



STAND WITH DIGNITY

Standwithdignity.org is a campaign inspired by one of the greatest movements of FAITH, LOVE & HUMANITY.

The questions we raise deeply invoke the heart:

What do we stand for?
What values would we fight for?
How often do we have compassion for others?

As proud Americans who value freedom, equality, peace, and justice for all, we aim to share the universal lessons learned from a significant event in time that changed the course of history.

Over 1,400 years ago, one man made a stand... He defied the tyrant ruler through one battle, igniting the beginning of an inspiring movement that continues until today.

This man was Imam Hussain.

Did you know...?

26 million pilgrims

visited the tomb of Imam Hussain on December 4th 2015, marking it as one of the largest peaceful gatherings in history



The leader of the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had said, 'I learnt from Mahatma Gandhi...' who had said,

'I learnt from Hussain how to achieve victory whilst being oppressed.'

Mahatma Gandhi's first Salt march was inspired by Imam Hussain's historical victory against the tyranny of Yazid.

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LEARN ABOUT
IMAM HUSSAIN'S EVERLASTING MESSAGE OF

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THE BATTLE OF KARBALA

OCTOBER 10, 680 AD

BACKGROUND HISTORY:

In 661, Umayyad Caliph Muawiyah signed a Peace Treaty with Imam Hasan, the eldest grandson of Prophet Muhammed (pbuh), vowing to relinquish his reign to him or his brother, Hussain.

After assassinating Imam Hasan, Muawiyah broke the Treaty and acclaimed his son, Yazid, as the next Caliph after him. Yazid summoned Imam Hussain from Medina to Damascus, Syria to submit his allegiance to his rule, or face death.

Yazid was openly an oppressive and corrupt ruler with complete disregard for Islamic Law and Muslim traditions. Hussain, the guardian of his grandfather's message, fled Medina towards Mecca, then Kufa, where he was promised support for his cause to reform the Muslim society. Yazid's army blocked his route and directed him towards Karbala, Iraq for battle.

IMAM
HUSSAIN

YAZID

ARMY OF 72



FAMILY MEMBERS
AND LOYAL COMPANIONS

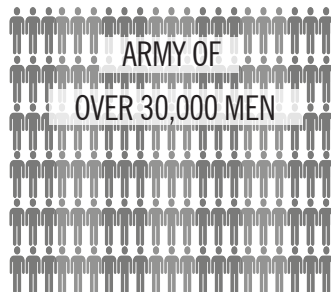
MOTIVATION TO BATTLE:

FAITH - LOYALTY - DIGNITY
RIGHTEOUSNESS - LOVE
HUMANITY - ALLIEGIANCE

GREED-HYPOCRISY-REVENGE
RANK PROMOTION - BRIBERY
IGNORANCE-SIN-COWARDICE

IMAM HUSSAIN & HIS ARMY WERE MARTYRED DEFENDING ISLAM,
WOMEN & CHILDREN CAPTURED AS PRISONERS OF YAZID

THE WOMEN FROM HUSSAIN'S CARAVAN DELIVERED ELOQUENT
SERMONS CONDEMNING THE INJUSTICES OF YAZID, UNVEILING HIS
HYPOCRISY OF FOLLOWING PROPHET MUHAMMED YET KILLING HIS
GRANDSON. EVENTUALLY, YAZID WAS DISGRACED AND HIS REIGN ENDED.



ARMY OF
OVER 30,000 MEN

UNIVERSAL LESSONS FROM KARBALA & IMAM HUSSAIN

"NO BATTLE IN THE MODERN AND PAST HISTORY OF MANKIND HAS
EARNED MORE SYMPATHY AND ADMIRATION AS WELL AS PROVIDED
MORE LESSONS THAN THE MARTYRDOM OF HUSSAIN IN THE BATTLE OF KARBALA."
ANTOINE BARA- LEBANESE CHRISTIAN SCHOLAR

DIGNITY

"A PERSON LIKE ME CAN
NEVER PAY ALLEGIANCE TO
A PERSON LIKE YAZID."
-IMAM HUSSAIN (A.S.)

FAITH

"THE BEST LESSON WHICH WE GET FROM
THE TRAGEDY OF KARBALA IS THAT HUSSAIN
AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE RIGID BELIEVERS
IN GOD. THEY ILLUSTRATED THAT THE
NUMERICAL SUPERIORITY DOES NOT COUNT
WHEN IT COMES TO THE TRUTH AND FALSEHOOD..."
-THOMAS CARLYLE [SCOTTISH HISTORIAN]

LOVE

"THERE IS NO-ONE WHO ACHIEVED WHAT
HE ACHIEVED...FOR HE CHALLENGED DEATH,
AND DEATH HE THEN DECEIVED
NOW PEOPLE OF ALL AGES FOR HIM
HAVE GRIEVED...WHERE CAN YOU FIND SUCH
LOVE AND DEDICATION?" - POET NOURI SARDAR

FREEDOM

HUSSEIN'S SACRIFICE INDICATES SPIRITUAL
LIBERATION. IN ORDER TO KEEP ALIVE JUSTICE
AND TRUTH, INSTEAD OF AN ARMY OR WEAPONS,
SUCCESS CAN BE ACHIEVED BY SACRIFICING
LIVES, EXACTLY WHAT IMAM HUSSEIN (A.S.) DID.
- INDIAN POET RABINDRANATH TAGORE

VICTORY

"IT IS HUSSAIN'S (A.S.) SACRIFICE
THAT HAS KEPT ISLAM ALIVE OR
ELSE IN THIS WORLD THERE WOULD
BE NO ONE LEFT TO TAKE
ISLAM'S NAME."
-SWAMI SHANKARACHARYA

AN EVERLASTING STAND

WITH AN IMMORTAL MESSAGE

Islamic & Biblical history share countless similarities and prophecies.
The lives of St. John the Baptist & Imam Hussain mirror each other
in that achieving martyrdom for the cause of God is true victory:

BIBLICAL & ISLAMIC PARALLELS IN HISTORY

