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Change is part of nature, within us, around us. Cosmos, Pandemic, Work, Politics, Climate, Seasons, Disasters, Wars, Children, Spouse.

The best teachers, athletes, entrepreneurs always think of how they can do change to be better. So as Muslims, how do we change to become better? Ourselves, children, spouse, families, community?

Shaytan* was unable to change his view, mind-set, seek forgiveness, learn from his mistake, let go of his ego, arrogance; unable to be better. So he became *Ar- Rajim* – the cursed one. In contrast Adam/Hawa, changed, sought forgiveness and learned from their mistake; and that’s what brings us here to earth – **the process of change – Heaven to Earth to Heaven*

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ came to spark change in humanity, culture, civilisation, character, faith, in hearts, minds and actions. We though have become stagnant, regressive and unyielding culturally & religiously.

Change must come gradually, gently, over a long term vision, set plan. An inner journey coming from within. **Prohibition of Alcohol, Abolishment of Slavery, Equality in Children, Women's Rights...**

Change can't be carried alone, hence the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ brought in the Sahabah. He used different talents, abilities and skills. He ﷺ built a community and Ummah of change. Every person mattered & matters.

All of us can be better, we have so much to offer as a community. Our talents, skills, abilities can truly transform us and the Ummah.

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Allah ﷻ frequently swears in the Qur'an by powerful times of transition & constant change. *Wal-Fajr, Wad-Duha, Wal-Asr*

"Every day He is bringing about a matter" (55:29)

We need to dig deep and find that that powerful change to bring about the initial change, the momentum will then carry us forward.

Change should bring about **Khayr – Goodness** in yourself, and Humanity. Whatever goodness we find in this world today, it is mainly as a result of two factors, the Fitra on which Allah ﷻ created us human beings on or the direct or indirect efforts of the Prophet & Messengers.

Your smile, character, mercy,, pardon, charity, assistance, advice, compassion, guidance and time can help change the lives of many.

Change your limited knowledge, practice of the Deen, way of life.
Change your treatment of your spouse, children, family, community.

- 1. Acquire Divine Knowledge** – Realise what is truly beneficial
- 2. Personal Development** – Your Character & Actions
- 3. Social Transformation** – Interact with **ALL** People with Goodness
- 4. Keep Persevering** – Never give up, small change can be powerful
- 5. Have Faith/Hope** – Do the best you can & have do Du'a