

Qurbani: whose sin, whose piety, whose penance and at the expense of whose life?

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The theme of this title above was taken from my old essay on Qurbani (*Eid-ul-Azha*) written in early months of 2002. This essay was posted in News from Bangladesh and in FFI, which could be read at:

<http://www.faithfreedom.org/Articles/SKM/sacrifice.htm>. “Whose sin, whose piety and whose penance?” was one of the many questions asked in that essay. Now same types of questions could be asked again this year, and those pertinent questions are: **at whose expenses this Islamic madness of sacrifice is being performed? Whose life is being sacrificed to earn Allah’s mercy? How Allah (if He is the creator) can ask one life (human) to kill another life (cow’s life) for His satisfaction? Why Allah needs blood for His satisfaction? And so on!**

Every year Muslims all over the world kill mercilessly millions of animal life in a single day—which they call “**Sacrifice (Qurbani) for Allah’s happiness.**” They do it to appease Allah. The origin of this madness named sacrifice (killing animals) for Allah was derived from the myth related to pre-biblical Prophet Abraham (Ibrahim in Islam). This belief system of sacrifice is called **burnt offerings in Bible**. This was the method of sacrifice sanctioned for Jews, and Bible commanded this decree of God by hundreds of scriptures throughout the Old Testament. Animal sacrifice was prescribed for Jews and Christians by very strict Biblical injunction. **Yet, Jews and Christians stopped this barbarically mad practice longtime ago once they realized that this is nothing more than an uncivilized, barbaric, and inhumane practice.** But sadly though, the Muslims are busy killing animals to satisfy the angry Allah just the way ancient uncivilized peoples used to sacrifice human life (*Naro baali*) to appease their deity.

Later in the course of human civilization, ancient people used to sacrifice animals instead of human. Hindus and various other tribal religions do occasionally practice this animal sacrifice even today. But in this civilized era of computers and rockets no other world religion except Islam does this inhuman cruelest ritual of animal killings so massively. Muslims perform this barbaric ritual every year with increasing Islamic zeal and fanatic devotions. In this Islamic craze of animal sacrifice, in many occasions, people do observe the horrific scenarios of unborn calves inside the torn opened gaping body cavity of the sacrificed cows. Yet, there is not a slightest remorse to those hungry meat eater pious Muslims. Question is how merciful Allah can let such horrific thing to happen? No one ask who gave them right to appease Allah at the expense of animal life.

One may argue that, well people kill thousands of animals for food purposes. I would argue that killing for food is quiet different issue. People may kill cows and many other

animals, birds and fishes as their food requirement, which they need for their survival, as the Darwin theory very rightly says: survival of the fittest (might is right) and this is the law of natural survival for all animals including humans. Bottom-line is killing for food is not the act of appeasing God! But Qurbani killing is for appeasement of God at the expense of other's life.

During the Last Eid-ul Azha (January 2005) I was in Bangladesh. After the Eid-Prayer in Gulshan Mosque on my way to return home I asked my driver to take some streets in Banani/Gulshan residential area where devoted mussallees will go craze sacrificing (Qurbani) their cattle and goats. To my amazement I saw almost every house were having at least two animals, some having 5/6 cows ready to be slaughtered any minutes. Then, suddenly what I saw my eyes could not believe it. Three relatively young bearded, tupi and jubba clad mullahs were frantically running through the street from one house to another **by waving in their right hands naked blood stained reddened sword like knives** (long knife). When asked, my driver explained to me that these were mullahs who slit the necks of Qurabani cows and goats. They are running to contest other mullahs to get the job so that they can earn TK. 100.00 per cow for neck slitting, and also lots of divine blessings from Allah. **Divine blessings from Allah for “neck cutting” job of innocent helpless cows?** It has reminded me Islamic terrorists of al-Qaeda suicide bombers. What a cruel blind belief?

Satan Stoning Ceremony

In the final day of this Islamic (or Paganic culture) annual Hajj the devout pilgrims take the giant step of their bogus hope of erasing all of their sins (they have readily committed during the past year) by stoning at the cement wall which they call Great Satan. Their mad Islamic zeal is so strong that in their way of madness and zealotry almost every year they themselves get killed in the way of Allah (*Fi Sabilullah*) while jostling each other to pelting stone to the Satan.



(At Mecca Satan Stoning Monkey dance of Muslim is in full session).

Why the Merciful Allah does not intervene?

Like many other previous years (**Muslims died in stampede**: 402 in 1987, 1426 in 1990, 270 in 1994, 340 in 1997, 118 in 1998, 14 in 2003, 35 in 2001, 251 in 2004), this year

during hajj some 363 pilgrims got killed and more than 1500 have been injured by stampede at the “**Stoning Satan**” ritual of the final day of Hajj. In addition to this more than 76 people also died in hotel collapsing incident in Mecca. These believers of Allah (*Mumeen Mussalmans*) went to Mecca (House of Allah) only to appease Allah and they were pelting stone to a concrete wall (they call it Satan) to appease Allah. God/Allah of Muslims should be very happy that His believers went to near His own home to worship Him. Even the blood thirsty cruelest human being would not harm his guests when they are in his own house. Now, these stupid believers of Allah were not only Allah’s guests, but they were His devout slaves went to His house for His mercy and to appease him by their extreme piety and penance, so that they can get a place in Islamic heaven.

Now could anybody tell me why on earth the so called merciful Allah could allow such dangerous stampede to happen in the first place? Why He Himself (*as all Muslims do believe that only Allah can take his life*) killed all those slaves or guests of Him? Is it possible that actually this stampede killing was orchestrated by the **great powerful Satan himself**? Because of their pelting rains over his body the Satan got angry and killed those stupid human believers of Allah, and Allah virtually could not protect his slaves. **Because Allah is actually less powerful than Satan!** This logic fits better to this incident, isn’t it? Historically, when devout Muslims (slaves of Allah) arrive in front of Allah’s decorated home on earth—always some slaves get killed either by stampede, or by fire, or by bomb blast, or by hotel collapsing etc. Was not Allah the **Merciful, all knowing, almighty and compassionate**? Then how come He can not really intervene to almost anything in the whole world? **What kind of dumb and heartless deity is He?**

Allah/God/Baghban/Jehovah—none of them can ever intervene to anything in this earth. Here are some recent terrible incidents (where Allah/God could do absolutely nothing) which are lighting our painful memories with great pains:

1. Where was the all powerful and merciful God when these Arab terrorists flew their aircraft and crashed them into the WTC and Pentagon building killing more than 3000 innocent humans?
2. Earthquake in Bagram, Iran (6.7 Richter scale in, 2004) killed more than 50,000 humans when they were in their sleep during night—where was this Merciful Allah?
3. Earthquake in Los Angeles (6.7 Richter scale, 2004) of same strength killing only 2 humans—why this utter partiality of God?
4. Earthquake in Pakistan (8.5 Richter scale, 2005) killed hundred thousands poor but pure (pukka) Muslims. Where was the merciful Allah at that time?
5. Tsunami in the Indian ocean killing more than 250 thousand mostly poor, destitute, innocent human beings; amongst which almost two hundred thousands were Muslims (Allah’s favorite slaves)—why Allah did not save them?
6. Devastating Cyclone Katrina in the Gulp of Mexico destroying many cities and towns in the American south—again died a few hundreds poor Americans—why Allah did not save them? Same type of disastrous cyclone would kill in millions in the third world countries. Why this partiality?

7. In 2005, when Golam Mostafa alias Tula Mian (*a madrassha educated mullah in Bangladesh*) put his seven-month old child Solaiman to sword in the delusion of performing a religious duty of Qurbani 'directed by a voice heard in dream—**Why Allah did not come to intervene at all?**
8. 12 miners died in W. Virginia Sago mine. God sent thunderstorm which caused the underground explosion blocking the path through which those underground miners were receiving oxygen supply. They were dying of carbon monoxide poisoning. Thousands of Christian devotees were in church praying to Almighty, compassionate God for their safety. But God did not heed them at all. Human rescuers went down (risking their lives) in the tunnel to save those stranded miners. Relatives and friends of those stranded miners were busy praying to God for their safety. When news came (*erroneous of course*) that 12 miners were alive—Christian devotees were cheering, yelling and thanking God for His mercy, **“Miracle, Miracle, Praise to lord God has given 12 miracles”**. They were not at all thanking those poor rescuers who risked their lives to save the miners.

Next moment when news was changed to just one survival—devotees started blaming those mine rescuers and management etc, but never blamed God at all. Then these poor people were chanting God has given **one miracle—thanks God**. Actually the guy who survived was almost dead and without modern medical miracle (*created by human and not by God*) this miner would have died immediately. He survived because he was the youngest and perhaps poisonous gas concentration was less in his area, or his capacity to withstand poison gas was more than others. No damn miracle worked there. Yet human will thank God for his safety, and will blame rescuers for the killing of those 12 miners. For those survived they thanked God but those who are dead they blamed human rescuers! What a hypocrisy?

The fact of the matter is—God never could interfere to any of the dreadful acts of human beings nor could he ever interfere with any such natural devastation like cyclone, hurricane, earthquake, flood, etc. He never did interfere when millions of human beings were gassed to death by Hitler or when thousands of people were drowned with the sinking Titanic. Similarly, God never did intervene when hundreds of man, women, and children were perished when an Egyptian Aircraft went down in the icy water of Atlantic Ocean in 2002! The historical truth is that God never could interfere—when millions of human beings were perished by deadly diseases before the discovery of medicine by humans. He never could interfere when one fourth of the world populations were perished by bubonic plague!!! These are all documented cases. Bubonic plague used to scare the ancient folks all over the world. Similarly, small pox (*Guti Bosonto*) and cholera (*Ola Utha*) used to dread our grandfather's and father's generation (*as the Allah's Gazab*) in the early twentieth century. It was the discovery of antibiotics and other medicines that conquered these pestilences. The God, who may have been too powerful and too merciful at one time, had nothing to do with the eradication of these deadly diseases. And these are cold facts of the progress of human civilization.

If one analyzes all the facts and figures of the growth of human civilization in a cool head, **one will find out quite easily that our God, Allah, or Baghaban was never omnipotent, omniscient, all mighty or Merciful!!!** May be He never did exist in reality. Only He exists in the human imagination! **May be, we the humans actually created Him and gave him all those mouthful adjectives only to make Him a big thing worthy of worshipping!** May be, Allah, God or Baghaban is completely a deaf and dumb and blind entity! He never sees anything, feels anything, hears anything, knows anything or does anything by Himself! **He never did talk with any Prophet, nor had He revealed Himself to anybody!** And that's why all of our questions will remain unanswered forever. May be, we the humans shall have to find the answer of those intelligent questions about Qurbani or questions about the madness of **Satan Stoning Rituals** of poor Muslims. We the humans should discover the way to love each other. We the humans should stop these mockery of worshipping God by sacrificing (Qurbani) other's precious life for our own penance. Only then, could there be any justice and lasting peace on earth.