

SACRIFICE IS PART OF ALL CREATION:

A mother sacrifices her sleep, health, energy, life 9 months – lifetime for her child.

A father sacrifices for the safety & development & of his child.

Ants/Bees sacrifice their own reproduction for the queen/hive.

Amoeba Microbes, decay of atoms, leaf, plants, humans war, famine, poverty, food, health, time.

We sacrifice through seeking knowledge away from home/abroad, travelling, time, money. We sacrifice certain friends, clothes, food, programmes for other.

We sacrifice our cultural way of life for Islam – Shahadah. Sleep for Fajr/Isha/Tahajjud. Money for Sadaqah, Zakat, Food Ramadan, Rest for Salah... Hajj & Qurbani

ALL PROPHETS SACRIFICED the greatest & most for Allah ﷻ. We all have limits to our sacrifice, but Ibrahim عليه السلام & our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ didn't.

Ibrahim عليه السلام is mentioned 69X in the Quran. He is the only person other than the Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم who has been presented to us as an example to follow.

قَدْ كَانَتْ لَكُمْ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ فِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ
إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لَحَلِيمٌ أَوَّاهٌ مُنِيبٌ - وَاتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلًا - وَاتَّبَعَ مَلَّةَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ حَنِيفًا
وَإِذْ كُرِيَ فِي الْكِتَابِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّهُ كَانَ صِدِّيقًا نَبِيًّا - إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ كَانَ أُمَّةً قَانِتًا لِلَّهِ حَنِيفًا
وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ الَّذِي وَفَّى - سَلَامٌ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ

Ibrahim عليه السلام showed us true sacrifice of mind, body, soul, heart, health, wealth & family. Ibrahim عليه السلام continuously & unreservedly sacrificed & dedicated everything he had for Allah سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ.

‘When Abraham and Ishmael were raising the foundations of the House, Our Lord! Accept from us. Lo! You, only You, are the Hearer, the Knower’

‘Our Lord, I have settled some of my descendants in an uncultivated valley near Your sacred House, our Lord, that they may establish prayer.

‘He said, “O my Father, do as you are commanded; you will find me, God willing, one of the steadfast.”

‘ You have fulfilled the vision." Indeed, We thus reward the doers of good.