

Covid-19 and Heaven's Power

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1. Abstract

The coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) epidemic reached an exponential level in Iraq. Visiting the shrine of Imam Hussein annually on the tenth of Muharram and the twentieth of Safar this year occurred despite the Covid-19 pandemic, and the crowd of visitors reached more than 14 million visitors, but the miracle is that the number of Covid-19 cases decreased significantly despite the crowding during the visit and the failure to take the necessary preventive measures. This large phenomenon is evidence of the presence of God's care during the visit and that Iraq is in the eyes of God.

2. Introduction

The coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) epidemic, which originated in Wuhan, China, has now extended to more than 200 countries and administrative regions infecting nearly 36,792,906 individuals of all ages as of 9 October 2020 [1]. However most of infected individuals display mild symptoms including fever, upper respiratory tract symptoms, shortness of breath, and diarrhoea or are asymptomatic in sum. However, severe cases of infection can lead to pneumonia, multiple organ failure, and death [2]. Commonly, at least 1,067,468 deaths have been directly attributed to Covid-19, and this number is expected to rise with the ongoing epidemic.

Iraq has had 394,566 confirmed cases with 9,683 deaths according to the last update registration of Iraq Ministry of Health. The mean age of those who died in Iraq was 71 years and more than two-thirds of these patients had diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, or cancer, or were former smokers. It is, therefore, true that these patients

had underlying health conditions, but it is also worth noting that they had acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) pneumonia, needed respiratory support, and would not have died otherwise [3].

2. But What Happened During Ashura and Al-Arbain Visits of Imam Hussein?

The visit of Ashura, and the million-plus march towards the shrine of Imam Hussein (Figure 1), peace be upon him every year, is mostly concerned with the people of the Karbala governorate, and fewer numbers than other governorates join them, while Iraqis hold condolences for Imam Hussein, peace be upon him, in their cities and suburbs, this has been the custom for a long time [4].



Figure 1: The shrine of Imam Hussein

And in this year (1442-2020), the jealous Karbala's insisted on reviving this visit, with the same momentum and the wide audience of two million, and the great concern but expectation prevailed in the circles responsible as a whole for the danger of the worsening of the Covid-19 pandemic in a large and widespread after the visit,

especially in the governorate Holy Karbala, but what happened was shocking and contrary to all these expectations. Let us let the numbers speak. It happened on the tenth of Muharram 1442 AH in Karbala, and the health situation there. The funeral processions on Ashura followed their annual habit, with strong momentum and interaction, as if it was a challenge to the loyalty and faith of the believers in the face of the pandemic [5].

However, different social media and international channels revealed that the danger of the Covid-19 epidemic spreading in Iraq did not prevent crowds from participating in the visit ceremony of the tenth of Muharram "Ashura" in the city of Karbala, where hundreds of thousands arrived at the shrines, in a scene with which prevention measures are difficult to apply. In fact, most of the visitors did not wear masks according to the viewing and the videos, with the certainty of my belief that the pandemic and the like would not affect the visitors of Imam Hussein [6].

On that day, the Iraqi Ministry of Health announced, on the same day, Sunday, August 30, 2020, that one person had been infected with this disease in Karbala, and that 276 cases had been cured, compared to 269 injuries. On September 7, 2022 AD, the Ministry of Health and Environment recorded in the Karbala governorate, 194 new injuries and 4 deaths, as well as 358 new cures.

The Second Great Miracle that was happened in the first week of the month of Safar 1442, processions of visitor service were crowded on all the streets leading to Karbala, and visitors flocked as their annual habit, with a wonderful interaction as if there was no fear of this disease. The visit was reach 15 million and a half (visitors from outside it was 14 million and a half, according to the statistics of the Abbasid shrine. The health situation in Iraq on Safar 8 with the beginning of millions of visitors heading towards the holy Karbala. On September 25, 2020, the Iraqi Ministry of Health announced the registration of 4,593 new injuries, and recoveries reached 4,505, and 68 deaths. The health situation in Iraq on the 27th of Safar, a week after the end of the Arbæen visit, and the visitors flocked to Najaf. On October 15, 2020, the Iraqi Ministry of Health announced the registration of 3,587 new cases of corona, and the recovery of 3,356 people from the virus, and 65 deaths [7].

That is, the numbers remained within the normal range, and the event did not increase dramatically, as it is supposed to be according to the usual expectation with the presence of these millions of gatherings and their mixing with some in the atmosphere of the holy city of Karbala. Some may say, we cannot trust the numbers of the Iraqi Ministry of Health, etc. of the problems. The response is that the Iraqi reality is the best witness. It is assumed that the pandemic casualties after the fortieth march reach hundreds of thousands, and an unbearable major crisis will occur in Iraq, and sedition channels will preach it, it did not happen.

Al-Hussein, who rained blood in the sky is not helpless and avoided him to defend his visitors and his loved ones. In addition to that,

most of the health teams that were installed on the road did not announce the discovery or diagnosis of any case after the passing of the days that the visitors walked by. He was calling for a boycott of the visit day and night and threatening the spread of the virus for malicious purposes and disobeying the rites.

Even medical professionals were reluctant to issue strict instructions about the visit because they believed that the number of infections would increase with the momentum and crowds of millions and crowding accompanying the visit of course, but until writing this article we did not hear from medical or government sources that there is an increase in the number of injuries.

When we talk about this topic, we do not want to impose a specific opinion on others, and we do not want to show that we are experts in a field other than our specialization or our work, and we do not deny the existence of the virus in the beginning, but we show a specific and realistic situation that everyone lived according to what we think and perhaps our words will be supported by most of the readers for two reasons, the first and according to what Al-Abbasiya announced that the number of visitors reached million this year, and they flocked in the form of groups. This number is certainly not a small number, and according to specialists in the health field, it should lead to an unprecedented increase in the number of injuries, but this did not happen!!

The other reason is that if we were participating in the visit for specific reasons, for example, or social conditions, then we are sure to have relatives and loved ones who participated in the forty visit and did not transmit to us any specific incident or the presence of an infected case throughout the days of the visit.

The secular or Jokri tide may try to challenge such topics, propositions, or realistic results because of the limitations of the thought that it carries and because of the hatred for the rites and their establishment, and this is a matter of its own, but the reality remains very clear and frank, not tainted by any flaws. There are countless examples and many examples and we do not want to delve into them, and each of us has his own view and analysis of matters as the mind sees it (and says the truth from your Lord, whoever wishes, let him believe, and whoever wishes, then he should disbelieve). It is not necessary to take this statement, but to look at it and try to study it closely is a matter that does not cost a specific effort. On the contrary, it is very clear and self-evident [8].

If we discuss and talk about the causes of the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus or the number of infected people, ways of infection, its damages, its strength and its impact on the community environment, we will notice that it is a very dangerous virus, and its transmission and contact by some people with the other hate is contained, and the infection of dozens of citizens is included, but we must ask a logical question to the specialists: Where did the SARS-CoV-2 virus go in front of these The millions of crowds that did not abide by most of the health instructions as we saw them,

and why did it defeat and the virus fell all these days??

Didn't things come unexpectedly? Is there a healthy and logical explanation for this event apart from emotion and inclinations? Is it not worth mentioning, declaring and making our voices sound that it was the miracle of Hussein that destroyed the virus and that his days are the days of God that are untouched by imperfections or harm? Is it not worth thinking about Well with this great religious symbol that proves to the whole world day after day its greatness and the secret of its survival and the survival of the rituals of Ashura!!

The mourners will say what they say, and many geniuses of culture, literature, criticism and others will speak, contrary to what we have mentioned, but the only truth that must be put before all of us without frills, camouflage or dubbing is that no corona with Hussein is a matter of our father. The bones (God's peace be upon them) (We have states with God, He is He and We are, He is us, and We are He). God suffices as a true witness and witness.

Is there another explanation, other than the care, mercy and divine miracle of the visitors of Imam Hussein, peace be upon him, and that what happened is outside expectations and calculations? Most of the visitors were quite sure that nothing would happen to them, and they used to say, as we heard in daily interviews with them, we go to Imam Hussein, peace be upon him, who is the doctor and healer, so how can we get hurt?

What happened this year is a great and miraculous event, unlike any measure, that needs to be shed light and researched.

There are hadiths received from the People of the House, peace is upon them, about the bounty and care of God for the visitors of Imam Al-Hussein, peace is upon him, which shows us the dignities of his visit, and God Almighty has shown them to us in these days with the evident reality.

Oh, who assigned us to honor, and assigned us to the will, promised intercession, gave us knowledge of what was past and what remained, and made the hearts of people fall to us, forgive me and my brothers, and for the visitors of the tomb of Abu Hussein, may God's prayers be upon him, who spent their money, and diagnosed their bodies with a desire for our righteousness and hope for what you have In our prayer, and with pleasure they entered upon your Prophet, your prayers for him and his family, an answer from them to our command, and anger that they brought against our enemy, they wanted you to be satisfied with that. Weak from your creation or severe, and the evil of the demons of the jinn and people, and give them the best that they hoped from you in their estrangement from their homelands, and what they favored us about their children and their families and their relatives, O God, our enemies reproach them for their going out, this did not prevent them from the people to us, and in contrast to them on those who disagreed with us, so have mercy Those faces that the sun has changed, and have mercy on those cheeks that turned on the pit of Abu Abdullah,

and have mercy on those eyes whose tears were a mercy for us, and have mercy on those hearts that were terrified and burned for us, and have mercy on the cry that was ours, O God, I entrust you with those souls and those bodies until you fulfill them On the basin on the day of thirst.

How weak the SARS-CoV-2 virus is that cannot be seen, but it has brought about what happened in the whole world, except that it stopped its effect and collapsed during the two blessed visits, and related that to what the Imam said in this narration. We need to preach the greatness and miracle of what happened this year. Praise be to God, who witnessed a new dignity added to the thousands of dignities of the master of the martyrs, Imam Hussein, peace be upon him, from his testimony to the present day.

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