

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DREAM-VISION OF NABIE YUSUF (A.S.)

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

In Sura Yusuf (ch. 12): verse 4 we are told of the prophetic dream of Nabie Yusuf (A.S.), the description of which is both strikingly beautiful and thought-provoking.

It reads as follows:-

“Behold, Yusuf said to his father: ‘O my father! I did see eleven planets and the sun and the moon: I saw them prostrate themselves to me.”

According to the Bible, his father rebuked him, obviously assuming that the dream was an outcome of wishful thinking.

Listen to the Bible in Genesis, ch 37: verse 10:-

“When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, ‘what is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers come and bow down to the ground before you?’ ”

However, the Holy Quraan points out that his father had understood the meaning of his son’s dream-vision of future greatness.

Refer to Sura Yusuf (ch. 12): verses 5 –6

The dream was fulfilled when his eleven brothers, his father and his mother prostrated themselves before him after many years when the family reunion took place in Egypt.

Refer to Sura Yusuf (ch. 12): verse 100

It must be understood that Nabie Yusuf (A.S.) was the cause and not the object of their prostration!

What is the great lesson of this dream-vision:-

A good, strong family is likened to the solar system. The planets, the sun and the moon are like children, father and mother --- a family or the Ummah (community). The fulfilment of the dream-vision teaches us that harmony and stability can be attained if a family or the Ummah moves and acts as does the solar system or like the electrons and the atoms around a nucleus.

No matter how far we may have moved from the path of stability, peace and harmony, --- no matter how far we may have moved from the straight path, --- no matter how far we may be lingering in the darkness of ignorance and wickedness, if we follow the great lessons of the universe, we will be welded together as one, indivisible family of Islam, enjoying the fruits of the good life !

Worksheet

- 1) Is it possible for a divided Ummah to learn the great lesson of unity from the story of Nabie Yusuf (A.S.)? Explain.

- 2) Many Christians and Jews say that our beloved Nabie (S.A.W.) had borrowed from the thought-content of the bible. There is an interesting piece of evidence in the lesson that proves that Nabie Muhammad (S.A.W.) was innocent of the charge of plagiarism. What is it?
