

In the name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful

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Ending 600 Years of White Empire

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Quran Surah 20:

25. He said: My Lord! Open my heart

26. And ease my task for me;

27. And loose the knot from my tongue,

28. That they may understand what I am saying

The verses from the Quran that I just quoted were spoken by prophet Musa / Moses (peace be on him) when Allah sent him to Pharaoh to start the process of freeing the Children of Israel who were in bondage in Egypt.

But before getting into today's presentation, let me first apologize for being this year's presenter ... I am back because I wanted the chance to expand on the topic from our last Emancipation Lecture.

Last year I introduced a topic that I believe has tremendous importance and therefore needed further development. We talked about how Western Europe deliberately set out to dominate the planet and unleash forces that have shaped the

last 600 years of world history to the disadvantage of the rest of the world and especially at the expense of Africa and people of African descent.

Last year's lecture tried to create awareness on this issue because it is critical to understanding the world in which we live today; despite the fact that few if any people make the connection between the Doctrine of Discovery that was laid out 600 years ago and the present worldwide system of control and oppression.

Most people will have heard about the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and how it has impacted the last 400 years of world history. For example, our country, the Caribbean and the Americas as we know them today, took their shape under the influence of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade which supposedly began around 1609.

However, we were able to show in last year's lecture that Western Europe's domination of world affairs had begun with the pillaging and enslaving Africans in the early part of the 15th century... about 200 years before most people think and that it expanded from North and West Africa to include the entire planet...it essentially never really stopped...right up to the present time.

In my defense, I will say that understanding the significance of 600 years versus 400 years only really became clear to me last year. In my first Emancipation Lecture, delivered 30 years ago, I mentioned to the audience that local historian Michael Anthony had recorded that the first African slaves arrived in Trinidad from Venezuela in the first decade of the 16th century (around 1506-1508), but at the time I did not fully grasp the significance of that fact.

I have since become aware that in 1521 - 1522 there were African slave rebellions in Haiti (Hispaniola) and Puerto Rico. It is noteworthy that the African slave rebellion in Puerto Rico is known by locals as the “Dinga” or Mandinga Rebellion showing that Muslims were the key participants¹. All of this took place nearly a hundred years before the supposed start of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade.

We should ask ourselves if the world has been misled about when the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade began in order to conceal it's true origins. One of the methods of controlling the narrative about any topic is to hide the origin. For example, the ongoing genocide of the Palestinians in Gaza and elsewhere did not

¹ The majority Muslim Mandingo tribe was among the first to be enslaved by Europeans

start on October 7th 2023². It is not possible to correctly analyze a problem without going back to its source. Conceal the source and it makes it difficult for anyone to solve the problem.

Over the past year I have been able to develop my understanding of the system (which I refer to as White Empire³) that was born 600 years ago and which still rules today. I have also been able to think about how we should respond to the challenges we face with wisdom, using the guidance of Allah and the example of the prophets (peace be on them).

As Muslims we are aware that evil comes in both human and spiritual form. The Quran speaks about devils among mankind and jinn:

The Quran says: *"And so it has always been that We set against every Prophet enemies from among devils of men and devils of jinn, who have been inspiring one another with charming things to delude the minds." (Quran 6:112)*

And in the collections of the sayings of prophet Muhammad (pbuh) there is a report which says in part: *".... The Holy Prophet said: O Abu Dharr, seek Allah's refuge from the devils*

² Some estimate that about 5 million Palestinians have been killed or driven from their homes to facilitate the establishment of the State of Israel

³ One of the best current writing on White Empire can be found on www.indi.ca

*among mankind and the devils among the jinn. I asked. are there devils among men also? O Messenger of Allah! He replied: Yes."*⁴

Christians learn from their Bible learn that:

*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
(Ephesians 6:12)*

Oppressive worldly power is usually backed by dark spiritual forces and these divine warnings are an indication to us that the solutions to worldly challenges require spiritual preparation as well as mental and physical effort. The collaboration between human and spiritual forces has helped to sustain the continuity of evil systems throughout the ages.

Why is today's topic important? One might ask, what is the relevance of what we are going to talk about?

The world we live in today is shaped by forces that have been many years in the making and the system is extremely powerful and well entrenched. Most people don't understand the historical background to the problems faced by societies

⁴ The Hadith collections of Imam Ahmad, Nasa'I and Ibn Hibban related the tradition on the authority of the Companion of the prophet, Abu Dharr

and nations worldwide nor do most people appreciate the global nature of the forces that quite literally run the world.

I hope that this lecture will demonstrate that there is a need to end the worldwide system of control that has been in place for the past 600 years and which is based on evil foundations and that from the very outset this system was aimed at putting in place perpetual injustice and oppression, with one group of people ruling the rest of the world forever.

This unjust system is opposed to the divine guidance in the Quran, Chapter/Surah 49 Verse/Ayat 13 which tells us:

49:13. O mankind! Lo! We have created you male and female, and have made you nations and tribes that you may know one another. Lo! the noblest of you, in the sight of Allah, is the best in conduct. Lo! Allah is Knower, Aware.

This is how human beings **should** arrange their affairs. We will attempt to show that instead of the just society described in this verse, for the past 600 years a racially based caste system has been enforced on the planet in which Western Europeans and their offspring have the right to rule the world by force, while the rest of the people on the planet are viewed as not being fully human and destined to be permanently subject to them. Good people around the world need to push back

against this global evil and God willing, good will triumph over evil.

In life, you cannot solve a problem that you don't understand. If we don't understand why things are the way they are then we cannot develop programs and find solutions to change our conditions for the better. The Quran tells us that Allah will not change the condition of a people until they first change what is within themselves.

If our goal is to be a free believing people we cannot have the mentality of slaves or believe false narratives about how the world works and why some countries and races are powerful, rich and developed while others are weak, poor and backward.

The Emancipation of African slaves in Trinidad and Tobago (and the rest of the British Empire) in 1834-1838 formally ended the enslavement in lands under British control; which was part of the broader systematic slavery of Africans by Europeans that extended from Europe to Africa and the Americas.

Indians arrived in Trinidad and Tobago as indentured laborers in 1845 to substitute for the labor losses caused by the Emancipation of African slaves. This was possible because by that time the British had taken control of India as well. So

Trinidad and Tobago's history has been shaped by global events. [By 1845 White Empire was well on its way to its current global status.]

For the past several centuries and right up to today, the same set of people (and their descendants) have been shaping world events to place themselves at the top of a pyramid of power to the disadvantage of others. Having an understanding regarding the origins and foundational principles of this system is necessary if we are to effectively escape its grasp so that we can live as the free human beings that Allah created us to be.

Before going further I will briefly outline how this White Empire came into being and the primary intellectual justification used for setting it up. For more details you can refer to last year's Emancipation Lecture.

In 1415 the Portuguese captured Ceuta in North Africa (today Ceuta is officially part of Spain even though it is in Africa and bordered by Morocco). The then Pope blessed the venture and issued a Bull (a binding formal decree) titled ***Sane Charissimus*** (Truly, Most Beloved) in support of Portugal's war against the Moors and the capture of Ceuta. Over the following decades there were several other Papal Bulls that authorized European Christians to regard all those who were

not European Christians as lesser peoples who were not fully human. Together these pronouncements resulted in what is called The Doctrine Of Discovery which had the following main points:

- Any lands not occupied by Western European Christians were to be regarded as Terra Nullius - lands belonging to no one.
- Such lands should be seized.
- The wealth of these lands should be seized
- Anyone living in such lands could be killed
- Any inhabitants of these lands that they chose not to kill could be regarded as chattels and reduced to perpetual slavery

The Pope himself owned black African slaves starting in 1421; 71 years before Columbus landed in (“discovered”) Haiti / Hispaniola in 1492⁵ and African slaves were working Portuguese sugar plantations in Madeira and the Canary Islands by 1450.

⁵ Details on the Papal Bulls that laid out the Doctrine Of Discovery can be found in last year’s lecture

To understand why the Doctrine of Discovery and the pronouncements of the Popes that I mentioned were so important in the creation of the oppressive relationship between Western Europe and the rest of world that has lasted for centuries, we should remember that all of Western Europe was Roman Catholic at that time. Therefore, the Roman Catholic position **WAS** the universal Western European position.

We should appreciate that the central role of the Catholic Church in Western Europe during that period extended well beyond religion. For example, it should be noted that the first non-Muslim universities in Europe were set up on the basis of Papal Bulls; Paris (1231 - *Parens Scientarium*), Oxford (1254 - *Querentes in agro*) and Salamanca (1255 - *Dignum arbitramur*). [They were modeled on the Muslim universities of Spain and initially used Arabic textbooks. Significantly, the rulers of Muslim Spain were predominantly African...this was addressed in my very first Emancipation Lecture delivered in 1996]

To understand the geopolitics of that period we should note that two of the most influential developments of the 15th century in Europe were the completion of the Reconquista in

which Islam was pushed out of Spain, with the final Muslim state of Granada falling in 1492 and the Turkish Ottoman Caliphate's conquest of Constantinople in 1453.

Up to that time, Western Europe could only trade with Asia, North Africa and the Middle East through the Muslim controlled cities in the Eastern Mediterranean. Columbus sailed west to try to find another way to India and China while the Portuguese tried to get to Asia by sailing around Africa.

In 1517 the Reformation began and non-Catholic Christian churches started to appear in Western Europe. The Protestant churches also accepted the ideas of the Doctrine of Discovery, which said that Western Europeans were the best of mankind and entitled to rule the entire world. Indeed, there was a general consensus among West Europeans that other people were not fully human but rather belonged to the lesser races and were sub-human.

By focusing attention on the early 17th century as being the start of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade we lose sight of the importance of the Doctrine Of Discovery in the enslavement of Africans, violent European settler colonialism and the spread of the global White Empire. Within the first 200 years of applying the Doctrine Of Discovery to West and North Africa those

societies were brutally attacked, fractured and subdued making them weak, vulnerable and unable to resist the ravages of the wholesale human trafficking of African people to the New World as its primary (unpaid) labor force.

The evil mindset of the Doctrine of Discovery started with Western European Catholics, progressed to include all Western European Christians then became the majority view among all white people, even atheists - the result was the creation of a global White Empire.

This attitude to one's fellow man is in direct opposition to the words of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in his sermon at his last Hajj (Pilgrimage) where he said that that was no superiority of the Arab over the non-Arab or the non-Arab over the Arab or the White person over the Black person or the Black person over the White.

For the last 600 years, Western Europeans and the countries established by their offspring like the United States of America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand have promoted their superiority over the rest of mankind and enforced it with military, economic and cultural coercion.

We should recall that the Doctrine of Discovery was originally targeted at Africans and particularly African Muslims. At the

time it was created Europeans had not yet discovered the Americas nor did they reach the shores of India until 1498 when the Portuguese landed at Calicut, India. As Western Europeans encountered other races in the Americas, India, China, Australia and beyond, they applied the Doctrine of Discovery wherever they went around the globe.

250 years ago India and China had the world's largest economies. The British conquest of India went into high gear starting in 1757 with the defeat of the Nawab of Bengal in the Battle of Plassey by forces of the British East India Company and was more or less complete by 1806. In 1858 the British government took over from the East India company and ruled until Indian independence in 1947. Millions died by violence and famine under British rule, including the Bengal Famine of 1943 caused by Winston Churchill. Some examples of the evils of the race based system of oppression are shown in the slides.

The British introduced the Criminal Tribes Act in 1871 which criminalized belonging to certain tribes in India. The millions of people belonging to these tribes were considered to be criminal by birth. These were dark-skinned Indian people which helped to cement racial / color hierarchy in the minds of the Indian people. In areas under Muslim rule the Hindu caste

system had been weakened. The British promoted the revival of the Hindu caste system because it suited their purposes to establish light skin as superior.

Right here in the Caribbean there was the case an Englishman named Thistlewood in Jamaica he was by all accounts an ordinary white overseer, but one who liked to record his actions; 3852 rapes of 138 women, flogging of male slaves followed by rubbing pepper and vinegar in the wounds, having other slaves urinate and defecate in their mouths etc.

In Trinidad, Governor General Thomas Picton would hang rebellious slaves and leave their bodies on the gallows for days in front of Governor General's House. Such violations have resulted in inter-generational psychological trauma among the descendants of the slaves.

Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Sri Lanka were similarly conquered and oppressed by the colonial powers who enriched themselves at the expense of their colonies. Australia and New Zealand saw the native populations almost wiped out (well over 90%) and in the case of Tasmania the genocide was complete, none of the native inhabitants survived.

The colonization of the world by Western European countries was great business! You can view some of the slides to get an

idea how these countries enriched themselves by pillaging the wealth of their victim nations by force of arms and the enforcement of systems of exploitation.

China was more difficult to conquer because of its massive size, huge population, strong military and vast wealth. All of the Western Europeans, plus the USA and Japan combined to subjugate China including by the use of narcotics.

[At one time, opium grown in India was forced into the Chinese market at gunpoint. HSBC was established to handle the proceeds from the opium trade.]

The result of the global application of the Doctrine Of Discovery is that today Western Europe and its extensions (US, Canada, Australia, white elites in South Africa and the white elite in Latin America) control the globe and have done so in a continuous process that began 600 years ago. All around the world they own or control the oil, gas, gold, diamonds, iron, prime land and other sources of natural wealth that Allah has bestowed on mankind

Slavery, indentureship, settler colonialism, neo-colonialism, multi-national corporations, foreign military bases, blue water navies, international intelligence and surveillance agencies -

have been weaved together to produce a web of control that has spread over the entire planet.

A powerful enabler of this system of global control is the fact that most of the people under its control accept the prevailing system as being normal, justified, inevitable or even invincible.

Such an acceptance amounts to submission to other than Allah. It requires the belief that Allah created mankind to be the servants of tyrants who in their oppression are indistinguishable from Pharaoh, who ruled as a tyrant over the Children of Israel in the time of Musa / Moses.

As Muslims, we believe that no one has the right to oppress others and that all those who are oppressed have not just the right but the **duty** to resist their oppression. As Muslims, we know that despite the power that the Pharaohs have in the life of this world they are not invincible and that ultimately there is no power or might except from Allah who helps those who struggle against oppression.

A people under Pharaonic power cannot expect to easily or quickly be free. When Allah sent Musa and Harun (peace be on them) to challenge Pharaoh and his despotic state and to ultimately lead the Children of Israel out of their bondage; He did not ask them to take up arms and fight against Pharaoh and

his armies. Allah instructed Moses and Aaron to counsel the oppressed Israelites to turn away from the way of Pharaoh and instead turn their hearts toward the One God and to establish worship.

For although the Children of Israel used to call out for relief from the oppression of Pharaoh, they had absorbed the slave mentality and Allah does not change the condition of a people until they change what is in their hearts.

10: 87. We inspired Moses and his brother, saying, "Set aside for your people some houses in the city and turn them into places of worship, and be constant in prayer! And give [O Moses] the glad tidings to those who believe."

Today most people, including the majority of Muslims, accept the global system of oppression under which they live as normal. If we are content to be slaves to the Party of Satan why should Allah help us? On the other hand if we strive to be the Party of Allah, then Allah's help is guaranteed. The Straight Path is not an easy road. The Quran tells us:

2:155. And surely We shall test you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth and lives and crops; but give glad tidings to the patient,

2:214. Or do you think that you will enter paradise without such trials as came to those who passed away before you? Affliction and adversity befell them, they were shaken as with earthquake, until the messenger (of Allah) and those who believed along with him said: When will Allah's help come? Ah! Surely the help of Allah is near.

Emancipation was a necessary milestone on the road to freedom. But it was only a milestone and not the final destination. The end of Indian indentureship, Independence from the colonial power, achieving Republican status ... these can all be viewed as steps on a journey to freedom. But true freedom lies in being a servant to Allah only and rejecting anyone and any system that tries to make us subject to their tyranny.

This lecture is focused on the theme of **Ending** the past 600 years of White Empire. Faced with the powerful, centuries old system of oppression that I have described what can we do to help end this pervasive evil?

The way forward is to follow the divine guidance. The Quran points us to four things that mankind should learn from:

Revelation - Divine knowledge transmitted through the prophets from which we get the tenets of our faith, our system of morality and other key aspects of our way of life

History - We should study history so that we know how we got here so as to understand the present circumstances under which we live. Also, we can learn from how others overcame their trials. Knowledge of the past helps us to plan for the future.

Allah's Signs - Studying Allah's signs in His creation helps us to master our environment so that we can fulfill our duties to Allah and mankind using the power of science and respecting nature which we are supposed to responsibly manage.

Intellect - We are constantly encouraged by the Quran to use our intellect (Aql) so we should develop clear individual and collective thought. We should combine our intellects by mutual consultation. Many of us are familiar with the practice of Shura (Arabic) or Panchayat (Urdu).

We know that Allah's promise is true: *The Believers will be successful* (Quran 23:1) so there must be a way to deal with this monstrous global system of White Empire. We cannot just give up, it is our duty to try to find a way to resist evil to the extent that we are able. The Quran says:

4: 97. Lo! As for those whom the angels take (in death) while they wrong themselves, (the angels) will ask: In what were you engaged? They will say: We were oppressed in the land. (The angels) will say: Was not Allah's earth spacious that you could have migrated therein? As for such, their habitation will be hell, an evil journey's end;

4: 98. Except the feeble among men, and the women, and the children, who are unable to devise a plan and are not shown a way.

4: 99. As for such, it may be that Allah will pardon them. Allah is ever Clement, Forgiving.

We can learn a lot from the example of prophet Moses whose life story, trials and tribulations Allah talks about in several chapters of the Quran. Allah repeatedly addresses the struggles of Moses and his brother Aaron both with Pharaoh and with their attempts to reform the Children of Israel, who had degenerated under Egyptian slavery.

Their condition seemed hopeless as they suffered under the tyranny of the powerful Egyptian state that killed their sons, gave them hard tasks and otherwise oppressed them. Like many enslaved people they had absorbed the bad habits of their masters and many had even begun worshipping idols.

So even as Allah was pushing Pharaoh to free them by the Nine Signs (floods, locusts, frogs etc.), the Children of Israel needed to purify themselves and return to the true religion and the worship of One God. By the time Allah instructed Moses to take the people out of Egypt there were a substantial number of people of faith among the Children of Israel, especially among the younger ones. As the Quran says:

10: 83. But none trusted in Moses except some of the youths among his People, because of the fear of Pharaoh and his chiefs, lest they should persecute them; and certainly Pharaoh was mighty on the earth and one who transgressed all bounds.

If we want to end the centuries of oppression under which the planet has groaned and moaned at the hands of an evil, racist, white supremacist cabal then we should first change what is within ourselves. If we want the Almighty to help us to overcome the burden of our oppression then we must strive to truly be **His people** and not be content to remain under the rule of those who imitate Pharaoh in exchange for trinkets.

When Moses was leading his people to their freedom some of them actually wanted to go back to their previous enslaved condition because they missed some of the things they had enjoyed in Egypt.

2: 61. And remember you said: "O Moses! we cannot endure having only one kind of food (always); so beseech your Lord for us to produce for us of what the earth grows, -its herbs, and cucumbers, its garlic, lentils, and onions." He said: "Will you exchange the better for the worse? Go down to any town, and ye shall find what you want!" They were covered with humiliation and misery; they drew upon themselves the wrath of Allah.

Similarly today there are those who will say that life is good enough because they have an iPhone or a visa that allows them to spend a white Christmas or they can dress in the latest fashion, drink and party so they think that life is really not that bad.

There are people who won't mind being slaves so long as the plantation has Netflix and FaceBook! If they can somehow be **White Adjacent** then that makes it okay...at least they are better off than those at the bottom. Instead of thanking the Almighty for their blessings they attribute God's favor to the benevolence of their oppressors.

No one can say that they are powerless to do anything...change starts within each one of us. Free your heart and clear your mind.

Change requires collective actions. It requires establishing a culture and institutions that preserve sound values.

Change requires solidarity. None of you is truly a believer unless he loves for his brother and sister what he loves for himself. Enjoin good and forbid wrong, not just when it is aimed at you.

Don't focus on the timeline. Our job is to believe and do works with wisdom and effort. The results are for Allah, the timing of success is His... just do your part.

We are already on the road to ending the evil system when we understand its origin and how it works. When we build schools and run classes where we teach the truth that debunks the false narratives that prop up the empire.

We are ending the empire with lectures and other engagements like this that make people aware of the nature of the empire and provide guidance on how to turn away from it and reconstruct our societies. When we develop and pass on sound culture and build enduring, enlightened institutions we are chipping away at the edifice of empire.

We should not lose heart but rather we should remember the warning of prophet Muhammad (peace be on him) that haste is

from the devil. If we rush into confrontations without taking the time to prepare and consolidate then it will be easy for us to be defeated.

It took the Children of Israel years of preparation under the guidance of Moses and Aaron in Egypt and then even more years as they wandered through the desert on the way to the holy land before they could become a free people, governing themselves in a just society, under divinely inspired guidance.

The Empire always uses **Divide and Conquer** - whether between countries, within nations, within communities and even within families. For example, they encourage a generation gap, promote disrespect for elders, discourage marriage and do all manner of things to keep people from coming together for good.

In order to rule over the masses the rulers pay great attention to **Narrative Control** - they seek to shape people's thoughts, establish boundaries for thought/discussion, obscure truth, hide the origins of problems so that solutions will fail etc. For example, they will tell you that Zionism started in 1895 with Theodor Herzl whereas the Rabbis Nachmanides and Maimonides laid it out centuries ago.

Or they teach that the slave trade started 400 years ago versus 600 years because that hides the fact that slavery resulted from the application of the Doctrine Of Discovery. They propose false dichotomies; Capitalism versus Socialism, Democrat versus Republican or they advance straw men to draw our attention away from the real issues. The problem is Trump but Biden did pretty much the same things - the genocide in Palestine enjoys bipartisan support in the US and virtually all Western European support and enable it. These governments have a history of similar atrocities around the world, so we should not be surprised.

The empire uses proxies because they are relatively small in number, thus they have to recruit helpers (in tiers), they offer adjacency to power. They establish color gradients, racial gradients, castes and social hierarchies. They stratify society using elite education. They get people to turn on one another wherever possible, instead of facing their common enemy. They skillfully influence mankind to turn away from Allah's command to know and not despise each other.

Their proxies are often extremely vicious as they try to gain the favor and approval of their masters and separate themselves from the masses. It's an age old playbook of division.

28: 4. Lo! Pharaoh exalted himself in the earth and divided the people into castes. A tribe among them he oppressed, killing their sons and sparing their women. Lo! he was of those who work corruption.

The task is monumental and the road is long but victory is assured for those who patiently persevere using wisdom and divine guidance. The ultimate success for a human being is to live a good life ... a life that witnesses to truth.

We have already pushed the empire backwards. Plantation slavery and indentureship are behind us. We have our own country. We can meet here today and discuss our problems and try to come up with solutions. Our resources may be limited but we are not powerless and we should never forget freedom starts within us.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be on him) used to say that the struggle against the physical enemy is the smaller struggle and that the greater struggle was the struggle within ourselves. Once we decide that we are free in our own minds and hearts ... that our only Lord and Master is the Creator ... then we are firmly on the Straight Path towards ending 600 years of White Empire.

