

UPSETTING THE BALANCE IN HUMAN AFFAIRS

WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.

Just as problems occur when the balance in natural phenomena is upset, problems take place if the balance in human affairs is upset.

Here are a few examples:-

- 1) When we overeat, Allah (S.W.T.)'s law of cause and effect brings about illness. --- Sura Ta-Ha (ch. 20) : verse 81
- 2) Destruction visits a community that continues to transgress --- e.g. by being engrossed in the pleasures of this life at the expense of the hereafter. --- Sura al-Isra (ch. 19) : verse 16
- 3) Muslims fell from world domination when they neglected the pursuit of knowledge. Today we lag far behind in technology. We have not heeded our Rabb's command. --- Sura Anfal (ch. 8): verse 60

Although the punishments for transgressing the balance are numerous, it must be noted that conflict and strife serve as retribution.

We read in Sura An'am (ch. 6): verse 65:-

"... say : 'He has the power to send calamities on you, from above and below, or to cover you with confusion in party strife, giving you a taste of mutual vengeance --- each from the other.' see how We explain the signs by various (symbols); that you may understand."

It is quite clear that wars and revolutions are the result of upsetting and transgressing the economic and social balance.

It is also sad but true to say that most of humanity neglects the balance in the spiritual link with Allah (S.W.T.).

We read in Sura Miriam (ch. 19): verse 59:-

"But they who came after them have rendered the institution of prayer sterile and yielded to lust; for it will not be long before they face the result of their error."

It is important that we pursue the 'natural path' chosen for us by Allah (S.W.T.) in order that true peace and harmony may prevail!

We are told in Sura al-Rum (ch. 30): verse 30:-

"So establish your face steadily and truly to the faith: establish Allah's handiwork according to the pattern on which he had made mankind: no change (let there be) in the work (wrought) by Allah: that is the standard Deen: but most among mankind understand not."