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AN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE FOR THE HEART AND MIND

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KARBALA

ETERNAL LESSONS.
TIMELESS TRUTHS.

THE MARTYRDOM OF
IMAM AL-HUSAYN (A)

A STAND FOR TRUTH.

A LEGACY THAT LIVES FOREVER.



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Living the values of
Imam Husayn (A) today



LESSONS IN SACRIFICE
What Karbala teaches us
about faith and purpose

EDITORIAL

The Light of Karbala: A Message for Every Age

As-Salamu alaykum,

With humility and gratitude to Allah (swt), we present to you the inaugural issue of Noor Magazine, dedicated to the sacred month of Muharram 1448 AH.

This magazine is born from a deep love for the Ahlul Bayt (a) and a desire to keep alive the eternal message of Karbala—an event that is not merely a chapter of history, but a timeless light that continues to guide humanity.

At Karbala, Imam al-Husayn (a) stood for truth when falsehood prevailed. His sacrifice was for the revival of the values upon which a just society can be built.

In every age, in every land, the call of Karbala remains the same: "Stand for what is right, even if you stand alone."

It is a call that resonates in the hearts of the oppressed and a responsibility that rests upon the shoulders of the believers.

Through Noor Magazine, we hope to reflect the beauty of Islam, share authentic knowledge, and inspire our readers—young and old—to live with purpose, compassion, and courage.

May this humble effort be accepted by Allah (swt) and be a small step in carrying forward the message of Karbala to the hearts and minds of today and tomorrow.

We invite you to journey with us under the Noor of Wilayah.

— Editor.



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Karbala teaches that true principles are not abandoned when they become difficult; they are upheld with courage, sacrifice, and unwavering faith.

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TIMELESS TRUTHS FROM KARBALA

The tragedy of Karbala was not merely a historical event confined to a specific place and time. It was a timeless declaration that faith, justice, and human dignity must never be sacrificed for worldly gain. Through the sacrifice of Imam al-Husayn (a), humanity was given enduring principles that continue to illuminate the path of righteousness.

1 Truth Does Not Depend on Numbers



This pairing creates a powerful visual message that truth is not validated by numbers, but by its light and integrity.

The small number of companions who stood with Imam al-Husayn (a) reminds us that truth is not determined by majority opinion but by unwavering conviction and sincerity.

2 Justice Remains a Divine Obligation



Justice is a sacred responsibility entrusted by Allah to every believer.

Karbala teaches that believers are duty-bound to uphold justice and oppose wrongdoing, regardless of the circumstances or personal cost.

TIMELESS TRUTHS FROM KARBALA

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Oppression Is Never Permanent



This pairing demonstrates that time eventually exposes falsehood and brings forth justice.

Though tyranny may appear powerful for a time, history repeatedly demonstrates that injustice cannot endure. The memory of the oppressors fades, while the message of Karbala continues to inspire millions.

4

Righteousness Outlives Tyranny



This pairing reflects how the message of Imam al-Husayn (a) continues to illuminate hearts centuries after Karbala.

The tyrants of Karbala held political power for a brief moment, but the spiritual flame ignited by Imam al-Husayn (a) continues to burn across generations. The legacy of Imam al-Husayn (a) remains vibrant more than fourteen centuries later, proving that moral integrity possesses a power far greater than political authority.

TIMELESS TRUTHS FROM KARBALA

5 Principle Over Convenience



Imam al-Husayn (a) remained steadfast upon truth, refusing to compromise his principles despite overwhelming challenges.

Imam al-Husayn (a) showed that truth is defined by obedience to Allah and commitment to justice, not by comfort, popularity, or personal gain. When forced to choose between his own safety and the integrity of the faith, he chose the latter, teaching that true principles must be upheld even when they become difficult.

6 Spiritual Victory Transcends Material Defeat

A new dawn emerging after darkness.



The martyrdom of Imam al-Husayn (a) awakened the conscience of the Muslim Ummah and transformed history.

Imam al-Husayn (a) achieved a spiritual triumph that transformed history and awakened countless dying hearts.

TIMELESS TRUTHS FROM KARBALA

7 Loyalty to Allah and His Messenger



This pairing is perfectly aligned with the message and represents devotion to Allah (swt) and adherence to divine guidance.

Success is not measured by wealth, status, or power. True success lies in steadfast devotion to Allah, adherence to the teachings of the Holy Prophet (saww) and commitment to the truth.

8 هَيْهَاتَ مِنَّا الذِّلَّةُ

We shall never accept disgrace.



This conveys the importance of honour, dignity, moral courage and refusal to accept humiliation

This is one of the most famous declarations associated with Imam al-Husayn (a) and his stand at Karbala, symbolizing dignity, honour, and resistance to oppression.



Umm Salamah

Hind bint Abu Umayyah ibn al-Mughirah al-Makhzumiyyah is known by her *Kunyah*, Umm Salamah. She emigrated from Makkah to Abyssinia with her husband, Abdullah ibn Abdul Assad (Abu Salamah) whose mother was the daughter of Abdul Muttalib. When they heard that the Holy Prophet (saww) has migrated to Madinah, they decided to join him. Abu Salama was one of the close companions of the Holy Prophet (s). Umm Salamah was the first woman to enter Madinah in a *howdah* (a canopied seat for riding on the back of a camel).

Her husband, Abu Salamah, died as a result of injuries that he received in the Battle of Uhud. She then married the Holy Prophet (s).

She has reported several traditions from the Holy Prophet (s). She narrated the Hadith al-Kisa and testified how it was revealed. She confirmed the verse was revealed in her house while the Ahlul Bayt (a) were gathered there.

Angel Jibra'il (a) informed the Holy Prophet (s) that Imam al-Husayn (a) would be killed in Iraq and showed him the *turbah* (sand) from that location.

The Holy Prophet (s) gave the *turbah* to Umm Salamah as an *amanah* (trust), instructing her that when it changed colour (became blood), she would know his son had been killed. She kept the *turbah* in a container and would look at it daily after Imam al-Husayn (a) left Madinah. Imam al-Husayn (a) entrusted all the possessions and trusts of the Imamah with her before leaving for Karbala. She gave that *amanat* to Imam al-Sajjad (a) when he returned to Madinah. She passed away a few months later and is buried in Jannat al-Baqi.

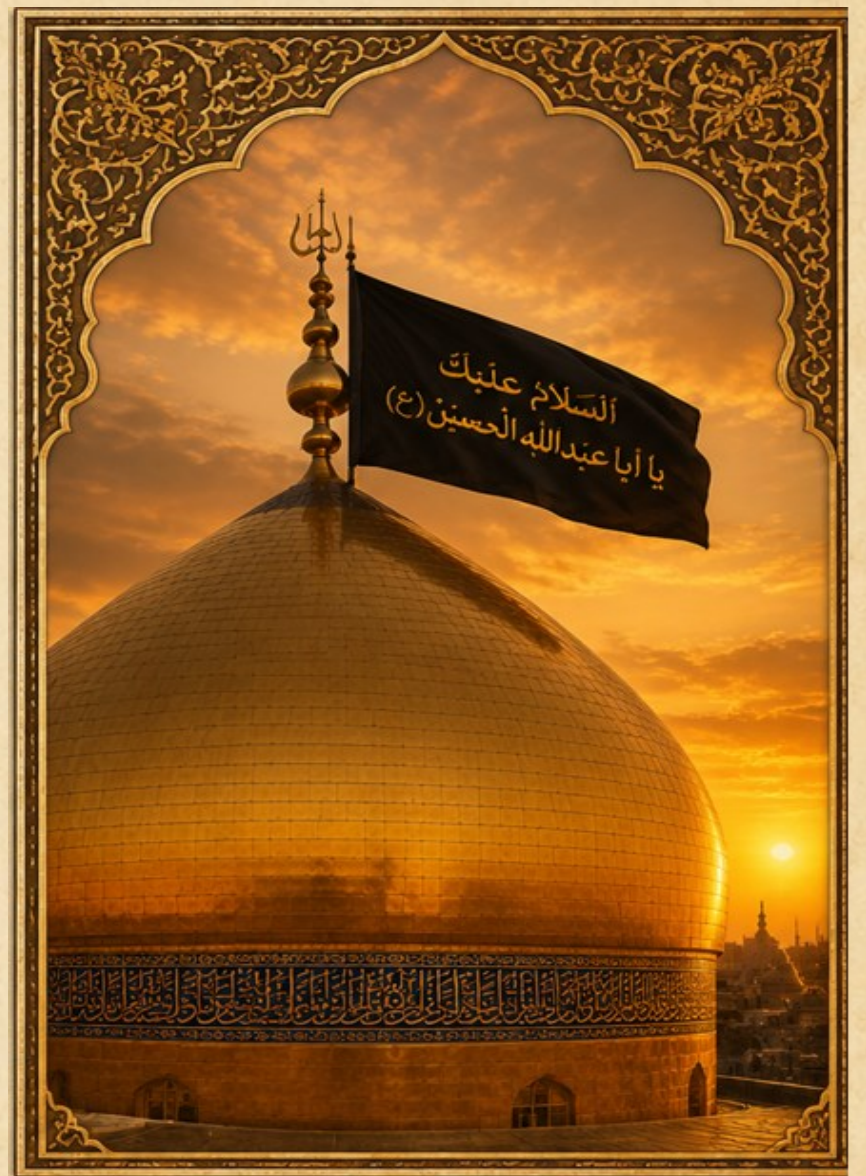
Lessons We Learn from the Last Sermon of Imam al-Husayn (a)

1. The World Is Temporary

The world is a temporary abode, while the Hereafter is eternal. Karbala reminds us not to become attached to fleeting comforts or worldly success, but to live with our hearts fixed on the Hereafter.

What it means: A believer recognizes that life in this world is merely a transient passage. Rather than chasing fleeting pleasures or worldly status, we strive for what earns the pleasure of Allah (swt) and benefits us in the Hereafter. Karbala teaches that every sacrifice made for the sake of truth and righteousness has eternal value, while the attractions of this world quickly fade away.

Timeless Lessons: Karbala teaches us to live with the Hereafter always in view. Worldly wealth, status, and comfort are temporary but faith, righteousness, and sincere sacrifices made for Allah (swt) endure forever.



By choosing truth over convenience and eternal reward over fleeting gain, Imam al-Husayn (a) reminds us to keep our hearts attached to Allah, uphold our principles, and strive to leave behind a legacy of faith, justice, and good deeds that will benefit us in the life to come.

Live for the Hereafter by using this temporary world to sow the seeds of eternal success.



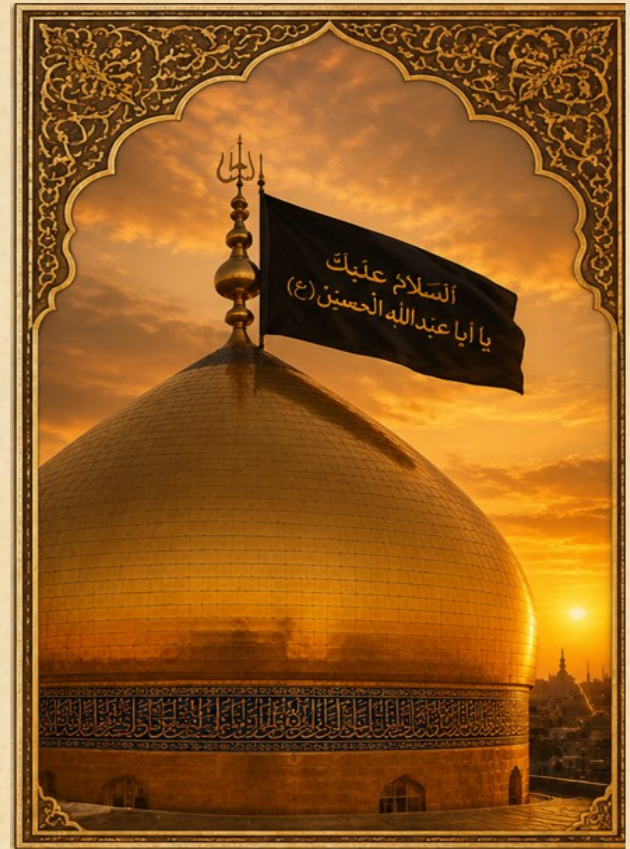
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2. Prepare for the Hereafter

This worldly life is fleeting, while the Hereafter endures forever. Each decision we make, each act of worship we perform, and each kindness we show contributes to where we will spend eternity. The lesson of Karbala calls us to live with this reality in mind — that true success is not measured by worldly achievement, but by standing before Allah with a heart pure in faith, sincere in intention, and rich in righteous deeds.

What it means:

One prepares for the Hereafter by living each moment conscious that every action—great or small—carries weight that reaches beyond this life. A believer dedicates themselves to pleasing Allah through sincere worship, righteous deeds, and noble character — knowing that true success lies in meeting Him with faith intact, conscience clear, and a heart wholly devoted to His pleasure.



Timeless Lessons:

Preparing for the Hereafter means living each day with the awareness that every action has eternal consequences. A believer strives to please Allah (swt) through sincere worship, righteous deeds, and good character, recognizing that the greatest success is to meet Him with faith, integrity, and a heart devoted to His pleasure. Sincerity transforms ordinary actions into acts of spiritual significance.

Live with sincere intention, valuing spiritual integrity over worldly success.



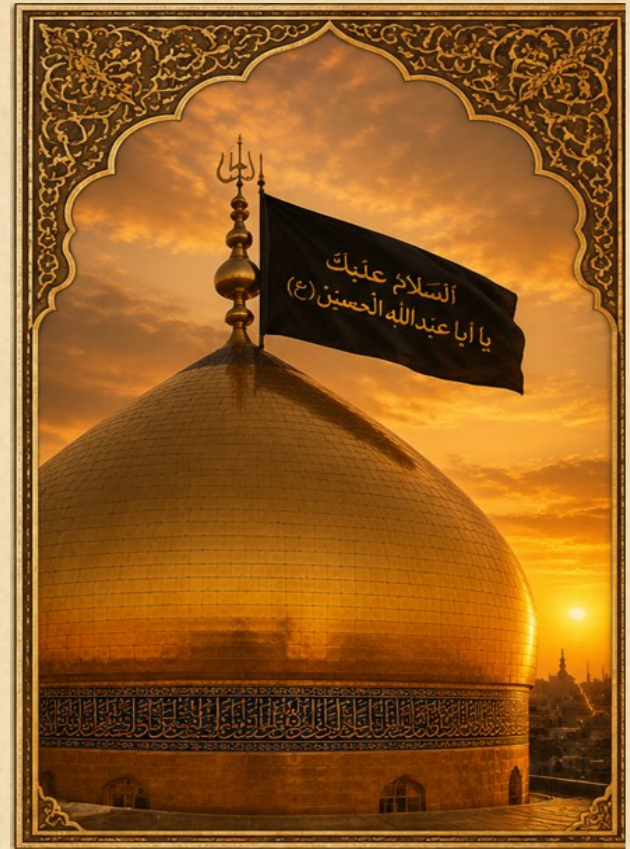
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3. Faith Requires Sacrifice

Faith is more than belief—it demands commitment, perseverance, and sacrifice. Karbala teaches that remaining steadfast upon truth often requires giving up comfort, security, or personal interests for the sake of Allah (swt). Imam al-Husayn (a) demonstrated that genuine faith is proven not in times of ease, but through the willingness to uphold righteousness, regardless of the cost.

What it means:

Faith calls us to place Allah above our personal comfort and worldly desires. A believer remains steadfast in truth, even when it demands sacrifice, trusting that every hardship endured for Allah's sake leads to a far greater reward in the Hereafter.



Timeless Lessons:

Faith is demonstrated through obedience to Allah, especially when it requires sacrifice. Karbala teaches us to uphold truth over comfort, trust Allah through every trial, and remain firm in our principles despite hardship. True endurance strengthens faith, refines character, and secures eternal reward. Honour is not in status, but in standing firm for truth and proving faith by righteous conduct.

Faith is obedience, endurance, selflessness, and trust in Allah (swt).



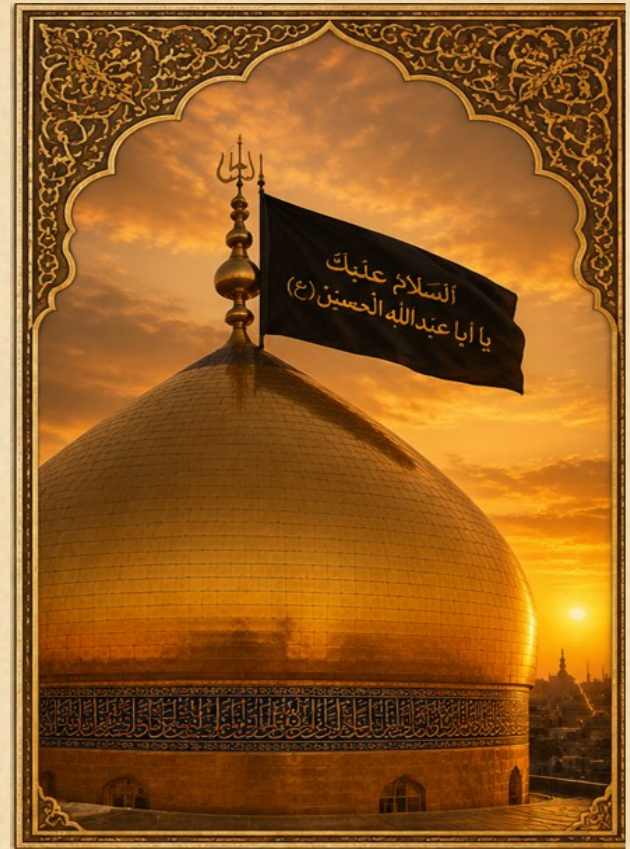
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4. Dignity Must Never Be Compromised

True dignity is found in unwavering obedience to Allah (swt) and steadfast commitment to truth. Karbala teaches that honour is never worth exchanging for worldly comfort, power, or security. Imam al-Husayn (a) chose integrity over compromise, demonstrating that a believer's values are not negotiable, even in the face of immense hardship. His example reminds us that preserving our faith and moral principles is far greater than any temporary gain this world can offer.

What it means:

A believer never compromises faith, integrity, or moral principles for worldly gain. True dignity comes from remaining steadfast in obedience to Allah (swt), trusting that honour lies in doing what is right, even when it comes at a personal cost.



Timeless Lessons:

Karbala teaches that true dignity lies in unwavering obedience to Allah and steadfast commitment to truth. A believer never compromises faith or moral principles for temporary worldly gain, but stands with courage, integrity, and trust in Allah. By preserving our character and remaining firm in righteousness, we attain an honour that endures far beyond this world.

True dignity lies in remaining faithful to Allah and never compromising truth or integrity for worldly gain.



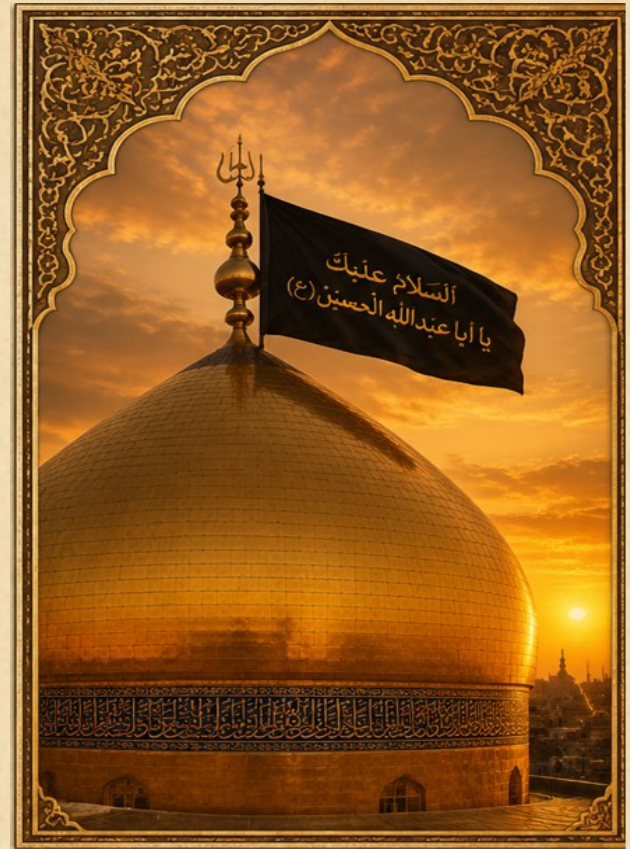
Lessons We Learn from the Last Sermon of Imam al-Husayn (a)

5. Stand firm for the Truth

Imam al-Husayn (a) stood unwaveringly for the truth, even when it meant facing overwhelming opposition. At Karbala, he demonstrated that truth is never determined by numbers, power, or popularity, but by obedience to Allah (swt) and commitment to justice. Moral courage is measured not by how many stand beside us, but by our willingness to stand firm for the truth, even when we stand alone.

What it means:

Right and wrong are defined by guidance of Allah (swt), not by majority opinion or military might. Being in the minority does not make you wrong, and being in the majority does not make you right. A believer's duty is to follow the truth wherever it leads, even if it means standing alone against the world.



Timeless Lessons:

Karbala teaches that believers must remain steadfast in truth, regardless of opposition or personal cost. True courage lies in upholding justice, remaining faithful to Allah, and refusing to compromise one's principles. Though falsehood may appear to triumph temporarily, truth endures and leaves a legacy that continues to inspire generations.

Stand firm for the truth, trust in Allah (swt), and remember that lasting victory belongs to those who remain steadfast in righteousness.

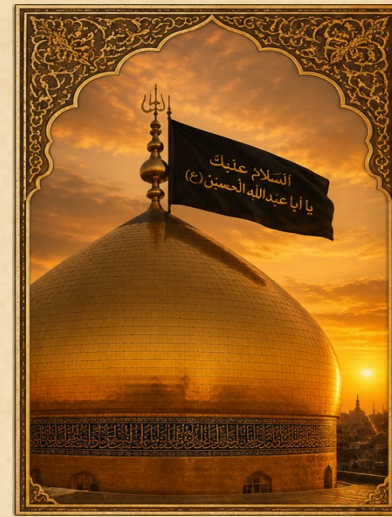


Lessons We Learn from the Last Sermon of Imam al-Husayn (a)

6. The Eternal Victory of Martyrdom

Imam al-Husayn (a) transformed the meaning of victory. His sacrifice was a timeless triumph of faith, truth, and devotion to Allah (swt). His stand reminds us that success is not measured by worldly survival or political power, but by steadfast obedience to Allah and unwavering commitment to justice. Those who sacrifice everything for His sake never truly lose; their legacy continues to illuminate hearts across generations.

What it means: Karbala teaches that true success is not measured by worldly victory, but by steadfast faith, justice, and obedience to Allah. Imam al-Husayn (a) chose honour over compromise, embracing martyrdom with complete trust in Allah. His sacrifice became an eternal victory, reviving the spirit of Islam and inspiring generations to uphold truth with courage and dignity.



Timeless Lessons: A believer looks beyond the fleeting nature of this world and keeps the Hereafter firmly in view. Sacrificing one's life in the path of Allah is not a loss but the greatest of gains, for it exchanges a temporary existence for eternal nearness to Him. Since death is inevitable for every soul, it should never deter us from standing for truth. What ultimately matters is not when we die, but the faith, dignity, and purpose with which we meet our Lord.

Martyrdom in the path of Allah is the ultimate victory. The legacy of those who sacrifice for truth endures across generations, while falsehood, regardless of its apparent strength, eventually fades away.



Lessons We Learn from the Last Sermon of Imam al-Husayn (a)

7. Divine Hope Amidst Adversity

Surrounded by overwhelming opposition and enduring immense hardship, Imam al-Husayn (a)'s trust in Allah remained unshaken. He teaches us that true hope is not shaped by our circumstances but by unwavering faith in Allah (swt). A believer finds strength, peace, and perseverance through complete reliance on Him, knowing that His wisdom is perfect, His justice is certain, and His reward never fails.

What it means: Tawakkul is the unwavering trust that Allah (swt) is always in control, perfectly just, and fully aware of every circumstance. Imam al-Husayn (a) embodied this trust throughout Karbala. Amid unimaginable hardship, he remained steadfast in prayer, strengthened the hearts

of his family and companions, and submitted completely to the decree of Allah (swt). His example teaches that genuine hope is found not in favourable circumstances, but in complete reliance upon Allah (swt).

Timeless Lessons: When hope is firmly anchored in Allah (swt), hardship gives rise to patience, peace, and perseverance. Karbala teaches that the help of Allah (swt) may not always come in the way we expect, but His promise never fails. A believer therefore rejects despair, trusting that Allah's boundless mercy, perfect wisdom, and eternal reward accompany every sincere act of faith.

Hope in Allah is the believer's constant anchor. Whoever places their trust in Him will always find strength, guidance, and the assurance that they are never truly alone.



The Three Pillars of Karbala: Intellect, Emotion, and Action

The tragedy of Karbala is not a one-dimensional story. It is a tapestry woven from three essential threads: intellect, emotion, and action. To grasp its timeless message, one must see how these three pillars stood together...

When One Pillar is Missing

Imam al-Husayn (a) did not rise merely so that people would mourn and shed tears. Tears have watered the earth since the dawn of time, and many have wept for noble causes while never lifting a finger to change the world. Karbala teaches that genuine devotion is more than heartfelt emotion. Many may mourn with tears, yet few translate those emotions into meaningful action. True love for Imam al-Husayn (a) is expressed through knowledge, steadfastness, generosity, and a commitment to uphold justice.

Emotion alone, without thoughtful reflection and meaningful action, may comfort the heart, but it cannot transform lives or reform the society.



The Three Pillars of Karbala: Intellect, Emotion, and Action

The Pillar of Intellect

Before rising at Karbala, Imam al-Husayn (a) reflected deeply on the moral and spiritual decline affecting the Muslim community and carefully weighed the consequences of confronting it. His stand was not driven by impulse or emotion, but by wisdom, conviction, and unwavering faith. Karbala shows us that a true stand for justice starts with introspection, clear insight, and steadfast integrity.

True courage is guided by wisdom. Karbala reminds us that defending truth should not be impulsive or reactionary; it should arise from careful reflection, clear principles, and steadfast faith in Allah.

When intellect, conviction, and sincerity come together, a believer is empowered to stand for what is right with purpose and confidence.

Think deeply, stand firmly, and let wisdom guide every step you take in the service of truth.

The Three Pillars of Karbala: Intellect, Emotion, and Action

The Pillar of Emotion

Imam al-Husayn's (a) wisdom was inseparable from compassion. His heart overflowed with mercy, sincerity, and profound love for Allah (swt) and His creation. It was this deep devotion that led him to Karbala, driven by a desire to awaken a community that had drifted from divine guidance. His willingness to sacrifice everything, including his own life, sprang from his love for Allah, his commitment to the truth, and his concern for the spiritual well-being of humanity. Through his example, compassion gave purpose to wisdom, and love found its expression in selfless sacrifice.

True wisdom is inseparable from compassion. Karbala teaches that knowledge should deepen our love for Allah, strengthen our concern for others, and inspire us to serve with sincerity and selflessness. When guided by faith, a compassionate heart transforms noble convictions into meaningful action.

Let wisdom guide your mind, compassion shape your heart, and love for Allah (swt) inspire your actions.

The Three Pillars of Karbala: Intellect, Emotion, and Action

The Pillar of Action

The legacy of Imam al-Husayn (a) continues to challenge every generation because he transformed belief into action. He did not stop at reflection or sincere conviction; with unwavering courage, he acted upon the truth, regardless of the cost. Imam al-Husayn (a) exemplified the perfect harmony of intellect, compassion, and action. His decisions were ruled by wisdom, his selflessness by the heart, and his unwavering deeds stood as an everlasting witness to the truth.

True faith is not fulfilled by knowledge or sincere intentions alone—it must be translated into righteous action. Karbala teaches that believers are called to live by their principles with courage, allowing their understanding, compassion, and faith to inspire deeds that uphold truth and justice.

Knowledge enlightens, compassion inspires, but it is righteous action that leaves a lasting legacy.

The Three Pillars of Karbala: Intellect, Emotion, and Action

The Fruits of a Complete Path

When intellect, emotion, and action are united in the service of Allah (swt), they produce a life of purpose, balance, and unwavering faith. Karbala demonstrates that true spiritual growth is achieved when sound understanding shapes our convictions, sincere love inspires our hearts, and righteous deeds bring those convictions to life. Such a path not only draws us closer to Allah but leaves a lasting legacy of truth, justice, and compassion.

A complete faith is one in which intellect, emotion, and action work together in harmony. Karbala teaches that wisdom should guide our decisions, compassion should shape our character, and righteous action should reflect our beliefs. When these three pillars are united, they produce a life of purpose, steadfastness, and sincere devotion to Allah, leaving a legacy that benefits both this world and the Hereafter.

Let your mind seek the truth, your heart embrace it, and your actions reflect it—this is the complete path illuminated by Karbala.

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