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Lessons from the Prophet's Migration

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, **“Even if you do not help the Prophet, Allah helped him when the disbelievers drove him out: when the two of them were in the cave, he [Muhammad] said to his companion, ‘Do not worry, Allah is with us,’ and Allah sent His calm down to him, aided him with forces invisible to you, and brought down the disbelievers’ plan. Allah’s plan is higher: Allah is almighty and wise.”** I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon him, his Household, Companions and upon those who follow their path to the Day of Judgment.

The blessed migration of the Prophet (PBUH) from Mecca to Medina was an event that changed the course of history, and an introduction to a great history of Islam and Muslims. This blessed journey was full of great lessons and insights, which include: the manifestation of the Prophet’s moral values especially his honesty. The polytheists used to keep their money with the Prophet (PBUH) as trusts, and used to call him *al-Saidq al-Amin* (the truthful and the honest). When the Prophet (PBUH) wanted to migrate to Medina, he asked Ali Ibn Abi Talib to stay at Mecca

to return the trusts to their owners, even though they had harmed him and tortured his companions, expelled them from their homes and forced them to leave their properties. This is honesty in its highest sense.

This journey also reveals the meaning of Allah's support for the Prophet (PBUH). When Abu Bakr said to the Prophet (PBUH) when they were hiding in the cave, and the polytheists were standing outside it: "If any of them should look under his feet, he would see us," the Prophet (PBUH) replied, "O Abu Bakr! What do you think of two (persons) the third of whom is Allah?!" Regarding this incident, Allah said in the Qur'an "Allah sent His tranquility down to him, aided him with forces invisible to you."

Despite this support from Allah, the Prophet (PBUH) used all possible means available for him to make the journey successful, which included: good planning, and choosing a companion and a guide. However, with all these procedures, the Prophet (PBUH) was relying only on Allah and His help, which teaches us the meaning of good dependence upon Allah in all aspects of the blessed journey.

Among the lessons of the blessed migration of the Prophet is the building of the state and the establishment of its pillars, starting with the construction of the Mosque which represents the center of worship, knowledge and education. It is the place where the normal personality of a

Muslim is built in order to develop the world and make construction. Next to the mosque comes the market which refers to the importance of the economic aspect in building states, and to be a market based on the virtuous Islamic morals in buying and selling. Thus, the Prophet (PBUH) established a stable and balanced society, in which no one element negate another, in order to achieve the integrated message of Islam, as the Almighty Allah said, **“It is He who has made the earth manageable for you--travel its regions; eat His provision- and to Him you will be resurrected.”** After the Mosque and the market, came the constitution of Medina that established the rules and principles of peaceful coexistence among the people of Medina.

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; may Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his companions and followers:

There is no doubt that the constitution of Medina that our Prophet (PBUH) concluded after settling in Medina is considered the most important document for coexistence in human history. It stated the rights and duties based on national and humanitarian bases, as it stated that the Jews are a community like Muslims in Medina. Thus, it approved the

freedom of belief, and the sanctity of places of worship for all people without discrimination.

What a great humanitarian and civilizational action that we find in this Constitution when it first approved that Jews have their religion before approving the same right for Muslim! This indicates the highest degree of tolerance and fairness from the Prophet (PBUH).

Our Messenger (PBUH) also established the principle of fraternity and unity among Muslims, when he held a brotherhood relationship among the emigrants and the people of Medina (*Al-Ansar*) in compliance with the saying of the Almighty Allah, **“Hold fast to Allah’s rope all together; do not split into factions,”** and Allah’s saying, **“Obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not quarrel with one another, or you may lose heart and your spirit may desert you.”** The Prophet (PBUH) said, **“Do not nurse hatred against one another, nor jealousy, nor enmity; and do not show your backs to one another; and become as fellow brothers and slaves of Allah. A Muslim is a brother to a Muslim. A Muslim is a brother to a Muslim. He should neither deceive him nor lie to him, nor leave him without assistance.”**

So, how much do we need to be inspired by the meanings of this blessed migration by turning to what pleases the Almighty Allah in terms of our deeds and sayings, and by shifting from idleness and laziness to

diligence and perfection, and from selfishness to sincere human fraternity, as our Prophet (PBUH) said, "A Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hands the Muslims are safe; and a *Muhajir* (Emigrant) is the one who refrains from what Allah has forbidden."

We ask Allah to protect our country Egypt and all other countries of the worlds!