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I begin with the Name of Allaah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.

"A conspiracy theory is an explanation of an event or situation that invokes a conspiracy by sinister and powerful actors, often political in motivation, when other explanations are more probable." Goertzel, T (December 1994).

The world has always being spinned by some extraordinary events. Sometimes, these events manifest themselves in the form of wars, floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, technological advancements and even pandemics.

The nature and the influence these events have on the global landscape during and in their aftermaths suggests a flawless and predetermined occurrence. These events are being controlled, perfectly managed and eventually contained when they take their pre-determined cause.

Ironically, no such events happen without having some voices peddling certain conspiracy theories suggesting that some powerful people are the actors behind the shadow of all the events. As juicy and convincing some of the conspiracy theories might sound, all it takes is to draw an analogy from random events and back it up with an instructive yet unverified theory.

The Muslims do strongly believe without an iota of doubt that nothing happens in the Universe without the Leave of Allaah, the Supreme and the Omnipotent Being. And that there are "causes" and "effects" all of which are the creations of Allaah. There are no coincidences in life, everything has been predetermined by Allaah.

To buttress the above reality, Allaah the Exalted says, "No calamity befalls on the earth or in yourselves but is inscribed in the Book of Decrees (Al-Lauh Al-Mahfuz), before We bring it into existence. Verily, that is easy for Allaah." Qur'an 57:22

In contrast, the conspiracy theorists knowingly or unknowingly are always pushing the control of the affairs of worldly events away from the Supreme Being. They are so vehement in issuing out instructive theories that Man determines and controls these extra ordinary events that happen in the Universe.

In addition, they delete God from the equation and convince the vulnerable ones that the powerful minority determines everything and not a Supreme Being above. In certain African societies and even some parts of the world, there are those that are constantly blaming others for their failures and trials. For example, when some of them lose their jobs, or get involved in an accident, or suffer from illness, they try to blame it on witchcraft and thus are perpetually seeking for solutions to their problems from that angle, leaving God out of the equation.

Similarly, the conspiracy theorists convince the vulnerable ones that some powerful minorities are behind the worldly events. This forces the vulnerable group to inadvertently depend on these perceived powerful minorities for solutions. Again diverting them away from the Supreme Being above Who solves all problems.

The formula is simple, keep flooding the media with different conspiracy theories around an event until there is a way out. Allaah the Exalted says, "Evil (sins and disobedience to Allaah) has appeared on land and sea because of what the hands of men have earned (by oppression and evil deeds), that He (Allaah) may make them taste a part of that which they have done, in order that they may return (by repenting to Allaah, and begging His Pardon)." Qur'an 30:41

Instead of Man to appreciate the fact that #COVID19 is a means of punishment from Allaah for his repeated sinning and thus repent back to Him, he is trying very hard to convince himself that No Supreme Being is in charge of this coordinated event.

The concept of Tawakkul (dependence on Allaah) is deeply rooted in the minds of Muslims but the depth depends on a person's level of Iman (Faith). Muslims believe in holding onto the means (in this case, taking precautions and researching on the antidote) along with dependance on Allaah.

However, because of the weakness of faith created by believing in conspiracy theories, Man now holds onto the means alone without depending on Allaah. The whole world is waiting for the first vaccine to be released but I guess if same world is absolutely depending on Allaah while waiting.

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