

## PEACE, CONFLICT AND RESOLUTION (GOOD VS. EVIL)

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**ABSTRACT:** The immense structural inequalities of the global social /political economy can no longer be contained through consensual mechanisms of state control. The ruling classes have lost legitimacy; we are witnessing a breakdown of ruling-class hegemony on a world scale. There is good and evil among mankind; thus it necessitates the conflict between the good and evil on Earth. We are in for a period of major conflicts and great upheavals. It's generally regarded that Mencius (c.371-c.289 B.C) a student of Confucianism developed his entire philosophy from two basic propositions: the first, that Man's original nature is good; and the second, that Man's original nature becomes evil when his wishes are not fulfilled. What is good and what is evil? Philosophers of all ages have thought over this question. Each reckoned that he had solved the question once and for all, yet within a few years the problem would re-emerge with new dimensions. Repeated acts of corruption and evil action makes a man corrupt and takes away a man from his original nature. Still now majority of the people of the world give compliance to corruption because of social pressures, economic pressures, cultural pressures and political pressures. The conflict between good and evil is ancient on earth and is prevalent to this day. May be the final confrontation between the descendants of Cain and Abel is at our doorsteps. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War America with its European allies went into world wide military campaign to defeat Germany, Italy and Japan. When the Second World War ended in 1945 the United States of America came out as victorious. America was the first country to detonate atomic bomb in another country. During that period Russia fell into competition with America in politically colonizing countries after countries. With the fall of Communism Russia terminated its desire wanting to be the champion of the oppressed of the world. The situation in Russia continues to deteriorate, a country which until only a few years ago was a superpower. Russians are deeply disillusioned today with the new politicians in Russia, who they says "promise everything and give nothing." The Russians still strongly oppose a world order dominated by the United States. If anyone looks at or investigates the situations in other countries it can be seen that at present almost all countries of the world are similar or same in the forms of structures of corruption and evil. The Worldwide control of humanity's economic, social and political activities is under the helm of US corporate and military power. The US has established its control over 191 governments which are members of the United Nations. The last head of state of the former Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev on December 2012, at a conference on the future of the Middle East and the Black Sea region in the Turkish city of Istanbul, has warned the US of an imminent Soviet-like collapse if Washington persists with its hegemonic policies. Mass public protest occurred against US hegemony are mainly from Muslim countries of South East Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, West Asia, North Africa and Africa. The latest mass protests erupted in September 2012 when the divine Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was insulted by America and Israel. There were strong mass protests by people from Indonesia to Morocco and in the European countries by mostly immigrants and Australia were there are Muslim populations. This worldwide protest had occurred while the rise of the masses is ongoing against corrupt rulers in West Asia and North Africa. The masses of the people are thirsty and desperate for justice, dignity, economic welfare and human rights. Most major religions have their own sources of information on the Last Age of Mankind or the End of Times, which often include fateful battles between the forces of good and evil and cataclysmic natural disasters. Humans are evolving to a final stage of their evolution towards a 'New Age' that is to come which the corrupt does not understand. At present times a final battle of good versus evil on Earth will ensue. The World powers (leaders) and their entourages who are really detached from the masses have organized to keep aloft the present world order that degenerates the masses in corruption, keeps the people in unhappiness,

and deprives the masses from economic well being, education and keeps promoting wars and conflicts to support corruption and evil. We are at the "End of Times". The Promised Messiah will come to set right what is wrong, no doubt.

**INTRODUCTION:** At the beginning of the second half decade of this century states and ruling classes are unable to hold back the tide of worldwide popular rebellion and resorting to ever more generalized repression. As the crisis of global capitalism spirals out of control, the powers in the global system appear to be unable to propose viable solutions. The immense structural inequalities of the global social /political economy can no longer be contained through consensual mechanisms of state control. The ruling classes have lost legitimacy; we are witnessing a breakdown of ruling-class hegemony on a world scale. There is the concentration of wealth in fewer and fewer hands. Corruption has penetrated every spectrum of society and in governments of all countries. Humans are being choked by their rulers everywhere. People are losing security and are being threatened everyday by the corrupt systems of their own countries. Today with a global population of 7 billion conflicts and upheaval are showing at unprecedented levels. There is a global battle raging between the corrupt and those who want to break free from corruption (Good vs. Evil). The World is sinking deeper into chaos. Global elites cannot manage the explosive contradictions in societies. Global elites are confused, reactive, and sinking into the quagmire of their own making. There is unprecedented concentration of control over the mass media and thought control. The global elites are unable to come up with solutions. They appear to be politically bankrupt and impotent to steer the course of events unfolding before them. Humans are evolving to a final stage of their evolution towards a 'New Age' that is to come which the corrupt does not understand. There is good and evil among mankind; thus it necessitates the conflict between the good and evil on Earth. We are in for a period of major conflicts and great upheavals. Global rebellion of the masses is a doorstep away and is already taking place in major parts of the World. The "empire of global capital" is definitely not sitting idle. As global elites regroup and assess the threat of mass global revolution, they will - and have already begun to - organize coordinated mass repression, new wars and interventions to restore global hegemony. The subtle battle of good versus evil has been waged since the earliest times. At present times a final battle of good versus evil on Earth will ensue

## **PART 2**

**THE END OF TIMES, ARMAGEDDON, APOCALYPSE OR THE LAST AGE OF MANKIND:** Do all of us have a mechanical clock in our homes that would tell us the age we are in at present with the affairs of the world? What stage (time) of human evolution or the time of the world we are at present? God's Messengers, God's Prophets, Wise men of the ancient and philosophers have spoken about the stages of human affairs. They have spoken and brought written scrolls about the 'End of Times' or 'The last age of mankind'. The final confrontation between the descendants of Cain and Abel may be near approaching, nearer then how we may perceive it. Most major religions have their own sources of information on the Last Age of Mankind or the End of Times, which often include fateful battles between the forces of good and evil and cataclysmic natural disasters. According to sources of religions there will be a judgment day on the earth where upon the evil forces on earth will be vanquished, the wicked on the earth will be punished by the hands of a Savior from God and the forces of good will be triumphant and delivered. Before that the forces of good of the world will be imposed upon with severe and harsh punishments and they will be cornered by the forces of evil on earth. Corruption and evil have permeated every niche and corner of society and has put the planet in peril. The present world rulers know that the rise of the promised Messiah (Savior) is imminent to save the oppressed of the world. Thus they are preparing to wage war (Armageddon) on him, at present times known as the 'Third World War'.

**WHAT DOES THE ANCIENT MAYAN CIVILIZATION SAY?** The ancient Mayan civilization lived in the Mesoamerica's since 2,600 BC. The Mayans were known for their advanced grasp on astronomy. Mysteriously, they predicted in what year their civilization would be overrun by

foreigners coming from over the seas. Legend has it they even predicted the world wars. Mayans believe cataclysmic or transformative events will occur beginning on 21 December 2012. This date is regarded as the end-date of a 5125-year-long cycle in the Mayan calendar. A New Age interpretation of this transition is that the date marks the start of time in which Earth and its inhabitants may undergo a positive physical or spiritual transformation, and that 21 December 2012 may mark the beginning of a new era. Both the Hopis and Mayans recognize that we are approaching the end of a World Age... In both cases, however, the Hopi and Mayan elders do not prophesy that everything will come to an end. Rather, this is a time of transition from one World Age into another. The same theme can be found reflected in the prophecies of many other Native American visionaries from Black Elk to Sun Bear. The Mayans spoke of the return of 'Kukulcan', a Man of God, who will punish the wicked on earth (a snake deity) and the start of a new age of spiritual enlightenment will begin on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2012. The Mayans says, Kukulcan shines in the infinite. Kukulcan is the sacred energy beating in every atom. They have predicted thousands of years ago through calculations of astronomy that on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2012, the end of the Mayan Calendar that there will be a planetary alignment in the galaxy and sun would be almost in the middle of the galaxy. On 21-12-2012 an extraordinary and incredibly rare event will take place. The Sun will move to a unique spot in the sky -- and hold still for a while, since it is solstice day. The Sun will sit precisely on the heavenly crossroads between the Milky Way and the galactic equinox, forming a perfect alignment with the center of the galaxy.

The ancient Egyptians, Aztecs, Cherokees, Tibetans all have calendars that reset in 2012, and all see a global catastrophe as the start of the next age, whilst others predict the coming of a world teacher.

**WHAT DO THE HINDU SCRIPTURES SAY?** The ancient Hindus mainly used lunar calendars but also used solar calendars. If an average lunar year equals 354.36 days, then this would be about 5270 lunar years from the time when the Age of Kali (corruption and evil) started until 21 Dec 2012. This is the same year that the Mayans predict rebirth of our planet. It is also about 5113 solar years of 365.24 days per year. By either solar or lunar years, we are over 5,000 years into the Age of Kali and it is time for Krishna's prophecy to happen according to the ancient

Hindu scriptures. In Hindu Scriptures the last of the four ages is the age of Kali, our current time, during which will be characterized by impiety, violence, decay and chaos. At this time of chaos, the final avatar, Kalki, will appear on a white horse. 'Kalki' will amass an army to "establish righteousness upon the earth" and leave "the minds of the people as pure as crystal." In Hinduism, Vishnu coming back in the last cycle of time as a figure called Kalki, who rides a white horse, carries a sword that looks like a comet and destroys the forces of evil.

Mayan Prophecy Matches Hindu Prophecy: It is amazing that both calendars began at about the same time over 5,000 years ago and both calendars predict a totally new world and/or golden age after about 5,000 years into their calendars! We are definitely on to something with these Mayan and Hindu 2012 predictions. Historically, this is an amazing fact since these two ancient cultures did not have any contact.

**WHAT DO THE BUDDHISTS SAY?** Buddha described his teachings would disappear thousands of years from when he preached them. At this time, knowledge of dharma will be lost as well. There will be a new era in which the next Buddha Maitreya will appear, but it will be preceded by the degeneration of human society. This will be a period of greed, lust, poverty, ill will, violence, murder, impiety, physical weakness, sexual depravity and societal collapse, and even the Buddha himself will be forgotten. Then at the last age Buddhist prophecies says, there will be the 'Shambhala' equivalent of Armageddon, in which good triumphs over evil; however then, the planet is restored rather than destroyed so people can pursue enlightenment.

## THE BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN BELIEFS ON THE END OF TIMES:

As 2012 is coming to an end more and more people in America, Europe and other parts of the world are programming to prophecies of doom and the signs and wonders that are thought to be harbingers of the coming end time. Heavenly forces and a corrupted earth — are the twin engines of apocalyptic movements. For Christians awaiting rapture or Shiites counting the days until the Twelfth Imam appears, the trials and injustices of the known world are a prelude for the next age to arrive. Polls indicate that up to 50 percent of Americans believe that the Book of Revelation is a true, prophetic document, meaning they fully expect the predictions of “Rapture,” “Tribulation” and “Armageddon” to be fulfilled. But the wicked have to be destroyed and evil has to be overcome for the era of righteousness to dawn.

According to one pre millennial Christian interpretation, the Messiah will return to earth and defeat the Antichrist (the "beast") and Satan the Devil in the Battle of Armageddon. Then Satan will be put into the "bottomless pit" or abyss for 1,000 years. Armageddon will be, according to the Book of Revelation the last chapter of the Bible, the final battle between good and evil during the end times. The New Testament reveals, "they (will gather) the kings together to .... Armageddon. The purpose of this gathering of kings in the "Armageddon" is "for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty". Armageddon is the battle of the End of times in which God deals with "the kings of the earth and of the whole world" (Rev. 16:14). The Christians believe the battle of Armageddon will commence just before the second coming of Jesus Christ. In Christianity today there are numerous sects and groups. There are the Catholics, Protestants, Baptists, Methodists, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses and others. Each of the group is strongly confused about the end of times issues. Each of the group gives a deferent interpretation of the second coming of Jesus and what his position would be in the end of times, what forces he will support and the forces he will oppose in the world today. They are confused about and will remain confused about who is Anti-Christ in the world. They are confused with what Armageddon is meant for that is about to occur in the present world. In the Bible at some instances there is mention of the 'Babylon' the city that is located in Mesopotamia (Iraq) and at other times there is mention of the "Mystery Babylon the Great" the 'country of power' at the end of times in the Bible. Here we are elaborating "Mystery Babylon the Great" of the end of times. Christians are confused about what is meant by the country of the "Mystery Babylon the Great" in the Bible. To most of the Americans and Europeans today the world doesn't exist beyond America and Europe. If "America and Europe or the Western Allied Powers" are not the "Anti-Christ" then why would they wage war on Jesus Christ when he arrives in the world for the second time?

Despite having deferent forms of wrong interpretations, in recent times many Americans believe "Mystery Babylon the Great" that have been mentioned in the biblical verses is the present day United States of America. At present many Americans believes in the destruction of America (Mystery Babylon) and thus left for other countries to live there anticipating the End of Times. As in the Bible the Mystery Babylon is a wicked harlot and she sits upon 7 bodies of water, riding on a beast. Upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots, and Abominations of the Earth - This inscription being written upon her forehead is intended to show that she is not ashamed of her doctrines, but publicly professes and glories in them before the nations of the Earth. According to the bible 'She' (Mystery Babylon the Great) will rule over the kings of the earth and the most powerful and influential nation of the end of times. Mystery Babylon in some way dominates the peoples, multitudes, nations and languages of the world in the end of times.

America sits upon 7 bodies of water -- more then any other country. America has used its power in an oppressive and relentlessly aggressive manner that is described of the 'Mystery Babylon' in the biblical scriptures? America's dominant military and financial power gives her a global hegemony or rule through influence and threat of force. The kings of the world have committed fornication with America by chasing the greed, corruption, murder and injustice to the world America offers. America rules over the kings of the earth and that is why the dollar is the world

reserve currency. Other countries must bow to their demands simply because of America's economic and military forces. America is the most dominant and influential nation of the end of times. The nations that dare defy or threaten America get unilaterally invaded or have their funding or resources cut off. Some of the verses of the Bible mentioned below that reveals the identity and end of time destruction of 'Mystery Babylon the Great'.

**Revelation 18:1-24** After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. And he called out with a mighty voice, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast. For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living." Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues; for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. ...

**Revelation 17:1-6** Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk." And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations."

**Isaiah 14:4-6**, "...How the oppressor has come to an end! How his fury has ended! The Lord has broken the rod of the wicked; the scepter of the rulers, which in anger struck down peoples with unceasing blows, and in fury subdued nations with relentless aggression."

**Revelation 17:15** -Then the angel said to me, "The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages."

**Revelation 18:3, 7** - "For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries." ...

**Revelation 18:9-10**, "When the kings of the earth... see the smoke of her burning... they will stand far off and cry: 'Woe! Woe, O great city, **O Babylon, city of power!** In one hour your doom has come!'"

**Revelation 18:4**, "Come out of her my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues,"

**Jeremiah 50:31-32**, "Behold, I am against you, O most haughty one!" says the Lord God of hosts; "For your day has come, The time that I will punish you. The most proud shall stumble and fall..."

**Jeremiah 51:7-8**, "Babylon was a golden cup in the Lord's hand, That made all the earth drunk. The nations drank her wine; therefore the nations are deranged. Babylon has suddenly fallen and been destroyed. Wail for her! Take balm for her pain..."

**Revelation 18:23-24** — 23 the light of a lamp will never shine in you again; and the voice of a groom and bride will never be heard in you again. [All this will happen] because your merchants were the nobility of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery, 24 and the blood of prophets and saints, and of all those slaughtered on earth, was found in you.

**Revelation 18:8, 10 and 18**--Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her: death, mourning and famine. She will be consumed by fire, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her. ... In one hour your doom has come! ... When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, 'Was there ever a city like this great city?'

**Revelation 14:8** "And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

The destruction of "Mystery Babylon the Great" will take place at the time of the Battle of Armageddon. At the time of Armageddon America and Europe(the End of the Times Anti-Christ )will wage war on Jesus and Mahdi .

**THE LAST AGE, THE END OF TIMES IN THE SCRIPTS OF THE MUSLIMS:** The scriptures of the Muslims on the last age or end of times are more particular and detailed with information. The end times figures according to Islam, are very detailed and gives names of people and locations and events. It is gathered from Muslim 'Hadiths' (Prophetic Source of information) from the prophet Muhammed (pbuh) and his family(A.S). According to the scripts of the Muslims the descendant of Abel, Abraham, Muhammad, Imam Ali, the descendant of Imam Hussein, the descendant of the Prophet (S.A.) and the last Savior of Mankind "Mahdi" to the Sunnis , the 12<sup>th</sup> descendant of the Holy Prophet, the 12<sup>th</sup> Holy Imam of the *Ahlal Bayit* (Family of Prophet Muhammad) to the Shias. "The Prince of the South" will rise with the sword at the end of times to protect humanity from the corrupt and the evil doers of the Earth. End of times Savior "Mahdi" has been mentioned in the scripts of all Muslim sects. The Messiah 'Imam Mahdi' will be joined by Jesus son of Mary who will descend from the heavens in the world in his second coming; Mahdi and his army will wage Epic Battles against the evil and corrupt of the world which is known in the bible as 'Armageddon' the final battle between good and evil on earth. According to the scripts of the Muslims at the end of times, all governments of the world will be aligned with major powers of the current world order except for one government. At the time of the advent of the Messiah the world will be in turmoil, wars will rage and show its teeth. Corruption and chaos will permeate almost all affairs of humanity; the good among mankind will be defeated before the rise of the Messiah. At this troublesome juncture of humanity the Messiah will rise with the sword to punish the wicked who have taken the reigns of all human affairs. When the foretold events occur and God's command comes the Mahdi will come to the scene of the world like a shooting star. He will move through the people with a burning lamp. According to Prophetic narrations (*hadiths*) before the coming of the Messiah 'an apocalyptic war' will erupt in West Asia; during these moments Imam Mahdi will rise with the sword from the Kaa'ba and then soon after a ready massive army from the 'nation of the east' (*Iran*) will join Imam Mahdi. Before the advent of the Mahdi there will be series of vicious storms, earthquakes and volcanoes over the years all over the world. With the advent of Imam Mahdi the equations of the world will change permanently. Immediately after his rise Imam Mahdi with his massive army shall march towards Palestine to face off the army of the corrupt and the evil. At this time Mahdi will be joined by Jesus son of Mary who will descend from the heavens to help Imam Mahdi. According to the scripts of the Muslims the first great war with the commandeering of the Mahdi will be in Palestine, the next Great War after the war of Palestine will occur in Turkey. Then the army of the Mahdi will move towards Europe. Mahdi and his army will move to the East and the West; punish the forces of evil and corruption in the earth and within a short span of time will raise the flags of justice and equity at the four corners of the world. At the end of times God will give Judgment to the world with the Sword of the Mahdi. The Messiah Mahdi will give science and knowledge to the masses. All the wealth of the world will come under the domain of the Messiah and he will distribute the wealth justly to the people. Religion will be renovated. False percepts and wrong infiltrations in religion will be removed.

According to hadith (Prophetic Information) the Imam will bring a new 'amr'. This refers to a new command, or a command that may seem new to what the people were familiar with. The narrations say that the Mahdi will bring the Islam of the Prophet, but present day Islam will be so corrupted by the people and misinterpreted, that it will seem like the Mahdi is bringing a totally new religion. The amr may also refer to a rule or caliphate that is different from the ones we are familiar with at present. The Mahdi will bring a rule or world government that is different from the ones we are familiar with. Before the advent of the Messiah the black flags of Khorasan (Iran) and the standard of Qays in Egypt will be raised - this is an event leading to the appearance of the Qa'im (The Mahdi). Imam Mahdi will rearrange the wealth and power structures in the world. He will bring justice and peace to the nations; the wolf and the sheep will drink from the same pond and the wolf will not harm the sheep. According to the narrations from the Prophet {S.A.} arrows shall not touch the Mahdi, he shall live up to the very last of the world (*kiyamah*). Most of the followers of the Mahdi will be the young generations. There are more than hundreds of information agendas (*hadiths*) given in the religious texts of all Muslim sects about the coming of the Savior and about his worldwide military campaigns. Mahdi is the true hope of the world. Muslim religious texts have numerous information sources about his punishing the corrupt and evil of the world and defeating them and his global rule of justice and peace until the Dooms Day (*kiyamah*) arrives. From the source of Ali (A.S.) the Mahdi will peel off the present world order of corruption and evil like the peeling of the skin from the body (shall cause rebirth of the world). It has been related from the Messenger of God (pbuh) that before the rise of the Mahdi a caller from the heavens will call out the name of the Mahdi that would reverberate in all regions (every home) of the world.

The hours for wars and worldwide conflicts are surging upwards. The masses are demanding justice everywhere. Regions of west Asia and other region of the world have been surrounded by the armies of the world powers. Only a spark will ignite vicious wars (*third world war*). The hour will come of a sudden. We are living at the brink of the apocalypse, but the world is asleep about the coming events.

Some of the excerpts from Muslim religious texts have been given below:

The Messenger of God Muhammad (pbuh) had stated:

*The Prophet (PBUH) said: "Allah will bring out from concealment Mahdi from my Family and Progeny before the Day of Judgment, even if only one day were to remain in the life of the world, and he will spread on this earth justice, and equity and eradicate tyranny and oppression."*

*After me, soon my Ahlulbait will face calamity, hardship and misery till people having black flags (army battalions) will rise from the East (Iran) and seek justice, which will be denied them. They will wage war, they will be supported and will be given what they were demanding. They will not accept until it is handed over to one from our Ahlulbait (i.e. Mahdi). He will fill the earth with justice as it was filled with injustice. Whoever amongst you is alive at that period, should try to reach them even if he has to tread on ice in that pursuit."*

*"(Armies carrying) black flags will come from Khorasan . No power will be able to stop them and they will finally reach Eelya (Jerusalem) where they will erect their flags". (Tirmizi)*

*Ali bin Abi Taleb (A.S) said: "If Sufyani's Cavalry march to Kufa, the people of Khorasan (Iran) will be requested to come to their aid. The people of Khorasan will come out seeking the Mahdi. So, the Hashimi with an army carrying black banners, at its front end is Shuayb bin Salih, will meet the followers of the Sufyani at Istakhar Gate and a great battle will occur between them. The black banners will be victorious. Sufyani's Cavalry will run away. At that time, people will wish for the Mahdi (to appear) and ask for him." (Nuaim bin Hammad's Kitab Al-Fitan)*

*Jabir has quoted from Imam Muhammad Baqir (a.s) that he said, "The flags that arrive from Khorasan shall reach Kufa. And when His Eminence, Imam Mahdi (a.s) reappears from Mecca, these flags shall go towards him and pledge allegiance to him."*

*Others traditions that prove that black flags would appear from the east or from Khorasan, imply that it is the preface to the reappearance of His Eminence, Imam Mahdi (a.s).*

**A CALL FROM THE HEAVENS/ A SCREAM FROM THE SKIES/ A SOUND (BLAST) IN RAMADAN BEFORE THE RISE OF THE MAHDI:** Ali bin Abi Taleb (A.S.) said: "Wait for the end of misery once three things occur." We said: What are they, O' Prince of Believers? He said: "The dispute among the people of AshSham (Greater Syria), the Black Banners (battalions carrying black banners), and the Qaz'a in the month of Ramadan. It was asked: "What is the Qaz'a ? He said: "Haven't you heard what Allah said in the Quran (26:4): 'If We wish, We can send down to them from Heaven a sign, such that their necks remain surrendered to it (mesmerized in amazement).' This Aya (sign) that makes a girl come out of her bedroom, wakes up the person who is asleep, and frightens the one who is awake." (Ibn Al-Shajari's Al-Amali Al-Shajaria)

The Messenger of Allah said: " In, Ramadan, there will be a **Sound (or voice)**. They said: O Messenger of Allah, is it in its beginning, in its middle, or in its end ? He said: No, in the middle of Ramadan. If the night of the middle is Friday, there will be a sound from the sky that causes death to 70 thousand and causes deafness to 70 thousand. They asked: 'O Messenger of Allah, who will survive from your Umma (nation)? ' He said: 'Whoever stays at home, seeks refuge (to Allah) through Sujud (prostration), and openly declares Takbir of Allah ('Allah Akbar'). Then, another sound will follow it. The first sound is the voice of (angel) Gabriel and the second sound is the voice of Satan. The sound is in Ramadan, the disturbance is in Shawwal, the tribes (or nations) form into warring groups in Zul-Qi'da, and it is feared for the pilgrim in Zul-Hijja. In Al-Muharram, what is prohibited in Muharram? Its beginning is calamity on my Umma (nation) and its end is a relief to my Umma. A Rahila (an animal or mode of transportation) that may save him is better than a fortress (castle) that shelters one thousand. " (Tabarani, Abu Amru Ad-Dani, Al-Haithami's Mujama Al-Zawa'id)

The Prophet (pbuh) said: "When there is a **Sayha (scream)** in **Ramadan**, then there will be turmoil in **Shawwal**, and the tribes will form groups in **Zul-Qi'da**, and blood will be spilled in **Zul-Hijja**, and in Al-Muharram! What is **prohibited**?" saying it three times, "Oh, Oh! The people will be killed in a great massacres." He said: "We said: "What is the **Sayha (scream)**, O Messenger of Allah?" He said: "This will be in the middle of Ramadan, on a Friday morning. That will be when the month of Ramadan begins on a Friday night. There will be a **Hadda (powerful, hammering sound)** that will awaken one who is asleep, and bring the young women out of their rooms, on a Friday night during **a year of many earthquakes (and very cold)**. So **when Ramadan begins on a Friday night** in that year, then when you have prayed Fajr on Friday in the middle of Ramadan, then enter your houses, close your doors, block your windows, cover yourselves, and block your ears. When you sense the scream, **fall down in prostration** to Allah and say: "Subhanal-Quddus, subhanal-Quddus, rabbunal-Quddus (Glory be to the Most Holy, glory be to the Most Holy, our Lord is the Most Holy)." For whoever does that will survive, and whoever does not will perish." (Nuaim bin Hammad's Kitab Al-Fitan, Hadith )

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said, "On the 15th of Ramadan, Friday night there will be a voice (blast) that will awaken the asleep, that will alarm the awake, the noble ladies will come out of their seclusion. That day there will be too many earthquakes. Therefore, there will be three major landslides like never seen before. One in the East, one in the West & one in the Arabian Peninsula. The Earth will swallow everything above it & as a result, many people will die".

**RISING OF THE SUN FROM THE WEST BEFORE THE ADVENT OF THE MAHDI:** Abdullah bin Abu-Owfa reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) say, *"Verily a night equivalent to three of your nights will come upon people. When it comes, those who engage themselves in worship during the night will recognize it. A person will stand in prayer, read a section of the Quran and then go to sleep. Thereafter, he will wake up, stand in prayer and read a section of the Quran, then go to sleep. While this condition remains, the people will begin to shout, scream and call one another. They will say, "What is this?" With fear, they will run to the mosque. To their surprise, they will see that the sun has risen from the West. When it reaches the middle of the sky, it will return and set in the West." He said, "That is when becoming a believer (in Islam after witnessing this Sign) will no longer be of benefit (because after the sun rises from the West, Allah will no longer accept declarations of faith)." (Ibn Kathir's book Al-Bidaya wa An-Nihaya)*

**THE RISE OF THE COMET FROM THE EAST BEFORE THE ADVENT OF THE MAHDI:** *"A comet appears when kings go on the pilgrimage to Mecca for travel, the wealthy for commerce, the poor for rest, and the hafiz [reciters] to show off. (Muhammad ibn `Abd al-RasulBarzanji, Al-Isha`ah li Ashrat as-Sa`ah, p.123) "*

*"A star with a luminous tail will rise from the east before the Mahdi emerges". (Muhammad ibn `Abd al-RasulBarzanji, Al-Isha`ah li Ashrat as-Sa`ah, p.123)*

*"When this comet first appeared, the people of Prophet Noah (pbuh) perished, Prophet Abraham (pbuh) was cast into fire, Pharaoh and his people who fought against Prophet Moses (pbuh) perished, and John [Yahya] (pbuh) passed away. When you see that comet, take refuge in God from the evil of fitna (upheaval and chaos). (Al-Muttaqi al-Hindi, Al-Burhan fi `Alamat al-Mahdi Akhir az-Zaman, p. 32) "*

The star (comet) is a sign of wars and chaos. According to another Hadith (Prophetic Information) "the star will appear after an unexpected double eclipse in the month of Ramadan"

[al-Fadl b. Shadhan (reported) on the authority of Ahmad b.Muhammad b. Abi Nasr , Abu Jafar (al-Baqir), peace be on him, said: "Two signs will come before the one who will arise (al-Qa'im/Imam Mahdi), peace be on him: there will be an eclipse of the sun in the middle of the month of Ramadan and an eclipse of the moon at the end of it." "Son of the Apostle of God," I said, "usually the eclipse of the sun occurs at the end of the month and the eclipse of the moon occurs in the middle of it?" "I know what I have said," replied Abu Jafar (al-Baqir), peace be on him. "They are signs which have not occurred since Adam came down."

According to hadiths, three banners will fight in Syria for government before the rise of the Mahdi (A.S.). One will be the red and white striped banner.

The Messenger of God (pbuh) said: *"There will be a Fitna (upheaval and chaos) in AshSham (Syria). Its beginning will be like a play of boys. Then, the affairs of people will not settle on anything and unity will not be achieved until a caller calls from Heaven: 'Follow this person'(The Mahdi),..... (Nuaim Ibn Hammad's Kitab Al-Fitan)*

**THE END OF TIME DAJJAL (ANTI- CHRIST):** Dajjal (Anti-Christ) will claim to be a social reformer. The advent of Dajjal is one of the indisputable signs of the re-emergence of the Mahdi to which all previous religions have also alluded. Dajjal literally means one who covers truth with falsehood and deceit. Dajjal is not a proper name of a single person rather it is a general title for all devious and deceitful individuals and regimes who deceive the masses and bar the path of truth.

*The end of this dangerous criminal and sinner shall be at the hands of the Awaited Imam (a.s), the Great reformer of humanity. His Eminence, Imam Sadiq (a.s) narrates from his father and he from his great grandfather, the Messenger of Allah (a.s) that he mentioned about the advent of Dajjal, the place of his appearance and some of his characteristics and said that the Dajjal would claim divinity and on the first day of his appearance, seventy thousand Jews of illegitimate birth, habitual drinkers, singers, musician, bedouins and women shall follow him. He said, "Then Dajjal would make fornication, sodomy and all sinful activities lawful. So that people may have illicit relationships with women and children openly on the roads. His followers shall be prolific in consuming pork, wine and all types of sinful acts. They would obtain control over various areas of the earth except Mecca, Medina and shrines of the Holy Imams (a.s). At the time when his transgression would exceed all limits and the earth full of his oppression and his followers, one behind whom Isa bin Maryam (a.s) shall pray would slay him. And that person is Imam Mahdi (a.s)."*[1] Muntakhabul Athar, Pg. 480

Imam Ali(A.S.) narrated from the Prophet(S.A.) about signs at the End of Time about conditions prevailing on the appearing of Dajjal. Imam Ali(A.S.) said, *"There are a few signs which will become noticeable prior to his appearance, those signs are: people would stop offering prayers, people will be robbed of their deposits; twisting facts would be considered an appreciable quality; society will accept interest and use bribe as a means of subsistence; religion will be sold for the worldly gains; idiots will take over the intelligent; innocent will be slaughtered; those with humble and courteous ways will be called weak and naïve; those with harsh and cruel customs will be envied and praised; wealthy will be traitors; government officials will be malicious; prosperous would be evasive; clerics will be devious; adultery and illegitimate relationships will become societal norm; woman will participate in trade with men; falsehood and speculation will be admired; women will ride on saddle and prefer manly styles whereas men would like to dress like women;....."*

*The Messenger of God Muhammad said, .....The sun will rise from the west; when it rises and the people see it, they will believe, but, 'No good will it do to a soul to believe then, if it will not have already believed or earned righteousness through its faith ...' (Quran, Al-Anam 6:158) **The Hour will come suddenly:** when a man has milked his she-camel and taken away the milk, but he will not have time to drink it; before a man repairing a tank for his livestock will be able to put water in it for his animals; and before a man who has raised a morsel of food to his mouth will be able to eat it." (Bukhari)*

There is an Islamic prophecy which states that a "black man" ( Barack Hussein Obama) will take power in the West prior to the emergence of the Mahdi.

*The tradition comes from Bihar al-Anwar (meaning Oceans of Light) by Mullah Majlisi a Shiite text of the 17th century, a magnum opus in 132 volumes and the basis of modern Shiite Islam. According to the tradition, Imam Ali Ibn Abi-Talib (A.S.) from the Prophet had said that at the End of Times and just before the return of the Mahdi, the Ultimate Saviour, a **"tall black man will assume the reins of government in the West."** Commanding **"the strongest army on earth,"** the new ruler in the West will carry "a clear sign" from the third imam, whose name was Hussein Ibn Ali.....*

Here are the verses from the Bible that tells about the Mahdi at the end of times (now). When the Mahdi rises many armies of the world (different standard bearers) would assemble to wage war on the Mahdi and this is what has been said in the Bible in the last chapter of "the book of revelation".(In these verses the Mahdi is mentioned as the 'Lamb')

King James Version (KJV), Revelation - Chapter 6

- [Rev 6:1](#) ¶And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.
- [Rev 6:2](#) And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.
- [Rev 6:3](#) ¶And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.
- [Rev 6:4](#) And there went out another horse [that was] red: and [power] was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.
- [Rev 6:5](#) ¶And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.
- [Rev 6:6](#) And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and [see] thou hurt not the oil and the wine.
- [Rev 6:7](#) ¶And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.
- [Rev 6:8](#) And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.
- [Rev 6:9](#) ¶And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:
- [Rev 6:10](#) And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?
- [Rev 6:11](#) And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they [were], should be fulfilled.
- [Rev 6:12](#) ¶And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;
- [Rev 6:13](#) And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.
- [Rev 6:14](#) And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.
- [Rev 6:15](#) And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;
- [Rev 6:16](#) And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the **'Lamb'**:
- [Rev 6:17](#) For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

We the people of the world are now living the End of Times. The final battle of good and evil of the world is imminent. The emergence of the Messiah Mahdi is very near and who will be joined

by Jesus son of Mary to wage war against the corrupt and the evil of the world. The Mahdi will establish the global rule of Justice and equity and rule for ages until doomsday of the worlds. The Mahdi will prepare mankind for the Day of Resurrection and through him God will give mankind their last chance to correct themselves. The present world powers are well aware that the Mahdi will be rising and they are keeping a secret of it. The world powers study every religion and they take it very seriously. Jesus son of Mary gave us great spiritual teachings; did not Jesus want to give his consciousness of the world and God to the people? The elites knew where this would lead so they censored him and tried to kill him! A few years later they bring out a book of his teachings!! Do you really think they would put anything in that book that would empower the masses?? The world powers are getting set to wage war (third world war) on the Mahdi when he rises; but information from the Prophetic sources says arrows shall not touch the Mahdi. We are at the threshold of a New Age. Cataclysmic and tumultuous changes and events are going to occur most likely by the end of this year 2013 or the next year 2014! Apocalypse (Armageddon) is ahead of us.

**CONCLUSION:** Corruption, evil, social injustice and economic depravity has taken deep root in all countries of the world. The world today with a population of more than 7 billion are more divided and more in chaos than ever before in the history of the mankind. At present we are witnessing more upheavals and mass uprisings throughout the world than ever before and people everywhere are chaotic, violent, restless and unhappy. The people of the world are gathering momentum for a cataclysmic change that is to come our way. The world powers (leaders) have started mass repression, new wars and interventions to restore global hegemony. The world leaders have no solution for the masses. They appear to be politically bankrupt and impotent to steer the course of events unfolding before them. The World leaders and their entourages who are really detached from the masses have organized to keep aloft the present world order that degenerates the masses in corruption, keeps the people in unhappiness, and deprives the masses from economic well being, education and keeps promoting wars and conflicts to support corruption and evil. The world is moving towards collapse of economies, social upheavals, vicious wars and chaos. The world is moving towards a total global conflict (third world war). There will be a Judgment Day on the Earth. The final battle between the good and evil on the earth is to our close proximity. We are at the "End of Times". We are living in the 'Messianic Era'. The Promised Messiah will come to set right what is wrong, no doubt.



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