



# The Sign of the Luminous Moon

## First Khutbah

All praise is due to Allah, the Originator of the heavens and the earth, who made darkness into light. Who appointed the night for rest, the day for toil and the sun and the moon for reckoning and as a sign of the perfect design of the Almighty, the All-Knowing. I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship, except Allah, alone, without any partners, and I bear witness that our master and Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad, is His servant and messenger. O Allah, bless him, grant Your peace and blessings upon him, his family, his companions, and all of those who follow them in the best of ways until the Last Day.

**To Continue:** I advise you, O servants of Allah, and myself, to uphold Taqwa of Allah, the Most-High, and to be in obedience to Him, and to contemplate His words:

إِنَّ فِي اخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ وَمَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ  
وَالْأَرْضِ لآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَّقُونَ

**Indeed, in the alternation of night and day, and in all that Allah has created in the heavens and the earth, there are signs for people who fear Him. [Quran: ١٠:٦]**  
In reflecting upon the various signs in the immense creation and ingenious craftsmanship evident in this universe, in its galaxies and orbits, in its profound

astronomical numerical precision, allowing for us to perform accurate calculations that amaze the minds of those who contemplate and astonish the hearts of those who reflect. رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هَذَا بَاطِلًا سُبْحَانَكَ

**Our Lord, You did not create this aimlessly, exalted are You. [Quran: ۳:۹۱]**

**O Muslims:** The verse above highlights an important issue, namely that every aspect of the creation of Allah details the signs of Allah. Signs have a purpose, they have an aim, which is that we follow and understand what the signs are pointing towards and indicating of the magnificence of the Creator in His creation, such as the sublimity, perfection and exaltedness of His omnipotent Power, the vastness of His knowledge, and expansiveness of His wisdom. Amongst these signs is the moon, for Allah, the Most-High, has named a chapter in the Quran after it, and He has mentioned it in twenty-eight places in His book. He has also sworn by it to emphasize its importance, elucidating its immense benefit and significance. Thus, He says, glorified be He:

كَلَّا وَالْقَمَرَ

**Nay, by the moon [Quran: ۷۴:۳۲]**

Elsewhere, Allah the Almighty and Majestic says:

وَالْقَمَرَ إِذَا اتَّسَقَ

**By the moon when it becomes full [Quran: ۸۴:۱۸]**

Indeed, this is the moon, O servants of Allah, for as a celestial body, it is wondrous in its creation, resplendent in its light. The shape of the moon and the lamination changes, until it is most luminous as a full moon. Allah, the Most-High, says:

هُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ الشَّمْسَ ضِيَاءً وَالْقَمَرَ نُورًا

**He is the one who made the sun a shining light and the moon a luminous light. [Quran: ١٠:٥]**

In its alternation and changing appearance, Allah, the Almighty, has subjected it (the moon) as means of estimation of time for His servants. For Allah, in His greatness, says:

وَسَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ كُلًّا يَجْرِي لِأَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى

**And He subjected the sun and the moon, each running [its course] for a specified term. [Quran: ٣٥:١٣]**

In other words, according to a clear, fixed and determined system. لَا الشَّمْسُ يَنْبَغِي لَهَا أَنْ تُدْرِكَ الْقَمَرَ وَلَا اللَّيْلُ سَابِقُ

النَّهَارِ وَكُلٌّ فِي فَلَكٍ يَسْبَحُونَ

**The sun is not allowed to overtake the moon, nor does the night outrun the day. And each [of them] is floating in an orbit. [Quran: ٣٦:٤٠]**

So, the moon does not deviate from this orbiting system, which means it does not lag behind, speed up, nor come to a halt. As Allah, the Most-High, states:

وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمُ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ دَائِبِينَ

**And He subjected for you the sun and the moon,  
continuous [in orbit] [Quran: ١٤:٣٣]**

So, let us reflect, O servants of Allah! Contemplate what if the moon were to deviate from its orbit, swerve from its path, or come closer to the Earth? What if it were to lag behind? This would dramatically affect our lives, change the temperatures, destroy the ecological balance, causing ecological disasters and could even lead to the destruction of our planet. And yet this will not happen, because Allah has fixed the orbit of the moon. هَذَا خَلْقُ اللَّهِ

**This is the creation of Allah. [Quran: ٣١:١١]**

Glory be to Him, for Allah is the All-Merciful, the wise planner in how He has ordained phases for the moon, allowing us to estimate time in the form of:

عَدَدَ السِّنِينَ وَالْحِسَابَ

**The number of years and the reckoning. [Quran: ١٠:٥]**

O servants of Allah, the moon, with its immense size and great significance, submits to its Lord, obedient to its Creator. It glorifies Him and prostrates in awe of His greatness. About this Allah, the Most-High, says:

أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَسْجُدُ لَهُ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ

وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ

**Do you not see that to Allah prostrates whoever is in the heavens and whoever is on the earth, and the sun, the moon? [Quran: ٢٢:١٨]**

So, let us contemplate, O servants of Allah, about the creation of the moon and its miraculous design. Let us ponder over its immense benefits, in how our Lord has organized our worship based on it. For the moon marks the beginning and end of the fasting month of Ramadan. As the Prophet said: **صُومُوا لِرُؤُوسِهِ، وَأَفْطِرُوا لِرُؤُوسِهِ**

**Fast when you see it and break your fast when you see it. [Bukhari and Muslim]**

It also signals the occurrence of prayers during a lunar eclipse, determines the specific times for giving Zakat, and identifies the known months for the Hajj pilgrimage, as Allah says: **يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْأَهْلِةِ قُلْ هِيَ مَوَاقِيتُ لِلنَّاسِ وَالْحَجِّ**

**They ask you about the new moons. Say, they are measurements of time for the people and for Hajj. [Quran: ٢:١٨٩]**

Let us also reflect on the changing phases of the moon between its appearance and disappearance, its waxing and waning, and its transition from one state to another. As Allah says: **وَالْقَمَرَ قَدَرْنَا مِنْ مَنَازِلٍ حَتَّىٰ عَادَ كَالْعُرْجُونِ الْقَدِيمِ**

**And the moon - We have determined it in phases until it returns like an old date stalk. [Quran: ٣٦:٣٩]**

Indeed, it resembles the stages of human life, starting small, growing, fluctuating between weakness and strength, until it comes to an end, before flourishing again with a new moon. This is how our lives will be, and we will be raised up again based on how we were within it. Hence whenever we see the new moon, it is a chance to renew our intentions, and to recite the supplication of the Prophet ﷺ who upon seeing the crescent moon would say:

اللَّهُمَّ أَهْلُهُ عَلَيْنَا بِالْأَمْنِ وَالْإِيمَانِ، وَالسَّلَامَةِ وَالْإِسْلَامِ، وَالتَّوْفِيقِ  
لِمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى، رَبَّنَا وَرَبُّكَ اللَّهُ

**O Allah, make it a month of security and faith, peace and Islam, and facilitate and aid us to achieve what You love and accept. Our Lord and your Lord is Allah.**

[Tirmidhi]

Similarly, the Quran advises us to seek refuge in Allah from a darkening night, when the moon begins to dissappear: وَمِنْ شَرِّ غَاسِقٍ إِذَا وَقَبَ

**The evil of the darkening night as it approaches.**

[Quran: ۱۱۳:۳]

The Prophet connected this Quranic imperative to the disappearance of the moon, as the night darkens. Some scholars state that this is for a lunar eclipse, because whilst a lunar eclipse occurs when it's already dark. It gets darker as the eclipse progresses since the Earth's shadow is moving across the lunar surface blocking the reflected

sunlight from reaching the Earth's surface. This is why the Prophet said: **يَا عَائِشَةُ، اسْتَعِيذِي بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شَرِّ هَذَا**

**O Aisha, seek refuge with Allah from the evil of this**

And he pointed to the moon as it was retreating (maybe in an eclipse) stating: **فَإِنَّ هَذَا هُوَ الْغَاسِقُ إِذَا وَقَبَ**

**For this is the darkening night when it approaches.**

**[Tirmidhi]**

So let us reflect on these changes in the moon and let us contemplate on the advancements in the cosmic and astronomical sciences and the scientific studies conducted by our nation, the United Arab Emirates, in this field. These efforts stimulate researchers and motivate their minds, increasing the faith of believers in the greatness of their Creator. O Allah, make us among those who contemplate Your signs, of those who are grateful for Your blessings, remembering Your immense favors, humbly submitting to Your majesty and authority. And we ask You Allah that You bless us with devotion to You, and accept all of us for Your obedience and bless us with obedience towards Your Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), and obedience towards those whom You have ordered us to show obedience towards, in accordance with Your saying:

**يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ  
مِنْكُمْ**

**O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you. [Qur'an: ٤:٥٩]**

I say this and I seek forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness, indeed He is the most forgiving, most Merciful.

## **Second Khutbah**

All praises are due to Allah, I praise Him with the best of praises, for He is the One who sends down His reward on those who listen to His speech and follow the best of it. And may peace and blessings be upon our Sayyid, Sayyiduna Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and upon all of his companions. I advise you slaves of Allah and myself with the Taqwa of Allah, so have Taqwa of Him.

**O Worshippers:** Indeed, reflecting upon the greatness and precision of the moon's creation solidifies one's faith in the existence and greatness of our Lord. The Sahaba used to compare the Prophet's countenance to a full moon in its beauty and radiance. Also, when we see the moon in its fullness, in its complete beauty and splendor, it reminds us of a significant and awe-inspiring day about which the Prophet ﷺ informed us, saying:

إِنَّ أَوَّلَ زُمْرَةٍ يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ عَلَى صُورَةِ الْقَمَرِ لَيْلَةَ الْبَدْرِ، ثُمَّ  
الَّذِينَ يَلُونَهُمْ عَلَى أَشَدِّ كَوْكَبٍ دُرِّيٍّ فِي السَّمَاءِ إِضَاءَةً

**The first group to enter Paradise will (be glittering) like the full moon on the night of its fullness. Then those who**



**follow them will be glittering like the most radiant of stars in the sky in brightness. [Sahih al-Bukhari]**

On that day the believers' faces will be radiant, and their hearts filled with joy, eagerly anticipating the sight of their Lord.

وَجُوهٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ نَّاصِرَةٌ \* إِلَىٰ رَبِّهَا نَاظِرَةٌ

**'Faces, that Day, will be radiant, looking at their Lord.'**

[Quran: ٧٥:٢٣]

About this event, the Prophet said:

إِنَّكُمْ سَتَرَوْنَ رَبَّكُمْ، كَمَا تَرَوْنَ هَذَا الْقَمَرَ، لَا تُضَامُونَ فِي رُؤْيَيْهِ

**You will certainly see your Lord as you see this (full) moon; you will have no difficulty in seeing Him. [Sahih al-Bukhari]**

In other words the believers will see Allah clearly, in a way and manner that Allah knows best, without strain, just as we can see the full moon. This are the most immense moments in the Believer's trajectory, and the example given for us to reflect upon is the looking at the full moon. O Allah, do not deprive us from the bliss of gazing and witnessing Your noble countenance in Your gardens of bliss.

And with this we ask that You, O Allah, that You send Your prayers and blessings upon all of the Prophets and Messengers, especially on the seal of them, our master, our Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad. O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon him, and upon his family, his companions, all of them. And send your blessings upon the righteous and rightly guided Khulafa: Sayyiduna Abu Bakr, Sayyiduna Umar, Sayyiduna Uthman and Sayyiduna Ali, and upon all of the companions and those of the

righteous who come after them, may Allah be pleased with them all. O Allah, grant success to the UAE President HH Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, to the Vice-President and his Brothers, their Highnesses, the Rulers of the Emirates and guide them to all that which is good and what pleases You. O Allah, bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed and the other late UAE Sheikhs who have passed on to Your mercy. We ask you to admit them into Paradise by Your grace. O Allah have mercy on those martyred for Your sake, and grant them intercession for their people, and grant their families patience and a great reward. And have mercy, our Lord, upon all of the believers, the living and the dead. Believers, remember Allah and He will remember you, forget Him not, lest you be forgotten. Be grateful for your blessings and you will be increased therein. So, stand up for prayer.