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الحمد لله حمد الشاكرين، والصلاة والسلام على المبعوث رحمة للعالمين، وهادياً للناس أجمعين.  
صلاةً وسلاماً دائماً إلى يوم الدين، وآله وصحبه ومن تبعهم بإحسان، وسلم تسليماً كثيراً، أما بعد:

## تبليغ الدعوة إلى الله تعالى والخروج في سبيله

### SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF ISLAM (Dawah Tabligh)

Allah ﷻ has stated in the Holy Qur'an: You are the best of Ummah ever raised up for mankind - you enjoin Al- Ma`ruf (good deeds) and forbid Al-Munkar (actions contrary to Qur'an and Sunnah) and believe in Allah. [s3:v110]

In the religion of Islam, the greatest principle is to believe in Allah ﷻ without ascribing any partners with Him. After bringing Iman, it is obligatory upon an individual to attain knowledge, to act upon this knowledge and attain spiritual rectification through this. Even so, a person cannot be a true and complete believer until he or she does not propagate the enjoining of good and forbidding of evil to others.

Abdullah bin Masood رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ related: The Prophet ﷺ stated: 'That person that does an evil act should be prevented by the use of your hand. That person who does this is a true believer (highest level). The one who speaks against this evil act to stop it is a true believer (middle level). The one who merely feels bad of the action in his heart he is also a true believer (the lowest level). After that there is not even a little amount of Iman left. (Sahih Muslim/Tirmidhi/Abu Dawood/Nasai/Ibn Majah)

In reality, the enjoining of good and forbidding of evil (Dawah), is very closely linked to belief in Allah ﷻ. For this very reason, in the above verse of the Qur'an, Allah ﷻ has referred to the believers of this Ummah as 'the best of all Ummahs' due to their performance of this action, which was the mission of all the Prophets عليهم السلام. For this reason also, this Ummah was granted many blessings that were not granted to other Ummahs previously. The reason for Allah ﷻ creating this Ummah is also for this mission of propagating Deen. This is why the concern for Iman and success of the entire creation should always be present in the heart of the believer. This is also a sign of complete faith in Allah ﷻ. (Tarjumanul Sunnah, vol 2, p214)

The desire to be part of the group that utilises their health, wealth and time in this great work of Dawah is also a blessing of Allah ﷻ. 'Let there arise out of you a group of people inviting to good and forbidding from evil. And it is they who are the successful.' [s3,v104]

There is a very great importance that the work of Dawah holds in Islam, however, this should be utilised at 'the right time and in the right place'. 'Call to the Way of your Lord with wisdom and fair preaching, and argue with them in a way that is better.' [s16, v125]

In this verse of the Qur'an, Allah ﷻ has stated that the 'caller to the Deen' should assess the time and situation to propagate the Deen. There is no limit or restriction of performing the action of Dawah in terms of time, as there is with other acts of worship i.e. Salah, Hajj, fasting. With this the greatness of the action of Dawah can be realised. For this great task Allah ﷻ has sent from amongst every nation and in every language in this world a Prophet or a Messenger to call them to the Oneness of Allah. And upon these Messengers through the means of revelation and their religious scriptures, Allah ﷻ himself gave Dawah to the Prophets (Informing them of good deeds and abstaining from evil actions). Then in the propagation of these teachings and beliefs, the Messengers of Allah ﷻ had to bear many great trials and tribulations. The followers of Messengers were also instructed to take the Message of God at that specific time and spread it amongst the people. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was the last Prophet sent to Mankind, just as the Qur'an was the last book to be revealed and the Shariah (law) was the last. The inheritance of the Prophet ﷺ was granted and passed to the true scholars of Islam and pious servants of Allah (Awliya). For this very reason, it is compulsory upon the callers to Deen today to utilise the company and advice of these blessed individuals to reform their lives and souls. Verily, in their company a great treasure is found and the benefits of this cannot

be comprehended enough. This is the very advice of our pious predecessors in respect of the ‘Daa’e’, caller to Deen. The one who acts upon this advice, their work for the sake of Deen is granted a great spirituality (Ruhaaniyat) and they quickly are able to attain their goal.

**If we assess the current situation of the Muslim Ummah, we will find three types of people:**

1. That person who tries to enact the Qur’an and Sunnah in every form in their daily life. If at any time they falter due to their own self, they repent for this action. There are very few of this type of individual.
2. That person who has respect and understanding of the truth of Islam, but in their practical life, they are weak in upholding the fundamentals. When they have time they will pray and at other times not. They are also accustomed to at times slipping into impermissible (Haram) actions.
3. That person who was born into the religion of Islam, however, is Muslim by name only. In the fundamentals of Islam they know nothing and therefore at the same time are not practically applying the teachings of Islam at all.

The majority of the Muslims today are to be found in the last two of the types mentioned above. The same way that the propagating of Deen is absolutely compulsory and fundamental to those who do not have an understanding of Islam (non-Muslims), the rectification and purification of vices from the Muslims is no less important than the propagating of Deen to non-Muslims because Allah ﷻ commands all Muslims to follow Islam fully. ‘O you who believe! Enter completely in Islam and follow not the footsteps of Shaitan. [s2:208]

Today, we take those individuals who slander the religion of Islam and the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as being the purpose of preventing the propagation of the message of Islam. However, in reality the greatest cause of preventing the work of propagating Islam are those Muslims mentioned above, who are only Muslims by name and there is no connection with Islam and its teachings in their lives. A great number of non-Muslims, after researching the Qur’an and true religious books of Islam accept its teachings. However, the majority of non-Muslims, by seeing those Muslims who completely disregard the teachings of Islam and there is no practical example of it in their lives...the non-Muslim is turned away from finding out about this pure and true religion.

The religion of Islam will stay strong until the day of Judgement, it can never be that Islam is weak. If the Muslims do not try to adopt the teachings of Islam in their daily life, then Allah ﷻ has no regard for these individuals. ‘...and (Allah) will replace you by another people; and you cannot harm Allah at all, and Allah is able to do all things.’ [s9, v39]

If we look at the entire history of Islam, in that era where the Muslims acted upon the laws of Allah and the Sunnah of his beloved Prophet ﷺ. Allah ﷻ granted them the best of this world and the next. The Message of Islam spread immensely under their supervision, even though they were few in number. When the Muslims turn away from the teachings of Islam, regardless of their huge numbers or immense wealth, they have no respect left in this world, and their wealth is of no benefit to them.

The Prophet ﷺ stated: ‘If there is a sin being performed in a people and they have the power to prevent it, yet do not do so, then the time is very near that Allah ﷻ will send punishment upon them before their death.’ (Abu Dawood/Ibn Majah)

It has been clearly shown in the light of the Qur’an and Sunnah that we need to as Muslims act upon the teachings of Islam in accordance with the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ, as well as propagating the Deen to others. In this instance, even today it is possible for us to see results the likes of the conquest of Makkah. ‘And you see that the people enter Allah’s religion in crowds.’ [s110, v2]

May Allah ﷻ accept from us our good actions and give us the guidance to call others towards good actions. آمين Aamin!

والله وحده هو المسؤؤل والمستعان وهو الهادي إلى سبل الخير والسلام .

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