

*From the Desk of
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Over a cup of tea in morning I browse e-newspaper. I start with daily well circulated Urdu newspaper from Pakistan. As tradition, everything we start with the name of Allah. Newspapers also have on their cover page a text box on top with translation of selected Aya (verse) from The Holy Quran.

Today I read Ayaat 66 to 73 of Sura Ar Rehman from The Holy Quran. Here out of eight Ayaat the Aya "*So, (O mankind and Jinn,) which of the bounties of your Lord will you deny*" is repeated four times. This Sura has total of 78 Ayaat and this Aya is repeated 31 times.

On the same cover page of today's newspaper, I see headline news in reference to Panama Leak

issues, situation of Supreme Court cases in Pakistan, attack on Parliament, protest by PIA employees regarding the benefits taken by authorities, calls for closing Islamabad (The Capital of Pakistan), passport issues of religious persons, cancelation of visits by foreign delegates to Pakistan due to "Dharna" (protest) against government and more like these.....

I read the above Aya again and again. Do we think Pakistan is a blessing of Allah (SWT) on Muslims of the sub-continent India - Pakistan? Isn't freedom a blessing? Don't we have an opportunity to fulfill the responsibilities as a Muslim "ummah" to serve the mankind? Isn't cause of all disturbances is our ungratefulness?