

Ruba-Arooj: Following the Exemplary Patience of Prophet Ayub

My very first introduction to Amjad Siddiqi took place in December 2018. It was a day when an interview duty was assigned to me and I was told that an interview has to be conducted of such a personality who, despite severe physical disability, has traveled across 52 countries, and has presented himself before the world for research undergoing 30 surgeries. After reading the introduction, a lot of wonder occurred that despite a spinal injury, who is this highly courageous and brave person? When the meeting took place with Amjad Siddiqi, it was expected that due to fighting against disability, he would be a strict-tempered person, but he turned out to be an exceptionally compassionate, affectionate, and cheerful individual. My wonderment grew even further when, during that short meeting, I witnessed Amjad Siddiqi's courage, resolve, and spirit. Deep inside, a sense of shame also arose that upon facing minor discomforts, how we immediately begin to complain to our Lord, but here, Amjad Siddiqi has practically given a lesson to impatient and ungrateful people like us by following in the footsteps of Hazrat Ayub (Alayhi Salaam). Amjad Siddiqi's life passed through such accidents where the very purpose of living comes to an end. At the age of 22, the first accident occurred, then a second accident took place in which a spinal injury occurred, friends abandoned him, then some such accidents and shocks occurred which are completely unbearable for the human mind, and if any other person was there, they would have become completely despondent with life, lost their mental balance, or at the very least, buried the desire to live. But what a surprise, this life-filled person, Amjad Siddiqi, was diving into the ocean of complete astonishment, teaching others the reason to live, comforting people who were hopeless with life, and more than that, he was actively busy making those around him smile while sitting right there on his wheelchair. An organization in America awarded Amjad Siddiqi the title of "One in a Million," meaning one in lakhs. Meeting Amjad Siddiqi made me realize that Americans are truly judges of human character. Proving his mettle across 52 countries, and presenting himself before research institutions worldwide for medical research, were decisions before which even a healthy person would think a thousand times. But Amjad Siddiqi possessed a unique passion and zeal that drove him to illuminate the name of Pakistan globally. World-renowned research institutions turned completely blank and clueless during some of Amjad Siddiqi's operations, caught in a battle between life and death. After a spinal injury, for a human being to stand up or walk is considered completely impossible, but due to his immense willpower, Amjad Siddiqi in 1992 successfully walked for the first time via a ParaWalker, proving that a person might outwardly appear completely disabled, but a human being's true success lies in recognizing their internal potential. Amjad Siddiqi proved that the potentials gifted by nature do not stand in need of any external physical support, rather, internal awareness and consciousness are necessary, which brings you closer to your Creator and motivates you toward patience and gratitude amidst the difficulties of life. I have not read the book "Unyielding Spirit" completely, but from the introductory pages, it is explicitly evident that this collection will prove to be a source of absolute positive transformation in the lives of individuals who are despondent with life.

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