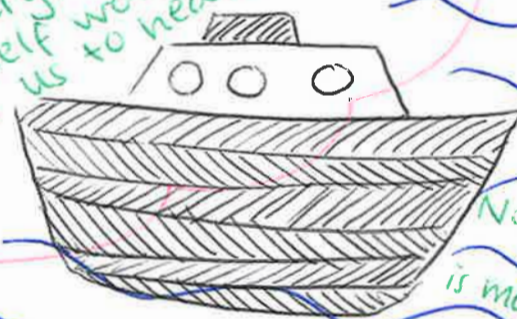
IMAGINE ... The BRAIN

A Brain without a cerebellum = an uncoordinated and sluggish person.

a religion based on only fragments = imperfection ≠ true Islam.

So crying by itself won't get us to heaven?

ISLAM IS THE PERFECT RELIGION OF GOD.



Yup, crying isn't Noah's Ark there is more to the STORY....

When we have the complete idea, we are able to understand the purpose behind it.

مثل أهل بيتي  
كسفينة نوح من  
ركبها نجا ومن تخلف  
عنها غرق وهوي



So why did the prophet (SWAT) refer to Ahl al-bayt as Noah's ark? There are three key points to Noah's story. (as found in the Quran)

Noah's warning of the great flood. SIGNS

Family

Nuh, needs to bring with him both family & believers upon the Ark.

While people called Noah a liar, once the sign's/warning's became a reality, people ceased to call Noah a liar, yet they still refused to believe. This is best demonstrated through the Quran's reference to Nuh's son, who knew the truth but was too arrogant to admit it.

in the end Allah tells Nuh that his son is not his 'family'!

So belief brings us together as a 'family' closer than biological ties. As Muslims are we acting on protecting this family?

Our brain immediately processes the facts and reaches the truth. Sometimes our arrogance overrides the need for us to admit the truth.

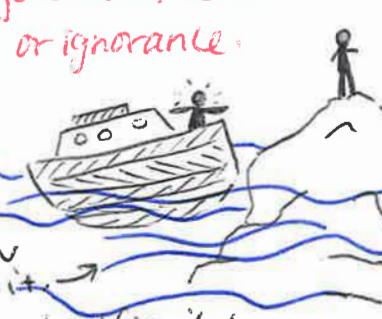
The heart is IN CONTROL  
↳ while you can't change what your brain perceives, your heart is what decides which path you take, be it belief or ignorance.

The requirement of bringing in 2 and pair of each animal to the ark.

Nuh had to think beyond those immediately around him. Allah ordered him to take responsibility and ensure that life (of the animals) is sustained.


↳ We too need to be responsible for the world around us, whether for the environment, for animals, for people who are in dire needs, for that was part of Ahl Al-bayt's work and role on earth. If we want to follow them we must do the same.

زوجان





Intellect → symbolised by 

Emotions/belief → symbolised by 

Eassa → medicine  
Ibrahim → religion  
Muhammed → eloquence

Intellect varies

and each prophet discussed religion & God with a different intellectual manner.



How can I worship a star if it disappears?  
Should I worship the moon instead?  
What can a stone do for us?



LOGICAL ARGUMENTS FOR HIS PEOPLE

SO WHAT ARE OUR PROBLEMS?  
HOW CAN WE APPEAL TO THE INTELLECT OF TODAY?

1.  Listen

and then understand 

2. Everyone is different, each has a different intellectual capacity.

DOES  = ?

Some people require many explanations, while others will understand almost immediately.

Following these two steps we are able to appeal to those around us with the arguments they understand.

ARE WE HELD ACCOUNTABLE ALL IN THE SAME WAY??? OR ARE WE HELD ACCOUNTABLE BASED ON OUR CAPACITY???



first principles that the people can relate to

Then, slowly remove and prohibit.  
NOT GOOD = 

So when we approach someone today we need to slowly help, guide and inform, Not flood them because of measure and misunderstandings.

HOW TO EXPLAIN???

↳ Musa & the magicians.



CLAIM: PROPHET!!



↳ haven't seen the evidence yet.



CLAIM: GOD!

So can the magicians be considered Kafireen??





because they fell to prostration upon seeing & confirming the evidence/miracles.  
Heart + mind in full submission.

HOWEVER: Firon KNEW that Musa was a prophet.

Every time a miracle came:  
Please save us from calamity and I will believe in God.



But as soon as another miracle was performed, Firon returned to his habit.

Can we still appreciate the true beauty of the Quran?  
(Not in a world of  )

IT'S OK, GOD will forgive me in the end.

LIKE A SMOKER. they know smoking is bad yet they continue. ↳ to ease the tension between

we need to develop with the world and unite so that we can face the common enemy.

It takes time, patience and understanding.

atheism



one more won't hurt right?

seriously, they refuse to admit and follow.

and they make EXCUSES.



LASTLY, make the most dramatic change. But they are now no longer a shock!

We need to learn from the prophets and reappropriate their methods so that they work for the 21st century as well!

We need to ANSWER the questions of our youth!





APPLICABLE TODAY:

Principles, debates etc.

NOT the actual arguments of 'their' intellectual capacity.

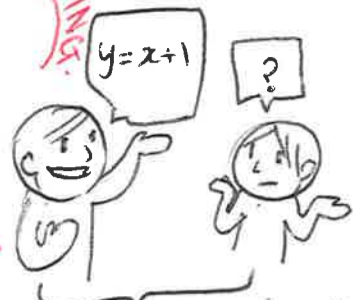
سلمان و ابوذر

Abu thar and Salman

KEY FACTORS OF UNDERSTANDING

INFORMATION

KNOWLEDGE



We don't have the same levels of knowledge & info. Access, era and age will affect what we know.

BEST EXAMPLE GIVEN IN

Quran

There is NOTHING wrong with saying: I DON'T KNOW

Companions of the prophet who had different intellectual capacities.

what Salman knew would be unfathomable to Abu Thar.



Salman has secret knowledge

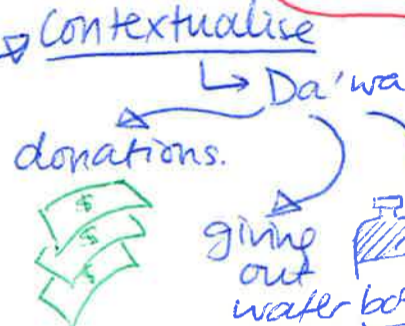
سورة vs خيرة

a missing link of information = makes all the difference!!!

HUSSAINI RITUALS

have a time and place

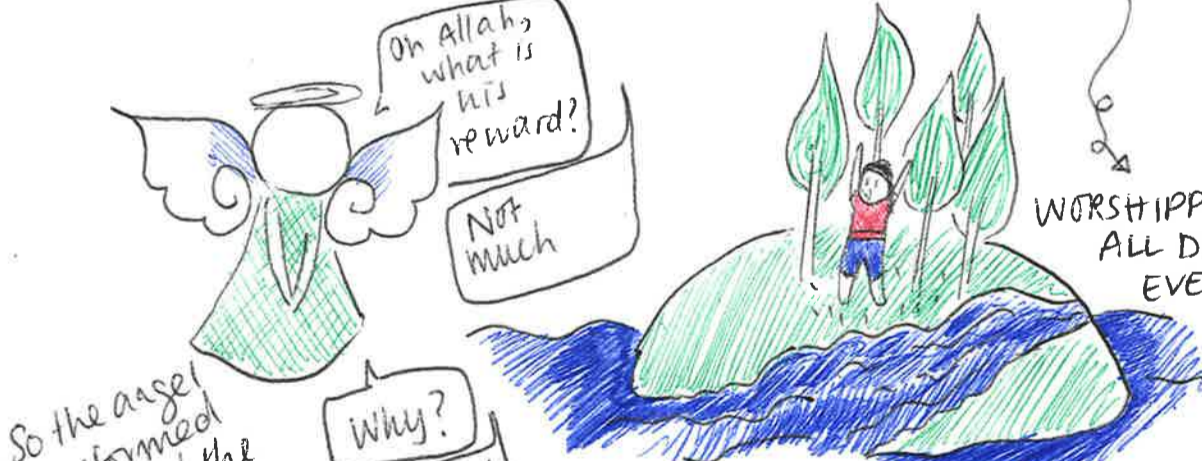
If you beat your chest at Melbourne central....



RELEVANT TO THE CURRENT HUMANITARIAN CLIMATE.

Similarly, if I gave the lollipop to an adult woman, will she be content? No! as we all would do, she will request to swap with the child in order to get the cheque.

IMAM AL-SADIQ: "a man from bani Israel...."



WORSHIPPED ALL DAY EVERYDAY.

BUT GOD did NOT punish him ???

Because this man was isolated = limited access to knowledge. he tried his best to worship his lord despite the imperfections in his belief.



Similarly: The greatest reward for a muslim is where god is happy and satisfied with our efforts, yet many of us prefer a more tangible reward in heaven. But Insha Allah we will one day reach a stage where this reward = SATISFACTION



The more knowledge and intellectual capacity, the more we are able to fathom the reasons and rewards that Allah gives us.

THE MORE ACCOUNTABILITY then Naturally the REWARD WILL BE GREATER



TWO ELEMENTS.

INTELLECT

EMOTION



when in HARMONY  
SALVATION.

THIRD ELEMENT

LANGUAGE

If you don't have a proper grasp on the ambiguities and subtle differences, the religious and linguistic definitions of the language and words, misunderstandings/misinterpretations will ensue!

**كافر** We are so quick to make ASSUMPTIONS based on the most common/our understanding of a word/trait.

**مؤمن**



Even within the scholarly community there is a lot of confusion

God is not fair...  
The moon must be a KAFIR!

الذين آمنوا ولم يلبسوا  
عليه ظم أولئك لهم  
الآمن وهم مهتدون

Those who believe and do not mix up their faith with iniquity, those are they who shall have the security and they are who go alright. Surat Al-Anaam: 22.

Oh Ali! All believers go to heaven right?  
That is not true. You have understood this wrong.

**مؤمن**

If we were to define a Believer as 'someone who believes in God', then...  
Even Shaitan would go to heaven!

That makes NO SENSE. Rather a believer is one who does NO



When it is said that he who does not pray is a Kafir... does it mean he denies the existence of God? So he is an atheist?

Not really! you can choose to not pray and yet believe, that type of Kufur is different from **كفر**.

Someone who sins is a **ظالم** or a person who carries out an injustice as you are doing an injustice to yourself. **You deserve BETTER!**

**ظالم** → Inequity → injustice

Now we know what constitutes a Mu'min, BUT...

What makes a KAFIR?

IMAM AL-SADIQ (A.S) says.

**براءة**

There are 5 different religious perspectives of the word 'كافر' in the Quran.

We declare ourselves to be CLEAR of you

برأوا منكم وما تعبوا من دين الله كذب بكم  
When they said to their people: Surely we are clear of you and of what you serve beside Allah. Surat al-Mumtahina: 4.



**كجور** The one who denies something he believes is true.

denies existence of God

ان الذين كفروا سواؤا مما يبعثون...  
أم لم نتذرعهم لا يؤمنون...  
Surely those who disbelieve, it being alike to them whether you warn them, or do not warn them, will not believe. Surat Al-Baqara: 6.

**4. DISREGARDING ALIHA'S COMMANDS**

Do you then believe in a part of the Book and disbelieve in the other?  
عذاب لشدید

**3. UNGRATEFULNESS**

And when your Lord made it known: if you are grateful, I would certainly give to you more, and if you are ungrateful, My chastisement is truly SEVERE. Surat Ibrahim: 7.

Denial of HAQ (that of which they have certainty) → Results in tension between

These people deny the bounties and blessings of God and are followers of desire. They mainly contain the Aethists - **دھریقہ** who believe only in TIME.

Examples are the Jews in the time of the prophet. They had all the signs indicating the coming of Rasool-Allah Muhammed, yet though they recognised him, they refused to acknowledge his prophethood because he was not from bani-Israel.



Those who deny what they know is true.

→ Relevant to our topic

Out of 2 billion Muslims, most are sunni, yet we say that those who die without knowing and acknowledging Imam Al-mehdi die an IGNORANT DEATH.... Does that mean most people are kafir? (muslims)



My Ummah will be divided into 73 sects - from the 73, the prophet (SWAT) said: 13 will be called Shia. HOWEVER 12 of them will go to HELLFIRE



The remaining 72 include people like the Khawarij & Isis, They create a new 'religion' propagating that it is 'Islam' even though they make the haram halal & halal haram.



I don't think prophet said this... it is disuniting

But, then, you can say that about the Quran as well, if you selectively interpret an Aya. In fact it is more likely that the prophet has said this (due to the hadith being part of the books of every muslim school of thought).

Imam Ali (A.S): The Shia (twelvers) who go to heaven aren't accepted only based on their belief, but rather on the basis that they lived a life that is beyond / doesn't need to be held accountable for.



BUT who exactly can classify as the true Shia? (those who go straight to heaven without accountability for their deeds).

They include to 72 who fought with Imam Hussain (A.S). People whose dedication and service is exemplary, that it cannot be contested that they deserve heaven. if 1 of the 72 (from Imam Hussain's camp) came up on the day of judgement Allah won't go... "LOOK I know you sacrificed your life for Islam but there was one sin that happened when you were sixteen.... RATHER, Allah will let them straight through to HEAVEN

The other 72 are worshippers of the devil

They are NOT even counted as part of the 73. Rather outside these 73 are those who...

But what about those who believe in you but... you know... they don't exactly follow you... They are sincere, they do the waji'bat, but occasional sin....

You are not their enemy, they still love you

- If they know we are Ahl abayt, they must at least love us. They don't need to accept us or our Imamah.

- Don't go against Allah and follow his commands  
- Do not follow their / live by their desires  
PEOPLE LIKE US... SIMPLE LIVES...

3 PEOPLE: (according to Imam Al-sadiq).

Like the Khawarij → Narrowing the path. Hashim Sahib al-bareed

Still a bit restrictive. Mohammed al-Khataat

Regarding the acknowledgment of Ahl-Abayt. If they don't believe....



everyone goes to hell

No, he must have been exposed to evidence before he goes to hell



They must believe in Imamah to go to heaven

Need to have convinced of HQ but denied it - then he goes to hell



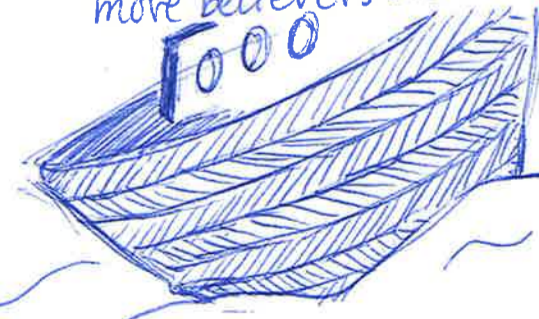
Mohammed Bin Muslim MOST correct way to view kufur and going to hell..

All of those who are in the market working hard in God's way, those who are at hajj crying and worshipping with all sincerity.

those among you who are the most dedicated of muslims, do they deserve to go to hell? just because they don't acknowledge the believe Imamah



And thus... we see the Ark of salvation WIDENING to accomodate more believers....



Those are who receive 'sahab' - who are held accountable on the day of judgement



Inshallah on the day of judgement, all of us will be held accountable for our deeds.

In fact most people are like this

Someone must be convinced of the evidence shown for Imamah and STILL DENY IT for the n to go to hell.





DISBELIEVERS



BELIEVERS

MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN BETWEEN appreciate Allah's guidance and follow him, praying & doing wajibat.

If they go to HEAVEN = through their own good deeds  
If they go to HELL = through their own sins.

the perfect example.

Examples: Umm Aymen.  
Musayba bint Kaab.

Protected the prophet during the battle of Uhd

when the men ran away they stood up and saved the day.



she did not believe in Imamah because she didn't want to be involved in politics.

Yet she still loved and cared for Imam Ali. She is one of those in heaven DESPITE not believing in the Imamah.

Wahshi (وحشي)

the killer of Hamza, in exchange for his freedom.

- eventually accepted Islam - because everyone else did.

Very simple - iman hadn't entered his heart completely.

yet he didn't hate Islam and still did good things (killed musaybame) and left shirk.



- his matter returns to Allah  
if he enters heaven = Mercy of Allah

if he enters hell = because of his sin.

Yes, the doors of forgiveness and MERCY are open EVEN FOR THE KILLER OF IMAM HUSSAIN.

YAZID: I want to repent. How do I wipe away the sin of killing Hussain?



Pray salat Al-Ghufayla, be remorseful, be repentful. If you do this that great sin will be forgiven.

Lady Zainab: Why would you tell him that?



Yazid does سجود, Do you really think he will prostrate even this little?

INDEED - Yazid did not even repent.



Imam Al-sajad (A.S)

did not even repent.

Allah's mercy is BOUNDLESS. The gates of his Mercy are always OPEN.

HUR is a prime example.

if it wasn't for him stopping Imam Hussain (A.S) from leaving Karbala, then the tragedy wouldn't have happened. Yet in the end HUR repented and he was forgiven - dying with Imam Hussain.

1. Action vs intention - are actions based on our level of submission?

Yes. Take Prophet Ibrahim - had to sacrifice his son. As he began to take that action Allah replaced his son with a sheep. Therefore he was rewarded before the action was committed. -> It is about his willingness & submission.

2. Certainty & evidence

Yes, you need to think, search and be INTELLECTUALLY CONVINCED.

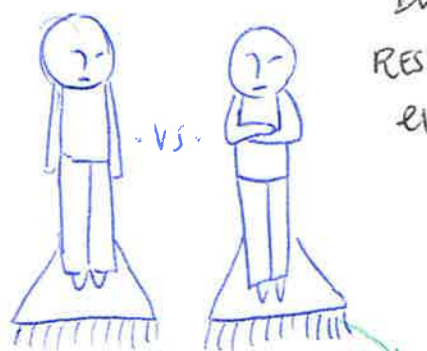
So الاعمال بالنيات actions are judged by your intentions.

3. Does god want it?

the polytheists used to excuse themselves from believing in Allah. because their fathers used to believe in something else. What about us? Are we Muslims because of our parents or are we intellectually convinced by this?

eg. Prayers.

But what is an EVIDENCE? RESEARCH ~ you must determine what evidence convinces you because the ONUS of belief lies upon YOUR SHOULDERS.



On the other hand, This person had the intention to fast but couldn't hold out the whole day and was forced to break her fast. Which of these people will have their 'fast' accepted who will get the ??? reward???

as god sees it Not as how we receive it. } HARD TO ACCEES. BUT A TREASURE TO HAVE.

THIS IS REALITY



Lecture 7:

1. action vs submission/obedience/intention. ✓
2. Certainty & Evidence ✓
3. Do our actions have to be REFLECTIVE OF REALITY? ✓



Put it this way. What if you ate something thinking it was halal and it turned out that it contained gelatine?

visualise, that by accident, these bottles were swapped, and I picked up the Alcohol - thinking with full certainty that it's water - and drank from it. Am I committing a SIN?

If we are judged by the reality of things then I have drunk alcohol and committed a sin.

If we are judged by the extent of our submission and obedience to Allah then am I still committing a sin?

What if the situation was reversed? What if I drank the water while thinking (with certainty) that it is alcohol? Am I sinning? YES!

So Allah judges us by our level of submission.

من اجتهد فاصاب فله اجران ومن اجتهد فخطأ فله اجر واحد  
 Whoever struggles and smives with correct evidences he will get 2 rewards if he is correct. If he gets it incorrect but still uses valid evidences he still gets 1 reward.

من فسر القرآن برأيه وإن اصاب لم يؤجر  
 Whoever interprets the Quran through his own opinion and gets it right, he doesn't get rewarded for it. (some narrations say that he will still be punished). If he gets it incorrect he is even further away from the heavens and the earth.

↳ meaning he is so far away from heaven that is close to HELL.



1. used correct method
2. got it correct.

Here there are many narrations saying that the way that we strive to attain the reality is MORE important than the reality itself.

**NO** BUT WAIT! Does that mean that everyone in the whole world is correct? Is there multiple realities?

**NO** THERE IS ONLY 1 REALITY.

But that does not mean Allah judges based upon that reality. He judges each individual based upon that person's UNDERSTANDING of the reality → It must include your certainty in the evidence you have + your level of submission.

lets take another example. **WUDHU** In particular the part of the feet.

↳ So, I wipe my feet.

my evidence for this is that the Imams of Ahl al-bayt said "you wipe it". I maybe can use an aya in the Quran to prove this point as well.

↳ How about other schools of thought? Some of them WASH it.

their evidence says the sahaba washed their feet (in wudhu).

Now, lets say the reality is WIPING the feet - will the person washing their feet be punished or rewarded?

If his wudhu is not accepted is his salat accepted?

If it is based on reality - then he will be punished and I rewarded. BUT if it is based on our submission & intention, perhaps his reward is higher than mine.

**EID** Some of us - just within our community, celebrate eid on different days. So we know for a fact, either one of us fasted on eid or didn't fast all of ramadan. Both are **haram** right?

Infact sayid Sistani was criticized over the fact that his eid is almost always a day late. Why can't he allow for unity? But what is important is not when eid is, rather it is when you are convinced eid is. You can't fast on a day you think should be eid.

**Marjah**

eid is on Monday because...

**Hussaini Rituals**

In the same way, there are many Hussaini rituals, including ones that you may not necessarily agree with. BUT - just because you aren't convinced does that give you the right to criticize and belittle the love others have for Hussain (A.S)? **NO!** They too are convinced of a 'reality' and strive towards ultimate submission & obedience to Allah through their actions.





Lecture 8:

"intercession"

"The best intercession is your GOOD DEEDS. do NOT depend on our intercession and do NOT belittle Allah's punishment?"

So in this whole equation where does Shafaa (شفاعة) fit in?

there are 3 groups



those who feel COMFORT & SAFE.

Know they are of the believers.

eg. Those who fought with Imam Hussain died with a smile on their faces, satisfied with completing their mission.

those who feel DISCOMFORT

Know they are of the disbelievers



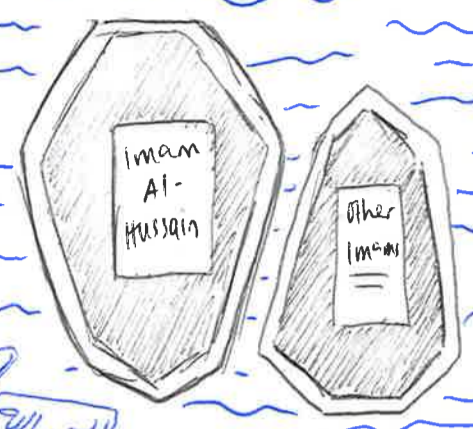
going to hell

those who feel ANXIETY & UNCERTAINTY.

Potentially will have the prophet and his Ahl-al-bayt intercede on their behalf.

might differ between people

We SHOULDN'T BE STRIVING FOR THIS, WE SHOULD STRIVE TO BE THE BEST OF MU'MINEEN.



Now we often wonder why the boat of salvation for Imam Hussain is bigger than other Imams.

This is because of the principals and morals behind his story. Other Imams were killed by individuals while Imam Hussain was cornered and killed by an Ummah.



Oh Imam Ridha, is it true that whomever says 'La ilaha illa Allah' will enter Allah's fortress and his paradise?

With it's conditions... and I am one of them.



Some may have no punishment

Some may have a punishment for a limited period of time before receiving intercession.

Now, let us return to the hadith that started our lectures where; CRYING + SHEDDING TEARS FOR HUSSAIN = PARADISE.

Is this true? YES, because everytime it was said it had its own context.



TRUE because the sacrifice of saying "لا اله الا الله" was your life!

What was important were not the words but the actions.

In fact the first shahed of Islam SUMAYA - was killed because of insistence to say these words.

TRUE because at that time HYPOCRISY was strife and the-efore saying "لا اله الا الله" in MEDINA with SINCERITY would guarantee you heaven.



But now the condition is not just sincerity and belief. rather you must also believe in the Imamah, because that belief could cost your life = sacrifice.

EVERYTHING HAS ITS OWN CONTEXT:

The best ziyarah is the one of my father, Imam Al-Ridha (AS)



Imam Al-Jawad Imam Al-Hussain is blessed with many reciting his ziyarah, But my poor father, has very few.



But, oh Imam, they say that the best ziyarah is that of Imam Hussain. Which is better? Whom shall I read?

AI-MAJLISI For every period/time a different Imam needs our ziyarah.

So Today, in this day & age, WHO IS BEING NEGLECTED?

- Jannat al-Baqiyah
- Imam Al-askary
- Imam Al-hassan
- Imam Al-sadiq
- Sammurah'a

No Narration is needed! There was no need for people to be instructed on the time

BUT, SAYIDAH MEDO, can you find me a narration telling us to visit these Imams?

But now, Imam Hussain (A.S) has followers from all around the world. Don't the other Imams deserve love from us?

Surely the reward for visiting and honouring these Imams is greater in our current times!

HOW CAN WE UTILISE THE PRINCIPALS AND MORALS LEFT BY OUR IMAM IN A WAY THAT RELIEVES HIS MESSAGE TODAY?



What is the BIGGEST SACRIFICE we are making today?

It is wearing the HIJAB.

because the hardest thing in today's society in this "BATTLEFIELD" is

This is NOT about wearing the hijab & how you should do it.

Muslim women are at the forefront, while the men are apprehensive of answering

questions about

the recent

terror attack,

the women walk

in nervousness, hoping

that no-one rips their hijab off.



In the past, men fought for Islam on the battlefield while women helped treat and support them.

TODAY, the battlefield is for the women, for our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters and it is WE (the men) who need to support them.

NOT to be another Ibn Ziad restricting them and putting them down.

Here we are not belittling the martyrs and acts we do to honour Imam Al-Husain (a.s)

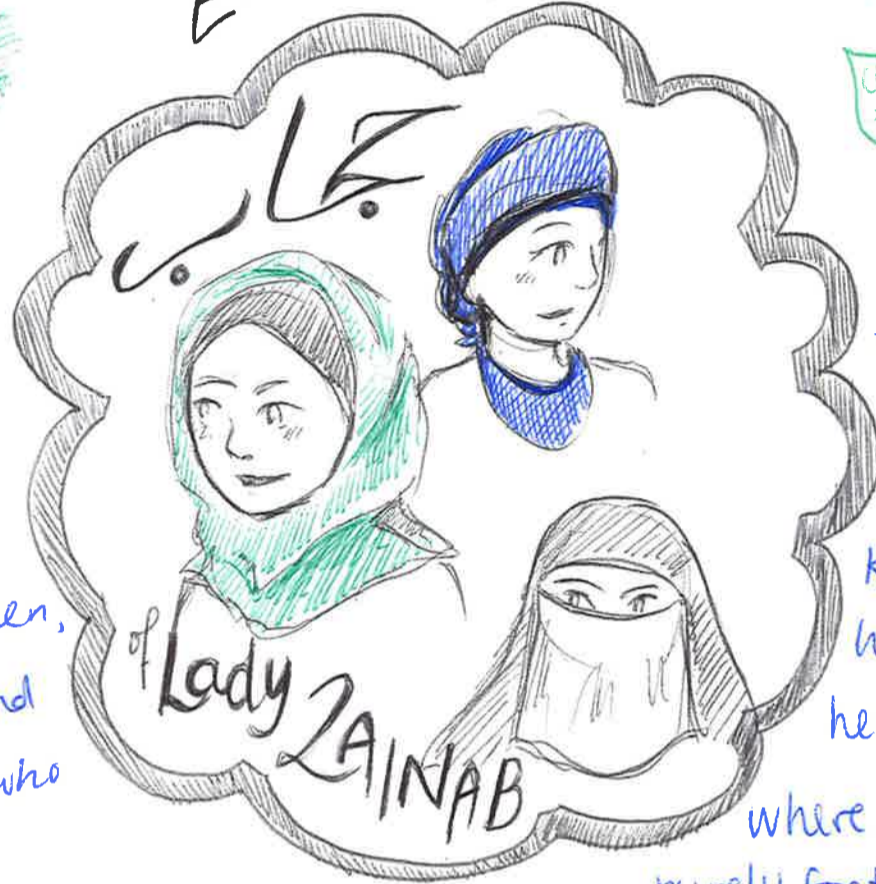


But what we do cannot compare to the heart back in Imam Al-Sajad's time. Rather the sacrifice of Karbala is more comparable to the hijab - as we are extracting the principles and applying them to today.

if you continue doing that for the sake of Allah, and sacrificing for the sake of Allah.

Maybe it's that sacrifice that gets you into Jannah without being held ACCOUNTABLE.

Emulating the



This is about upholding the most important morals and ethics of Karbala and that's the hijab of lady zainab and her family.

where our sisters wear the hijab purely for the sake of Allah (SWT),

against ALL ODDS!

whether at home



whether it's just on their way to and fro



whether in the work place.

or at school.



IF you are STRUGGLING for the SAKE OF ALLAH, and sacrificing everything in your life - be it to

get a job or be insulted - whatever it is.

