

ILL- OMENS & BAD LUCK THE MONTH OF SAFAR

Nabi Sallallaahu alaihi wasallam has said: "Belief in ill-omens is shirk (polytheistic), (he said this thrice), and the owl's foreboding is nothing."

The Mushrikoon (polytheists) of Arabia used to believe that a house near which an owl screeches will be ruined, hence Rasulullah Sallallaahu alaihi wasallam declared this belief as false. Another belief of the Mushrikoon was that the month of Safar up to the 13th day was inauspicious. Here again, Rasulullah Sallallaahu alaihi Wasallam rejected this belief and said:

"There is nothing ominous about the month of Safar". (Bukhari Vol.1 pg.857)

Believing that the month of Safar is inauspicious and particularly that its first 13 days are ill-fated or that it is harmful to marry or propose to marry or undertake a journey, etc, during these days are beliefs contrary to the teachings of Islam.

It is therefore totally incorrect for Muslims, who are the followers of Rasulullah Sallallaahu alaihi wasallam, to adopt the ways of disbelievers and to entertain and harbour the very beliefs which he had come to abolish.

A true Muslim firmly believes that all conditions, whether they are adverse or favourable, come directly from Allah Ta'aala. Specific days, months, time periods or phenomena have no bearing on the negative descending conditions. Furthermore, a true Muslim believes that ill conditions are a direct result of ill actions, and pleasant conditions likewise are the direct result of righteous actions.

The Qur'aan is explicit on the afore-said in the following verses:

"Whosoever turns away from My remembrance, indeed for him will be a narrowed and constrained life." (Suratut Taaha: verse 124)

"Whosoever does righteous actions, whether male or female, whilst being a believer, We will certainly grant him a good life". (Suratun Nahl: Verse 97)

May Allah grant all Muslims the ability to understand and accept that all conditions only emanate from our very own actions. It is the system of Allah Ta'aala that good conditions are the result of good actions and bad conditions the result of bad actions. Aameen.

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