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O You **shaktis** of the **Shakti wrapped in a Sari**, by 7 Rabi Al-Akhar, 1472 deliver Her **Al Naba** of the Resurrection, and warn **kaffirs without ears that hear** of their **hour**-less **Jahannam!** (27th Dhul Hijjah, 1442)

Unquestionably follow the prophet who protected the adulteress with just a finger in the sand than the God who stoned and flogged fornicators with just a finger at their scriptures. (March 25, 2020)

Shruti, my **pranaam** for awakening me to the **Triple Taqdir: Qiyamah! Qiyamah! Qiyamah!** This **Triple Taqdir** will become more fearful than the triple talaq of the **72-houris** bribed **Faithful.** (January 11, 2021)

August 7, 2021

The Taliban will soon overrun and bring Afghanistan back to 1442 by the end of this year to the pure Islam of Prophet Muhammad. For a glimpse of that pending paradise of Islam, I will quote Ms. Farahnaz Forotan, the Afghan journalist who interviewed Suhail Shaheen, the spokesman for the Taliban, in Doha, Qatar.

"My encounter with Mr. Shaheen filled me with terror. When he finally answered one of my questions, his eyes moved in every direction but mine: He examined the walls, the carpet on the floor, the chairs, the door. He couldn't look at me, even while I stood in front of him. It was as if he saw me as an embodiment of sin and evil. I felt unsafe, even in a room full of people, thousands of miles away from Afghanistan.

The Taliban's notions of religion, politics and governance are based on a combination of a very orthodox interpretation of Islam, Shariah and tribal values. The "Emirate" they established in Afghanistan in the 1990s, which they are now seeking to establish again, barred women and girls from most jobs and forbade us to continue our education at schools and colleges, turning us into prisoners in our homes.

The Taliban see their Islamic government as duty bound to safeguard Muslim society from corruption and moral decadence, which they blame on the presence of women in public spaces, including universities and offices. They want to reduce us to bearing children." (*New York Times*, 2021-04-21)

I will keep looking for articles and evidence to convince women that all religions regard them second class at best, otherwise "base, sinful and evil." They were never made in the image of

God, "image" being a politically correct term for phallic attributes the Allah did not bestow them with; a rib of Adam would be scripturally correct.

For millennia they have had no authority in synagogues, churches, mosques, mandirs, gurdwaras and temples. Even in this 21st. century they continue to subconsciously subject themselves to the religious authority of priests, pastors, reverends, bishops, popes, rabbis, clerics, imams, mullahs, shaikhs, ulema, ayatollahs, gurus, swamis, pandits, brahmins, acaryas, bhagwans, granthis, gianis, lamas, monks, dalai lamas.

I hope the New York Times article by Ms. Farahnaz Forotan—an Afghan journalist who fled her country after being put on a hit list—will give HALF THE SKY a glimpse of a far more violent patriarchal past.

As I was looking around to extract evidence of Jesus supporting and protecting women in a violent, misogynist patriarchal past at great personal risks, I came across Matthew 19:9: "I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery." I saw His unconditional love for them.

August 17, 2021

So, Afghanistan has fallen to the Taliban in a week when I began to write about Ms. Farahnaz Forotan. Though the American brass may be shocked at their speed, I am not. I have been following the war since 9/11 and saw the writing on the wall when Biden, bravely, sought an exit no matter the consequences.

Unlike ISIS, this horror show will last for decades. Three days ago, I saw a CBC news video view echoed by many Taliban commanders like Muhammad Arif Mustafa—the future subjugation of the world to sharia law.

"One Taliban commander, Muhammed Arif Mustafa, told Ward he believes "one day mujahedeen will have victory and Islamic law will come not just to Afghanistan, but all over the world. We are not in a hurry. We believe it will come one day. Jihad will not end until the last day." " [Forbes 15 August 2021](#)

America and the West has squandered much blood and treasure fighting Islamic fundamentalism. Till the Fatwa of [Al Muddaththir](#) is not declared to all the [kaffirs of the Kaaba](#), Muslims will remain deaf to the [Al-Naba of Al-Qiyamah](#).

But before the Taliban mujahedeen start their subjugation of the world to the Islam of beheadings and amputations, it is HALF THE SKY of Afghanistan they have begun their millennia-old patriarchal tyranny upon. Women there do not stand a chance since fear will ensure the end of all resistance.

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Quote of the Post

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"Taliban Tells CNN's Clarissa Ward 'Islamic Law Will Come Not Just To Afghanistan, But All Over The World'

CNN was able to speak to women inside the Taliban's compound, who told Ward women and girls would definitely not have access to schools once the Taliban's seizure of the country was complete. 'Absolutely not – girls don't go to school,' one woman told Ward in an off-camera interview. 'The Taliban says it's bad.' " [Forbes August 15, 2021](#)

"Terror of life under the Taliban is beyond our comprehension.

By our standards, there is nothing to understand about an obsession with keeping women 'in their place.' Very few of us experience real terror in our lives. The kind of terror induced not only by the fear of death, but by the fear of unspeakable suffering endured before dying. Like death by fire or torture. Or life under the Taliban.

I can't even begin to imagine what Afghan women must feel like at the moment. The Taliban are back, and are still out to destroy anything progressive and compassionate. These men want to annihilate all that is contrary to their world view, starting with education. They despise anything that might open people's eyes to their monstrosities." Lise Ravary, [Montreal Gazette](#), August 16, 2021

"We can't make a country care about its own women. Only Afghanistan can do that.

No matter what Afghanistan's Constitution says, after 20 years there, we were not even close to establishing herd immunity to extremism and misogyny.

It is nightmarish to imagine what will happen to Afghan women as a ruthless Taliban regime takes hold – what is already happening. It's even more tragic knowing that America gave so many of them a taste of freedom and opportunity, of the potential for full lives. Today's college students are too young to remember the utter shock of seeing a country of women wearing burqas, head-to-toe coverings with small patches of mesh in the eye area. Women who looked all the same, women who were completely hidden, women unable to see except barely and straight ahead." Jill Lawrence, [USA TODAY](#), August 16, 2021

"Afghan women fear return to 'dark days' amid Taliban sweep

Zarina Kakar a women's rights activist cry during an interview with The Associated Press in Kabul, Afghanistan, Friday, Aug. 13, 2021. Kakar was a year old when the Taliban entered Kabul the first time in 1996, and recalled a time when her mother took her out to buy her ice cream, back when the Taliban ruled. Her mother was whipped by a Taliban fighter for revealing her face for a couple of minutes. "Today again, I feel that if Taliban come to power, we will return back to the same dark days," she said. ([AP Photo/Mariam Zuhaib](#))

"The world must not look away as the Taliban sexually enslaves women and girls

Since the withdrawal of American and NATO forces from Afghanistan in July, the Taliban have swiftly taken control of large parts of the country. The president has fled and the government has fallen. Emboldened by their success, lack of resistance by Afghan forces and minimal international pressure, the Taliban have intensified their violence. For Afghan women, their increasing power is terrifying. In early July, after Taliban leaders who took control of the provinces of Badakhshan and Takhar issued an order to local religious leaders to provide them with a list of girls over the age of 15 and widows under the age of 45 for "marriage" with Taliban fighters. It's not yet known whether they've complied. If these forced marriages take place, women and girls will be taken to Waziristan in Pakistan to be re-educated and converted to 'authentic Islam.' " [THE CONVERSATION](#), August 15, 2021

"THE TALIBAN'S RETURN IS CATASTROPHIC FOR WOMEN

As a photojournalist covering Afghanistan for two decades, I've seen how hard the country's women have fought for their freedom, and how much they have gained. Now they stand to lose everything. One morning in the summer of 1999, Shukriya Barakzai woke up feeling dizzy and feverish. According to the Taliban's rules, she needed a Maharram, a male guardian, in order to leave home to visit the doctor. Her husband was at work, and she had no sons. So she shaved her 2-year-old daughter's head, dressed her in boys' clothing to pass her off as a guardian, and slipped on a burka. Its blue folds hid her fingertips, painted red in violation of the Taliban's ban on nail polish. She asked her neighbor, another woman, to walk with her to the doctor in central Kabul. Around 4:30 p.m. they left the doctor's office with a prescription. They were heading toward the pharmacy when a truckload of Taliban militants from the Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and Prevention of Vice pulled up beside them. The men regularly drove around Kabul in pickup trucks, looking for Afghans to publicly shame and punish for violating their moral code." [The Atlantic](#), 2021

"There are no women in the streets' – the day life changed in Kabul

In the Afghan capital women stayed home in fear of being beaten by the Taliban for not covering themselves. The streets of Kabul were emptied of women on Monday, the first full day of Taliban rule across Afghanistan, as Taliban gunmen patrolled in cars seized by police, confiscated guns from security guards and urged shopkeepers and government employees back to work." [The Guardian](#), 2021

USAF SERE

Washington, April 21

I know this much. Until I am a woman living in a place like Afghanistan, I know nothing. Seems lots of folks decide otherwise and ask "why don't they leave or take up arms or whatever". Simple. They can't. They are hostages to oppressive men using religion as their excuse. Thank you Farahnaz for your bravery.

EB

Earth, April 21

Thanks for sharing your perspective, Ms. Forotan, and for standing up to the thugs that are the Taliban. IMO, the solution is not for the US to stay in Afghanistan. The solution instead is to offer refugee status to all Afghani women (on the understanding that they can't bring their male relatives with them--I don't want men who are committed to subjugating and enslaving me in my country). Indeed, I believe all modern industrialized nations should offer refugee status to the women of all countries where women's freedoms are significantly limited. This would include Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, as well as Afghanistan. If refugee laws are designed to provide a safe haven for people fleeing persecution, how could we not include women from countries such as Afghanistan?

Mask Of Comedy/Tragedy

Northeast, April 21

Well this is sad to read. But other than offering humanitarian aid and advocating for more freedom for women, there is little else the U.S. can do. Extreme Islamic sects are misogynistic. There is no question. One doesn't have to be a woman reporter without a head scarf trying to interview the Taliban to know this. I do not know how woman in Afghanistan can advance their own cause within this type of culture. It is also unfortunate that some of the powerful countries in the Islamic world (Saudi Arabia) are also fairly draconian. There is a massive cultural shift that must take place in the Islamic world to bring it into some semblance of the present day. This is not for outsiders to impose. This change must come from within. And some number of men within the community must also want to move the culture forward. I am not sure that experiences and history in the West have a bearing on how you can move forward — but if they do that is a start. This same analysis can be applied to any group (for example Orthodox Jewish people) who are living an anachronistic life. How does one create change from within to move a cultural group into the present when a sizable number within the group might have no desire to change?

mark

lands endl, April 21

While I believe that continuing to sacrifice American lives in Afghanistan will never be enough to truly change the centuries-old deep-rooted culture of the Taliban in that country, I shudder reading this article to think of what comes next there after our withdrawal. The struggle in this modern world between the concept of universal human rights and the ancient social structures of Islam that stretch across the globe from Boko Haram in Nigeria to the Taliban in Afghanistan shows no signs of the possibility of resolution. If supporting human rights, strengthening economies and sending soldiers in to achieve peace can't achieve this goal, what on earth ever will?

Das Style

Los Angeles, April 21

Cultures in the thrall of religion are always destined to brutalize women and non believers if they have power; to know what Christianity was like when it had power, before the secular state defanged and declawed it, is to know the unspeakable outrages against humanity. Islam in Afghanistan offers the same suffering for those they rule. America has tried to help for 20 years, but there is nothing we could or can do to stop a slide back into the dark ages there when the tyranny is written into the founding documents of the religion.

ElleJ

Ct., April 21

And what about the rest of the Afghan men who are not members of the Taliban? The problem seems to be that Afghan men in general tacitly approve of the humiliating way women are treated. Why is it the only men capable of fighting and winning are the Taliban? Twenty years of trillions spent training the pathetic Afghan army and they've proven useless, along with the corrupt governments of Karzai and Ghani. And where has the condemnation of this barbaric radical Islamic religion been? Where were the protests against Sharia law for the past twenty years? There was none. If the majority of the 32,000,000 people of the other major tribes, Tajiks, Uzbeks and Hazaras do not have enough will and courage to break this anachronistic system of misogyny and corruption the Pashtun Taliban has imposed, you can't expect the rest of the world to deliver your people from a self imposed hell.

Port Orford

Eugene, Oregon April 21

I won't forget a wedding I attended for a distant relative in my family. The evangelical Christian minister made sure to say that "while some people contend that women are equal to men, the Bible does not approve of this." He went to describe the service that a wife must perform for her husband. I doubt that religious fundamentalism anywhere has any role for women beyond some feudalistic servitude.

Hugh G

OH, April 21

Aren't there sects of Christianity and Judaism that have the same attitudes towards women? Sometimes I think that right wing Christianity has a lot in common with the Taliban. Even the Catholic Church, parts of which can be fairly liberal, relegates women to second class status within the Church. No matter what flavor, the biggest use of religion it seems is to form a club to discriminate against others and justify your superiority.

Drive Electric

Charlotte, NC, April 21

Religions do a lot of damage to the world and people, and that includes conservative Christianity.

Cynthia jaffe

Washington state, April 21

In 2012 I went to Bamiyan Afghanistan to teach the first class of midwives since the fall of the Taliban. While I was there we "celebrated" International Day of the Woman. All the women sat in the back and all the speeches were by men. I joked with a fellow teacher that perhaps next year we could sit in the front of the room and her response was a slow, sad smile and a shake of the head.

Dan Woodard MD

Vero beach, April 21

The US has accepted defeat, but for us it means little. For the women of Afghanistan it means personal loss on a scale we cannot comprehend. We must help as many as possible to come here so that they can escape the revenge of the Taliban continue the vision of a free Afghan society here and elsewhere around the world until the situation improves in their home country. The latter will unfortunately not occur as long as the Taliban are supported by the self-contradictory policies of Pakistan and the insatiable demand for heroin in the US and other parts of the world.

Betrayus

Hades, April 21

What makes so many of the people posting here assume that the women of Afghanistan are better than or superior to the men? They are all part of the same backward, fundamentalist society that has existed there for centuries. They are locked into a brutal way of life and there is no way for people in the wider world to unlock it for them. Their religion is the ball and chain that holds them back yet they will never give it up or reform it. There is as much chance of changing the situation in Afghanistan as there is the Catholic church electing a woman to be the Pope.

DMZ

NJ, April 21

You are a brave person. I applaud all you have done and have tried to do. Additionally, I applaud your decision, and actions, to leave your country which I know was difficult. You are now part of a long history of people who have left their homelands, due to troubling issues with religion and culture, to make a new home in a new land. I wish you peace and fulfillment.

JustZ

Houston, TX, April 21

I appreciate how folks are rallying around the women, but those women want to save their families from the Taliban. They don't want to leave behind their fathers, sons, husbands and male friends- especially those who helped and protected women and girls get to school and work. Calling on women and girls to just leave continues to deny their humanity. When a woman is fighting for the safety of her entire family, as this writer says many times, don't patronize her by deciding for her which of her family are worth saving. I imagine this writer would want not just her daughter and sister to live in a place that enforces women's rights but also her son and brother.

Nancy Julian

Houston TX, April 21

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Art

Seattle, April 21

Who raises the men who become the Taliban? Did they not have mothers and sisters? It's as if the Taliban just appear fully formed, rather than being taught to hate women and heretics. After 20 years of US occupation, there seems to be no diminishment of men eager to join the ranks of the Taliban. The Taliban exist because a large percentage of the Afghans agree with their world view.

David Ohman

Durango, Colorado April 21

@Art "Who raises the men who become the Taliban? Did they not have mothers and sisters?" The Middle East swarms with "madrasahs" — boys-only schools — where hard-line Islamic clerics create hard-line Islamic boys who become hardline Islamic men. Some are actually taught how to use a gun for killing before they reach puberty. This is a region where a fundamentalist Islamic father has every right to kill his son or daughter for flirting with the opposite sex. And they usually do. The Taliban fall into that category. They are mired in the eighth century though they purchase 20th century weapons with the profits from locally-grown heroin. Like most of the Middle East, Afghanistan is a perpetual motion machine of extremism, hate and revenge more than 1,000 years in the making.

Mikes547

Tolland, CT, April 21

Regardless of whether the mothers of Taliban members support their cause the reality is that their influence, if they even choose to test it, cannot compete with those of the broader society in which they live. This includes the educational, religious, and whatever passes for governmental institutions that indoctrinate their sons, all of which are controlled by men.

GWE

Ny, April 21

Dear Ms. Forotan: What a terrifying and depressing encounter and how courageous you are in speaking out. On behalf of the women who cannot speak, I thank you. I often think about the loss for humanity as a result of the way women are enslaved under Sharia Law. How many Maya Angelous or Marie Curies have been silenced and remanded to live life as human breeders? It disgusts me, frightens me and bewilders me. I hope the Biden Administration is reading this. I hope we continue to think inventively about how to counteract these terrible ideas that are so damaging not just to humanity, but to the individual women who routinely have their lives stolen from them. These are not cultural ideas. These are not religious ideas. These are genocidal ideas—ideas that kill and maim women routinely and render them silent. It is the normalization of rape and enslavement, nothing less. I wish you a long and accomplished life and career and thank you for speaking out.

Mr. Little

NYC, April 21

I remember the video of women being executed by a gunshot to the back of the head while kneeling in burkas on the field of a stadium paid for by the United States. The Taliban are an atrocity. Islamic extremism is a great evil in the world, and it is far from finished.

Chris

SW PA, April 21

The various cults hate each other, even as they are very similar about how they control and use others, and in particular women. We have a world where the majority are in a cult. I doubt the world will change as long as the cults are represented in government as having legitimate concerns. As long as the people of a country are mostly cult members (believers in magic people in the sky) there will only be decline. That is true of every country and it is in fact playing out before our eyes. It's just that cult members don't see reality. Most religions hope for the destruction of the earth. They look forward to being the only people in heaven with everyone else burning in hell. This is of course lunacy, but it shows you

what they hope for. The cult that controls Afghanistan is not that different than the cults that control other countries, including the US which basically lives by christian law where justice is not a real thing. If someone can figure out a way to break the hold of cults on gullible people then there may be hope for Afghanistan, which is to say there is probably no hope, since the worlds people can't live without their cults. I suggest if you can, and your cognizant of reality, that you get out of Afghanistan and move on. Trying to wake cult members from their brainwashed state is not very likely and is likely to get you killed, for no good reason.

SuzanneC

Washington, DC, April 21

To the author, well written article, and thank god you got out safely. The Taliban and their ruthless, distorted view of Muslim represent the absolute worst of man. I hope many more Afghan women can get out of that forbidden region. Males perpetuate war, rape and pillaging throughout the centuries. Thanks for shedding more light on the situation over there.

NewYorker88

Lhasa, April 21

There is absolutely no evidence that the Afghan people do not want the Taliban to be their government. Why else does this medieval group keep on succeeding? They were bombed to hell and back, they were driven from power, but they keep coming back as the most powerful group in the country. That surely means their people - not all of course - support them. Unfortunately or not, it is very clear that the vast majority of Afghans support the strict interpretation of Islam that leads to subjugation of women. Afghans are not alone in that - the Saudis have their own version. But who are we to say that their way is not the correct path to Paradise, as they believe it is. Pushing our Western notions of female empowerment on Afghans is cultural imperialism, no?

Alan Jones

Chicago, Illinois, April 21

While I sympathize with the author's plight, no country, even as rich and powerful as the United States, can change a culture from the top-down. Such dramatic changes are always bottom-up, which, unfortunately, we are seeing play out with the Taliban's resurgence. Of course the tragedy of Afghanistan is at a time when all nations are struggling with adopting to twenty-first century social, economic, political, and intellectual conditions, most of which are revolutionary in nature, the Taliban have chosen to retreat to the 12th century as their strategy for coping with the demands of the 21st century.

Harry

Missouri, April 21

@EB Can't agree more. The source of suppressive religious regimes in the Middle East is Saudi money and Saudi Wahhabism that is infecting the Moslem communities in nations as diverse as China, India, Burma, the Philippines and Indo China. Al Qaeda like insurrectionists have led these governments to suppress their Moslem communities much to the dismay of Western governments.