**In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful**

**The Time**

Today topic is about the Time.

In the west they say (Time is money)

The Arabs say (Time is gold)

The question is: As Muslims; we need to redefine the TIME?

First what is time and how do we measure it.

Geologists count the time by millions and billions of years. Ex; the earth age is estimated by 4.5 billion years same as the moon age.

Physicist deals with the femtosecond.

Ex: how short is time? Take 1 second, divide it into 1 billion parts, take 1 part and divide again by 1 million parts, each part is called femtosecond. Physically it is impossible to get less than 6 femtoseconds.

Allah the greatest created us between two extremes, the time and size.

Allah created the time, and time does not apply or govern Allah.

It is known in physics that time does not pass equally throughout the universe.

(من مات قامت ساعته)

By the death or sleeping, we lose the sense of the time. Thus, time associated with life and motion.

(قَالَ كَمْ لَبِثْتُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ عَدَدَ سِنِينَ)

He will say: What number of years did ye stay on earth?

 قَالُوا لَبِثْنَا يَوْماً أَوْ بَعْضَ يَوْمٍ فَاسْأَلْ الْعَادِّينَ )(المؤمنون : 113)

They will say: We stayed a day or part of a day: but ask those who keep account.

The passed time will never be back to anyone.

Why we are governed by the time. The answer is in the Quran

وَهُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ خِلْفَةً لِّمَنْ أَرَادَ أَن يَذَّكَّرَ أَوْ أَرَادَ شُكُوراً [الفرقان : 62]

(Allah made the night & day alternating, to whom who wants to remember and thank Allah)

The wise and the smart is the one who knows the value of the time.

The Hadith (((لا تزولا قدما عبد يوم القيامة حتى يسال عن تلات عن عمره فيما افناه و عم علمه مادا عمل به و عن ماله من اين اكتسبه و فيم انفقه و عن جسمه فيما ابلاه)

( **لاتزولا قدما عبد حتى يسأل عن أربع ومنها عمره فيما أفناه وشبابه فيما أبلاه** ))

وكما قيل : الوقت كالسيف إن لم تقطعه قطعك .

**Time can be one of three;**

1. For you; when you spend it on worshipping and doing good deeds.

Like helping other Muslims. Even your work, if the intention is set for Allah.

1. Against you; what a bad deeds committed

1. For nothing or no benefit from it; sleeping, eating, resting

Unless there is an intention you are doing this action for

 Allah.

This is the way you turn these action into a good deeds.

**The value of the time:**

When we feel the value of a single minute;

Imagine you miss an interview, a train or an airplane, miss a minute to save a life.

Imagine two students have a test, one studies hard and passes the test successfully, the second wastes time then he failed.

You can imagine the value of an hour, when you see someone dying, and he wishes an extra hour to do more good deeds.

Imagine the humans after spending trillions of dollars to send a spaceship with three astronauts to Mars for couple of days to make some experiments and bring samples from there.

Imagine those three astronomers landed on Mars and have 48 Hours to do their assigned tests and picking samples.

Imagine while the billions of humans on Earth watching those astronomers instead of doing their assignments, one enjoy sleeping, the second playing soccer the third eating and drinking.

The controllers from earth keep sending messages, guys do your job, we did not spent trillions of dollars for this mission, then you waste it in this way. This is a precious time not entertaining time.

**We all the humans in spaceship** called the Earth. We are watched by angels who filled the universe according to a Hadith. They keep their supplications and ask forgiveness for all the humans

We are on earth similar to those astronauts; we are in a mission for certain limited time to do our assignment, which is obeying Allah and making good deeds to win the paradise.

We are given certain limited time counted by second or numbers of breath never extended.

Our ages are actually a countdown and not a count up. Because, we do not know the exact age that Allah hides upon his mercy.

**Why we do not make use of time? OR’ Why do people waste their time?**

عبدالله بن مسعود يقول

ما ندمت على شئ كندمي على يوم غربت شمسه نقص فيه أجلي ولم يزد فيه علمي

I don’t fell regret for anything but a day that passes without increasing my knowledge for one less day from my age.

**Four reasons drive people to waste the time**

1. **Following the desires**

وَلَا تُطِعْ مَنْ أَغْفَلْنَا قَلْبَهُ عَن ذِكْرِنَا وَاتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ وَكَانَ أَمْرُهُ فُرُطاً [الكهف : 28]

كلمة الهوى

; has two meaning in Arabic (love & desires & fall down)

Whenever it is mentioned in AL-Quran it is for bad (Ibn Abbas said)

Look to the people nowadays; obsessions with songs and singers, celebrities sport men and women.

قيل (نفسك ان لم تشغلها بالخير شغلتك بالشر)

It said; if you do not keep your busy in good deeds, it will take you to the evil deeds.

1. **Long hopes**

Humans naturally love life & hope to live long, even wish to survive forever.

ذَرْهُمْ يَأْكُلُواْ وَيَتَمَتَّعُواْ وَيُلْهِهِمُ الأَمَلُ فَسَوْفَ يَعْلَمُونَ [الحجر : 3]

Leave them alone eat and enjoy life: let (false) hope amuse them: soon will come to know.

One thinks that his wealth will give him the eternity. Those are fooled by their wealth.

(يَحْسَبُ أَنَّ مَالَهُ أَخْلَدَهُ [الهُمَزَة: 3]

Story: A man went to shoe maker, he asked him to make pair of shoes that last 7 years, before the 7th step he fall down and died.

No one dies who does not ask the return even the best believers.

حَتَّى إِذَا جَاء أَحَدَهُمُ الْمَوْتُ قَالَ رَبِّ ارْجِعُونِ لَعَلِّي أَعْمَلُ صَالِحاً فِيمَا تَرَكْتُ كَلَّا إِنَّهَا كَلِمَةٌ هُوَ قَائِلُهَا وَمِن وَرَائِهِم بَرْزَخٌ إِلَى يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ [المؤمنون : 100]

Until, when death cometh unto one of them, he saith: My Lord! Send me back, (99) That I may do right in that which I have left behind! But nay! It is but a word that he speaketh; and behind them is a barrier until the day when they are raised. (100)

1. **Free times**

عن ابن عباس عن النبي(ص)

 (نعمتان مغبون فيهما كثير من الناس الصحة والفراغ)

The prophet (SAW) says (Two bounties from Allah many people fooled with them, the heath and free time).

Let us count how many hour we are wasting every day.

1. **Forgetting the death**

Read the words of Allah in describing how the humans avoid and deviated from death or even mentioning the death.

**وَجَاءتْ سَكْرَةُ الْمَوْتِ بِالْحَقِّ ذَلِكَ مَا كُنتَ مِنْهُ تَحِيدُ [قـ : 19[**

And the stupor(daze) of death will bring truth (before his eyes): This was the thing which thou wast trying to escape!

**قُلْ إِنَّ الْمَوْتَ الَّذِي تَفِرُّونَ مِنْهُ فَإِنَّهُ مُلَاقِيكُمْ ثُمَّ تُرَدُّونَ إِلَى عَالِمِ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ فَيُنَبِّئُكُم بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ [الجمعة :** 8**[**

The Death from which ye flee will truly overtake you: then will ye be sent back to the Knower of things secret and open: and He will tell you (the truth of) the things that ye did!

)كفى بالموت واعظا ياعمر)

It is enough that the death is an adviser.

**How do you measure your age?**

We used to count our ages with the years and months.

The actual age is measured by the good deeds and obedience to Allah, the rest of the time is a loss.

The actual age is also measured by the achievements.

The Prophet (SAW) within 23 years, look to what he achieved. He changed the history of the human beings.

Omar Ibn Abdul Aziz, in 2 and half years he changed the Islamic state.

There are too many examples to mention.

**The conclusion:**

We the Muslim, should look to the time in different way as (Time is paradise).

This life is like a farm for thereafter.

**(الدنيا مزرعة الاخرة)**

Time is more important than a capital or money

Allah’s merchandise is expensive. It is worth the sacrifices and efforts. One of the Sahaba’s(companion) wife advices her husband (Be aware from Allah we can handle the hunger but we cannot handle the hellfire.

I conclude with the best advice I ever learned. It is the Hadith of our Prophet(SAW):

" **اغتنم خمساً قبلَ خمسٍ اغتنم حياتَكَ قبلَ موتِكَ وصِحَّتَكَ قبلَ سَقَمِكَ وشبابَكَ قبلَ هَرَمِكَ وغِنَاكَ قبلَ فقرِكَ وفراغَكَ قبلَ شغلِكَ**".

"Make use of five things before five, your life before death, health before sickness, youth before aging and your wealth before your poverty, free time before your job."

At the end of every day, do some math about how did you spend your time not the money, and not the years or the months but the hours and minutes.

And remember that the doors of repentance to Allah are always open day and night, and never be closed