

Topic: So, Surely with hardship comes ease

Outline

- I. Introductory remarks: The life of ^{the} Holy prophet (PBUH) is a stark reminder of a fact that after every difficulty, there is an ease.
- II. Thesis Statement: True, hardships are inevitable, but after every obstacles and difficulty, there is a comfort and relief as it can be evident in the life of individuals and nations.
- III. Expansion of the topic.
- IV. There is no relief after hardship:
A Counter view.
- V. There is a comfort after every hardship: Illustrations of individuals and nations.
 - A. Santiago's character in "The Old man and the sea" is evident of the fact that the hardships and ease go hand in hand.
 - B. Viktor Frankl's book "The Man's Search for Meaning" proves that ease comes after hardship.
 - C. Nelson Mandela's life is an ample

proof that hardship comes before ease.

D. J. K. Rowling's hardships were prior to her fame.

E. Thomas Edison's struggle is replete with hardship and ease.

F. Wright Brothers faced failures and disappointments first, then success.

G. William James confronted many hardships, then relief in his life.

H. King Martin Luther Jr.'s path to freedom for Black was not easy.

I. Sarah Gull faced hardship in the beginning, then comes the relief.

J. Japan's miraculous rise is a clear proof of that.

K. China's unprecedented growth comes after hundred years of humiliation.

VI. Is Hardship bed for individuals and nations? No.

VII. Concluding remark: Hardship comes to pave the way for success, and comfort.

Hardships and difficulties are the part of life. They often come as uninvited guests, and makes life of individuals and nations a little bit tougher, harder and complicated. However, it is also true that after every stumbling-block in life, there comes a relief and ease. The best example to validate this claim can be found in the life of Holy prophet (PBUH). Six months prior to birth of the Holy prophet (PBUH), his father died, born as posthumous child. After a very short period of time, his mother died and then his grandfather. Then came ease in the shape of guardianship of his Uncle (Abu Talib). Moreover, when he received prophethood he faced stiff opposition from his people (Quresh) and confronted many challenges in his Mecca life. After that, the Holy prophet (PBUH) was compensated for his hardship and became a central figure in Medina and accomplished his mission. Does the life of the beloved prophet (PBUH) not prove that after every hardship, there is a comfort? Have many individuals and nations not experienced hardship first, then ease? The simple

answer is Big Yes. True, hardships are inevitable part of life, but after every obstacles and difficulty in life, there is a comfort and relief as it can be seen in the life of individuals and nations.

This line, "So, surely with hardship comes ease" is taken from the Holy book - The Quran. In this line, Allah Almighty promises true believers that there is a comfort and peace for all if they are going through any hardship. The prime aim of this line is to give hope and satisfaction to those who are suffering from mental, physical or financial difficulties. Therefore, it is essential for individual to see hardships as an opportunity to grow, become stronger and better. These hardships are not obstacles to bar people from materializing their goals. But they come so that people could improve ^{and better} themselves and ~~prepare~~ ^{prepare} them for their final destination. Moreover, concept of ease means success, experience, opportunity and other things in life. It is not just confined to elimination of hardships.

None the less, many critics and experts are of view that there is no comfort or ease after every difficulty. They believe that there is nothing but sorrow and pain in life. They are so pessimistic that they believe that people are born to suffer. As John Paul Sartre said in his "Bad faith". People are always in bad faith as they suffer because their work is not in tune with their aspirations. Moreover, if the life of Hawkins is observed. He was paralyzed in his mid twenties, and remained on wheel chair for his whole life. Scimberg. The author of book "The subtle Art of not giving F--- up" writes that suffering is inevitable, everyone suffers, you have to choose how". This class that they believe that there is not relief or whatsoever, there is only suffering, suffering and nothing else.

Quite contrary to this view, there is a comfort, relief, ease, compensation after every obstacles. Difficulties often pave the way for comfort and ease. They are not long-lasting; they just temporary. This is evident from the life of individuals and nations. The

most significant example to prove this statement can be seen in the novel of "The Old Man and The Sea". In this story, the character of Santiago signifies ^{the fact} that in life, difficulties are harbingers of ease. He struggled for 84 days to hook the fish, but he failed each time. People used to call him "unlucky man". But he did not pay any attention to them. The fact is that he believed that every day is a new day. After arduous struggle, comes an ease and he caught a ^{big} fish. Thus, there is a relief after every struggle.

Similarly, Viktor Frankl's book "The Man's Search for Meaning" is an ample proof of that fact that hardships are prior to ease. In this book, Viktor Frankl has highlighted his experience of Auschwitz camp. He was hardly given enough to survive. The clothes on their bodies were hardly thick enough to brave winter. The food did not ^{contain} nutrients to sustain proper growth. He spent his life in those dark days with a hope to get out and finish his work. After years, he was released and accomplished his goal.

Therefore, comfort and difficulties are connected together. The former follows the latter. Likewise, life of Nelson Mandella is an ample proof that Hardship comes before ease. Nelson Mandella was spent 27 years in prison for the sake of his noble intention to end apartheid system. In prison, he was confined to Solitude prison for weeks. He took beating on the slightest pretext. He compelled and coerced to work for days without a break. His experience at prison was nothing short of hell. But after ^{Twenty seven} years, he released and became President of South Africa and ended apartheid system in South Africa. Did he not face Hardship, then ease?

Adding to that, was the life of J.K Rowling not full of hardship at first, than ease? J.K. Rowling faced several hardships in her life. She said in interview that in her life, she was the biggest failure. She was broke and had nothing to eat. Moreover, she said that she wrote Harry Potter, it was rejected twelve times. After each rejection, she felt more depression and anxiety. Then comes

case and her work became a great hit and paved the way for "Wizzarding World". Thus, it is clear that obstacles and difficulties comes before ease and comfort.

In addition, Thomas Edison's struggle is replete with hardship and ease. When he was in kindergarten, teachers thought of him as a challenged boy. When he set his mind to invent a bulb, he faced more ^{than} thousand times. He faced these challenges with open arms and became the biggest innovator of all times. The life of Thomas Edison is a living proof of the fact that hardship comes to make the path of success much easier.

Besides that, Wright Brothers faced failures and disappointments first, then success. Wright Brothers were interested in the mechanics of flight since their early age. They spent years to build an aeroplane. They wanted to materialize the long-standing dream of humanity - flying. After years of struggle, they built their first aeroplane, which only flew for eleven seconds. After that, they made

improvements and the next plane flew for a few minutes. Failure after failure, they kept trying and did not give up and finally built an airplane and revolutionized the world. Thus, it proves that failures comes as a sign of success.

Moving forward, William James confronted many hardships, then relief in his life. William James was born with a physical condition in which his body could not fight with foreign agents, causing him ill or sick all of time. His immunity was weak and his backbone pain was worse than anyone can imagine. ~~in him~~ ^{in his} family, members ^{were} appointed in him. He was at the verge of committing suicide. Before committing suicide, he gave himself a year in which he took the responsibility of his life. Later, this changed his life. He pioneered "pragmatism" in philosophy and became a great psychologist of his time. This is an ~~extra~~ ^{extra} proof that after every hardship, there is a time of comfort and success.

Moreover, King Martin Luther Jr.'s path to freedom for Black was not full

of thorns and predicaments. At the beginning, when he rose his voice to give equal voting rights to black American, he faced stiff opposition from white people as well as the government of the time. He was imprisoned many times and attacked ~~thereby~~ his movement owing to his struggle and unflinching determination. American black got their voting rights and achieved his dream. Thus, hardships are the omens of the fact that ease or comfort is around the corner.

Further more, Sarah Gill's life has been a bed of thorns. Being born ^{transgender} in patriarchal society of Pakistan is nothing short of death sentence. She faced financial hardships, physical torture and worse of all, mental torture. But she pursued her dream of becoming lawyer at all cost. She said in her BBC interview that she worked as a sex worker to pay for tuition fee, and even begged on many occasions. After all these difficulties, she saw some sunny days as she became first transgender doctor in the history of Pakistan. Therefore, it is right to say that after the darkest hours of night comes the first ray of morning.

In addition, Japan's miraculous rise is a clear proof of that after rainy days, there is a promise of sun-shine. When Japan was nuked twice, its two main cities were reduced to dust. Its economy lost its worth; its military was shattered. Japan went through so much pain and sufferings in the shape of poverty, inflation and so on. But after years of difficulties, it managed to rise and become one of the developed countries. Therefore, Japan's miraculous rise is an indication of the fact that difficulty clears the way for ease and comfort.

Last but not the least, China's unprecedented growth comes after hundred years of humiliation. China called twentieth century as a century of humiliation. It faced invasion of Japan, then civil war and then deep-rooted poverty. These difficulties made China a weak state. After that, China took a more "Great leap forward"-under Xi Jinping leadership. It made China economic powerhouse in the beginning of the twenty first century. It managed to uplift 80 million

out of poverty and has earned great reputation in the annals of great nations. Success is the result of its difficulties and hardships in the early phase of its life -

That said, is hardship bad for individuals and nations? Should people avoid hardships? The answer is No. The hardships and obstacles are no way a bad sign for individuals and nations. They come so that they can prepare individuals as well as nations to achieve their goals. They are central to realizing the true potential of individuals and nations. If obstacles and predicaments are removed all together, there is no point that any individuals and nations can better themselves. The obstacles are not speed-breakers in life; they act as a reminder of a fact that the individuals and nations have to improve themselves and come out of their comfort zone. Hardships are not bad themselves, but losing hope and vigor in the times of hardship is wrong. Thus, hardships are essential for individuals as well as nations.

To sum up, in the light of above arguments, it is right to say that hardships are harbinger of ease and comfort. Although hardships are the part of life, they come to shape the life of individuals and nations in a proper way so that they can achieve their true potential. Individuals like our Holy prophet (PBUH), William James, Thomas Edison and Nelson Mandela, all have faced hardships prior to ease. The same is the case with nation like Japan and China. In this regard, Misza Gorb has summed up this whole concept in his one line that there is a time when I feel empty and lost and then it becomes much brighter and content.