



# Plague or Covid19 in the Light of Quran and Hadiths

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## Abstract

*The study is intended to analyze the causes and effects of the corona virus (Covid19). The world is affected by this sudden caused virus. It can be understood by explaining the verse of the Quran and the Hadiths that the plague is caused due to the disobedience of Allah on the earth and due to the spread of obscenity on earth or sins committed by human being on any part of earth. The Prophet Mohammad\* (peace be up on him) has stated that, no disease can harm a person unless and until he/she commit sins. So we can say that this virus is due to the cause of disbeliefs and sin committed by human beings on the earth. The Quran and the Hadiths both are witnessed that the virus can be cured by taking some proper precautions and measures. The study is taken to find out the causes and solutions provided in the Holy Quran and in Hadiths Mohammandi. This research paper is an attempt to give new insights into the matter and can be very useful for further researchers in order to find out more objects, relevancies, causes, effects, reasons and immediate measure to the virus. The study is intended to highlight its matter of fact in the light of the Quran and Hadith.*

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## Introduction

...so we sent down upon those who wronged a punishment from the sky because they were defiantly disobeying. (*Quran 2, 59*)

This infectious disease has different names because it has been attracted differently in different forms and in different places and regions. Doctors and scholars have named it differently in different times but the most appropriate and mostly common name is plague. These names are plague or Corona Virus or Vabh or Tawon or virus or novel or Covid19. It is a sort of transmission disease or infectious disease caused by different elements but the most particular by which the common people believed that it is caused by bacteria. It is proved in the Quran that a painful, strong and incurable disease is sent down by Allah almighty considering that the people on the earth are defiantly disobeying and break the laws and rules laid by Allah almighty on the earth. He is the superpower no one can think never ever to compare His highness, greatness and superiority in the universe and hereafter. Science and technology has developed touch screen, ipad, iphone, etc all that are useful for different purposes but along with the divinity and integrity of nature is being diminished slowly considering it Allah Almighty has sent a finger touch disease which can be attracted by not even giving touch but by feeling the presence of a infected person with you and it can occur by the feeling of breaths of other infected person as well.

A hadith included by Molana Ashraf Ali Tanvi in his book "*Khatbattey Juma*" Allah hath gave order to angel Gabriel to demolish a community with a region, Prophet Mohammad\* (pbhu) said that Gabriel asked Allah, that in this community there is also a man who never ever commit a mistake ya Allah; I have to destroy that who always prayer You...Allah said that he has never shown any grievance over his face for the cause of my sign or my laws for the purposes to convey the other people as well go and destroy. Allah SWT in a verse says (yakolul laho kun fayakoon)...He only says to it, be and it is.

## Objectives of the Study

- 1) Find out the reasons behind the Covid19 or the plague or the Corona Virus
- 2) To know the causes of plague or Covid19 or Virus.
- 3) To explore the measures provided in the Quran and by Prophet Mohammad\* (Peace be up on him).
- 4) To find out the facts regarding the Covid19 in order to come to the conclusion.
- 5) Explore the solutions and recommend them for implementation.

## Historical Background of Plague or Covid19

“...I fear for you the punishment of a painful day.” (*Quran* 11, 26)

The Allah clearly warned the people to be aware of the fact that the punishment is awaited for those who totally reject and disobey the laws and obligations. Allah sent down a punishment on those who spread obscenity, corruption, disobey, and do sins and are wrongdoers. Allah hath devastated the wrongdoers and disbelievers during the time of Noah\* and the Israelis. The plague for the first time had spread out during the times of Noah\* (pbuh) we can trace the historical background of the plague or corona virus from ancient times of Noah\* (pbuh) when the unbelievers polluted the Ark of Noah\* (pbuh) which was built by the order of Allah. The unbelievers polluted this (Ark) by using it for the purposes of excretion of feces for which Allah sent down a sort of plague to the people of Noah\* but they once again watered the ark and collect the water to shower it on their bodies in order to cure this plague and they cleaned the ark with intension that it cures the infectious people. So this was the first time that Allah SWT sent plague on the people (Disbelievers) of Noah\* (pbuh).

The prophet Ibrahim\*(pbuh) has a discussion with Nimrod, the prophet Ibrahim\* (pbuh) said that the Allah has power to give life and cause death, whereas the king Nimrod argued he also gives life and cause death in such heated argument it was decided to call a dialogue competition tomorrow morning. The king came with the huge number of army in order to face the challenge of prophet Ibrahim\*(pbuh) a unique type of miracle was sent down by Allah SWT on the army of the king Nimrod to destroy them. This miracle was huge groups of mosquitoes (tiny insects) and one mosquito entered through nose into the head of King Nimrod who caused server pain for long four hundred years. This was a sort of befitting reply to the disbelievers from Allah. We can understand that this was also a unique type of punishment by Allah almighty.

Narrated Usama bin Zaid: Allah’s Apostle said, Plague was a means of torture sent on a group of Israelis (or on some people before you). So if you hear of its spread in a land, don’t approach it, and if a plague should appear in a land where you are present, then don’t leave that land in order to run away from it(i.e. plague). (*Bukhari*, 3473)

We have clear evidence that this is an ancient disease sent down by Allah in order to testify the people on the earth and in order sent it down to punish the people who did obscenity and sins on the earth and disobey the natural laws. The Plague was sent down by Allah SWT on the earth to the people of Israelis as well during the time of the Prophet Mosa\* (pbuh). They rejected Mosa\* (pbuh) and became the victims of plague sent down by Allah on these disbelievers. The prophet Mosa\* (pbuh) tried his best to motivate the people to obey the Allah and His messenger but people made fun and ridiculed him. The prophet Mosa\* (pbuh) persuaded people of Bini Israel through Allah’s miracles like one was resurrection of bird and men but people of Bini Israel never believe and they rejected Mosa\* (pbuh). Finally Allah sent plague on the people Bini Israel. Allah hath devastated generations of

generations because of rejection of messengers and His holy books. So it is obvious and clear mentioned in the holy Quran that this is a sort of severe punishment for those who spread obscenity and evils on the earth.

The black plague of fourteenth century which was originated in 1347 up to 1351 from the central Asia and it was considered as one of the most devastating pandemic in history of human civilization in the whole world. This Black Death or The Black Plague or Plague had devastated the deaths of 75 to 125 millions of people throughout the world in the human history.

The plague repeatedly returned in the initial stage of seventieth century this time it victimized 1.7 million people around the world. The centre of the plague was Europe and mostly victimized countries were Italy, Spain, and France. Another pandemic plague started in China in the year 1855 and it lasted up to four year 1859. This time the plague killed more than 10 million people in the world. Most of the effected country was India where maximum number of deaths was recorded in the history of human being.

The plague or Covid19 once again started in China on November and December 2019 and later on in the 2020 the plague spread out in the world. Till now the plague had devastated the lives of more than three lacs people throughout the world and there are more than 40 lacs confirmed cases in the world. The most effected countries are USA, Italy, China, Russia, Spain, Brazil, Turkey, Iran, UK, Germany and France. This is the second time in the history of human civilization that the virus or plague or Covid19 started in China and it has devastated the more than ten thousand people in China and today the plague has surmounted the whole world by its speed infectious influence. The present hi-tech and hi-medicate world is totally fail to provide any cure or relief to this sort virus.

### **Theory of Quarantine**

The Prophet Mohammad\* (PBUH) said about the plague or virus that “it was a punishment sent by Allah on whom he wished, and Allah made it a source of mercy for the believers, in the time of an epidemic plague or virus, if somebody stay in his country patiently hoping for Allah’s reward and believing that nothing will befall him except what Allah has written for him, he will get the reward of a martyr’.  
(*Bukhari*, No 680)

The theory of Quarantine is given by the Prophet Mohammad\* (pbuh) in order to keep safe form this infectious disease and make people safe from it. Prophet Mohammad\* (pbuh) said that it is a sort of communicable and transmitted disease so it is better to keep in side and inculcate patience in one own house or region so that the rest of the people would be safe from this plague. The prophet Mohammad\* (pbuh) has clearly conveyed to all the people of his era to have patience and stay away and stop travels or stop visits from one to another regions in order to safety.

The theory of quarantine was first established by a renowned Muslim physician named Ibni Sina during the tenth and eleventh century in the Muslim world. Ibni Sina is also known as Avicenna in Europe and West. His full



name was Abu Ali Al-Husayn ibn Sina he was considered one of the best Muslim physician of the Islamic world in the tenth and Eleventh century. He has developed the concept of Quarantine which means to keep in an isolation or isolated place for some times so that the plague patient can be cured and the infectious disease the plague can be stopped from it spread. Sina has written three book the famous one is *Al-Shifa (The Cure)* in which he has given some methods for preventions and precautions of different diseases.

### **Causes of the Plague or Covid19 or Corona Virus**

And as for those who disbelieved, I will punish them with a server punishment in this World and the Hereafter, and they will have no helpers. (Quran 3, 56)

There are various causes of the virus this is mainly attracted by the cause of sin committed by a community or in the region or by the family or by a person. It is nicely narrated by Amir bin Saad bin Abi Waqqas; that he heard Usama Bin Zaid speaking to Saad, saying, Allah's Apostle mentioned the plague and said, it is a means of punishment with which some nations were punished and some of it has remained, and it appears now and then. So whoever hears that there is an outbreak of plague in some land, and he should not go to that land, and if the plague breaks out in the land where one is already present, one should not run away from that land, escaping from the plague. (*Bukhari* 6974)

Why the plague spread out we find the answer of this question is given in various hadiths. Narrated by Hazrat Abdullah ibni Umar \* that Prophet Mohammad\* (PBUH) said...“whenever obscenity would commonly found and people would do it commonly than the plague and other unknown disease will spread that had not been found of your grandparent's times and not even before”. (*Majah*, 4019)

1. Disobedience of Allah
2. Rejection of Natural Laws and Use of superstitions
3. Obscenity and Corruption
4. Polluted Environment
5. Negligence and Ignorance of Nature
6. Improper usage of Natural Resources
7. Deforestation and Destruction of Land Surface

## Preventive Steps and Measures

The Prophet Mohammad\* (PBUH) said “whosoever sits in his house so that the people are safe from him and he is safe from the people, his security is guaranteed by Allah” (*Ahmed*, No 22146)

It is understood that by following Islamic laws we can cure plague and could develop good society. We see that in Islam, washing hands are compulsory while taking food, we perform ablution five times in a day, keep your hands while sneezing and yawning and try to keep yourself inside your house, don't go out often in the cities. It is proved that Islam is complete living code of conduct and humanity is completely safe in Islam. Islam is not particular for Muslims, Islam is meant for everybody and it is for the entire universe. Allah is (Al-Khaliq) creator of the universe and creator of humanity so obey Him and His laws.

1. Stop Movement Outside your House
2. Avoid Visit from one Region to another Region
3. Stop Entry for the Outsiders and out workers
4. Avoid Mingling and Keep Washing
5. Avoid Mutual Interaction
6. Stop Social Gathering and Keep Distancing
7. Stop Physical Interaction
8. Consistency in Repentance
9. Patience and Prayer
10. Keep Physical Distance
11. Stick to the Present Location

## Critical Analysis of the Study

The study is intended to give new insights into the matter and expect to give broader view with reference to the Holy Quran and hadiths. It is obvious and Crystal-clear in the hadith that we must not enter or leave or must not escape from it or from that place where this pandemic disease broke out. It is mentioned in the holy Quran that this infectious disease has not any particular symptoms; it has only the reasons that are evils. It is understood that the Quran has given preventive steps to control the infectious disease but it must be applied practically at the ground level. Lockdown is not only the way but along with we must take the above mentioned precautions given by the government. We have some positive results that the average of the recovered people is increasing day by day and we hope that we can control it by staying at home with consistent prayers and keeping physical distance in order to keep safe ourselves and the people around us. Obey Allah and His rules and regulations laid for the humanity. Try to maintain the balance within the social system by obeying the governmental rules and stand with the concerned administration to keep safe the people. The Quran and hadiths are not meant for Muslims only but are for the each and everybody on the earth. It is the book of Allah almighty which has everything in it and it contain and possess

every sort of cure and preventive methods for every disease. It is understood that the Quran is complete code of conduct for living and non living things. It conveys that human being must contemplate and seriously examine this book in order to take benefits for peaceful, prosperous and happy life. It also lays stress on the acquired and divine knowledge provided within it. The Quran has given complete solution to the peaceful life of human being and how to be safe from this infectious disease is provided in the hadiths also. The need of hours is to stay in so that we will be safe and people will safe from us.

## Methodology

The research paper is based on the descriptive and observative approach. The study is conducted by analyzing the verses of the holy Quran, Hadiths and the current status of the infectious Virus. The people who visited different places and people who left the country for various purposes their travel history revealed that the big blow of cause is visiting or leaving native place. So the Quran and Hadiths are sources of explanation and interpretation and the infected people. The data is collected primarily from the holy Quran, interpretations like *Tafseer Ibni Kaseer*, *Tehfamul Quran*, and other from all authenticated books of Hadiths like, *Bukhari*, *Muslim*, *Ibni Majah*, *Musnand Ahmad*, etc. all above mentioned are the primary sources apart from these primary texts secondary data is also collected in order to verified the disease and its causes and effects. Every sort of data is studied and analyzed to find the solution for the infectious disease.

## Results

...and if Allah willeth misfortune for a folk there is none that can repel it, nor have they a defender beside Him. (*Quran* 13, 11)

It can be understand by the above mentioned data and explanation of the Quran and Hadith that we must be inside our houses, stay away from the infected person, quarantine the infected persons, keep them at distanced place, and stop incoming, outgoing and any sort of visit in order to keep safe the people so that the rest of the people will be safe from us as well. If the people on the earth continuously disobey and spared obscenity than Allah will sent down a sort of punishment that would be in the shape like Plague, Virus, Black Plague, Tawoon, Wabh, Black Death, Coronavirus, Covid19 or Novel19 but the reason behind this infection is same as it was in the ancient history of the human being. The plague is still uncured and there is no availability of vaccine or medicine but the only way is physical distance. This infectious disease is very devastative and it can spread out easy and quickly, as if we cannot endure distance and patience.

## Conclusion

And seek help through patience and prayer... (*Quran* 2, 45)

It is understood or has been recorded throughout the ages that human being fail to cure the most infectious disease since the time it sent down on the earth by Allah and devastated the lives of human beings in the history of

mankind. Not only today but all the time we fail to provide immediate and quick relief to the people, in order to protect from this pandemic and infectious virus. I am of the opinion that the only way out from this is to offer prayer, repentance and say Astagfirullah every time in order to cure oneself and try to obey the natural laws of Allah SWT. This is the only way that we must contribute to the nature, have patience, seek help and stop to irritate or break the natural laws. It is quite obvious in the Quran and in Hadith that we must not pollute and contaminate the earth with our sins; in order to take benefits and live happy life in the world and also hereafter we must obey all above mentioned facts. We must save ourselves by keep our nature and environment neat and clean, avoid sin and remove every type of obscenity on the earth.

## Recommendations

Narrated Saud; The Prophet Mohammad\* (pbuh) said, if you hear of an outbreak of plague in a land, do not enter it; but if the plague breaks out in a place while you are in it, do not leave that place. (*Bukhari, 5728*)

- The Quran is not only meant for Muslim but it is for the universe follow the rules and regulations laid in the holy Quran and by the government.
- The government must stop entry for outsiders so that the people would safe from them. Convey stranded people must inculcate patience and stay there wherever they are till the virus will go out.
- Take some steps to control on movement of heavy vehicles which run from one region to another or must keep all drivers away from their homes.
- The quarantine centers must be congenial and pollution free.
- Government must establish and make available counseling programmes.
- Inculcate and conduct the patients with good behavior and humble cooperation so that they can be encouraged.
- The government must provide counseling about the causes and preventive measures against the virus not against the patients.
- Administration must avoid hatreds elements and develop positive attitudes towards infected persons and curative precautions to the virus.

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