



TAHFEEZ UL'IMAAAN

The Protection Of Faith



A GUIDE TO STAYING AWAY FROM DEVIANT AND HERETIC GROUPS

A Brief Compilation Of Verses From The Holy Qur'an And Evidences From Sunnah Regarding Love & Hate For Allah's Sake – And Abstaining From All Types Of Disbelievers & Deviant Groups.

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Infinite blessings & peace be upon the beloved Holy Prophet Mohammed, and upon his progeny, his companions, and all those who rightly follow him until the last day.

PREFACE

Allah - سبحانه و تعالى - the Supreme, the Perfect, the All-Knowing, and the Most Gracious – has gifted mankind the best and purest religion, with sublime and incorruptible beliefs. Almighty Allah - سبحانه و تعالى - has clearly mentioned in the Holy Qur'an that he has "perfected" the religion of Islam and has chosen it and is pleased that Islam be the religion for all mankind. Our pristine religion Islam is indeed a magnificent gift from the Almighty Lord.

For He, the Almighty says:

"this day have I perfected your religion for you and completed My favour upon you, and have chosen Islam as your religion; [Maidah 5:3]

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتْمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي
وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

Our Master the Holy Prophet ﷺ foretold that this pristine religion will remain, no matter how many corrupt ideas may be floated to distort it - as proven from the following:-

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "A section of my community will continue to fight for the right and overcome their opponents till the last of them fights with the Antichrist (Dajjal)." 1

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "Allah has protected you from three things: (1) that your Prophet invoke a curse on you and you all perish, (2) that those who follow what is false prevail over those who follow the truth, and (3) that you all agree on error." 2

The above 2 glorious Hadith testify that Islam will remain in its purest form within the community, and the entire fraternity will never go astray altogether. However, it also means that many will go astray – for only a "section" will continue on the right path.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "The people of the book who came before you split into seventy two sects, and soon this religion [Islam] will split into seventy-three sects. Seventy-two of them will be in the fire and one will be in Paradise, and that is the Jama'ah." 3

The Holy Prophet ﷺ was asked who are the saved sect? The Holy Prophet responded saying: "Those who are upon that which me and my companions are upon today." 4

1 Abu Dawood
2 Abu Dawood
3 Abu Dawood
4 Tirmidhi

The above mentioned Hadith clearly mean that only ONE section of the community will have the right beliefs. And since the time of the “Tabeyeen” (those that ‘followed’ the companions), this group came to be known as the “Ahle-Sunnah” – to distinguish itself from the many new creeds that had crept into Islam. It is still the largest community within Islam. An evidence of its truthfulness is that all other factions are “new factions” – so they did not exist at the time of the Sahaba – and they cannot trace their origins up to that golden period. Yet another evidence of truthfulness is that all new factions are actually break-away factions from the Ahle-Sunnah – so that is the real Jama’ah. And the devil targets those who are on guidance, into these new groups!

Our Master the Holy Prophet Mohammed ﷺ has also warned against innovations that go against established Traditions (Sunnah), and more strictly against innovations that change our beliefs.

And the sad reality is that attempts were made and will further be made to cause deviations and divisions within Islam. These will continue happen, as they have been prophesized. What is more distressing is that – as proven in some cases - the new (break away) faction deviates to such an extent that it goes out of the fold of Islam, whilst their followers assume that they are still Muslims.

Time and again, a group of so-called “reformers” rises up to “unite” all the sects in the Muslim Ummah. It appears to be a noble task. However, most of these sects are so wide apart that it is impossible to remove the schisms that have developed over the centuries. And how can these ever come together if they are accusing one another of blasphemy? And indeed a large number of sects have fallen into blasphemy by denying the basic tenets of Islam, by refuting the Qur’an and multiple traditions, and insulting Allah and His Apostle. And they think they are still on guidance! So these “differences” will remain.

Another attempt by some ‘liberal’ leaders is to ‘unite’ the Muslims with people of other faiths. In the West, it is with Christians and Jews, and in the Indian sub-continent with Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists. No doubt, it is possible for them to live together peacefully, without fighting. In fact, an Islamic state guarantees peace and protection to other religions, provided they follow certain rules and do not cause mischief. But it is apparent that these are completely different faiths and cannot be ‘united’. In fact, the difference between Islam and other religions is so fundamental, that there is absolutely no commonality with others. For Islam preaches belief in just ONE God, whereas others do not. Not even the Christian faith, nor the Jewish faith. Therefore, “unity” with other religions is just impossible.

Islam is a religion of peace and tolerance. This does not mean tolerance without limits. Islam also champions freedom – that too does not mean liberty to commit whatever extremity one may wish. These are just devilish notions that try to concoct new meanings to these words.

Islam is also a religion of love – and a cornerstone of Sufi traditions. It espouses love, moderation, selflessness and of course, piety. One of the most famous Sufi masters and poets Maulana Jalaluddin Rumi wrote the famed Masnawi Shareef. It is a compendium of true faith, love, selflessness, sincerity – all beautifully strung like pearls, in poetry. However, it is also often misquoted to ‘justify’ anti-Islamic beliefs and practices – whilst calling it “Sufism” and “love”. What the ignorant fail to see is that Rumi’s deep love signifies his love for Allah, his deep love for Allah’s creatures stems out of his love for Allah, and so does his sincerity spring from his deep love of Allah. And what about Rumi’s hatred for his own ego, and his hatred for those that are blind towards Allah, and his hatred for those who do not want to recognize the truth? Surely, Rumi’s love for Allah’s creatures cannot be more than Allah’s own love for His creatures! **So whom shall we love? Whom shall we be indifferent to, and whom shall we detest?**

Islam is also a religion that invites mankind to reasoning. Islam invites to the universal truth – so it laid down challenges to the entire world to prove otherwise. It therefore also does not require coercion and in support of this, the Holy Qur’an says, “there is no compulsion in religion”. It does not mean that we need not invite others to this Truth. Unfortunately, some deviants misuse the above verse to say “all religions are equal, because Islam does not force us to accept the ‘Islamic’ faith”. This too is an absurd and illogical conclusion. Do not such people know that only Islam – and no other religion - is acceptable in Allah’s sight? The absence of compulsion mentioned here is because belief lies in the heart, not in mere outwardly utterance of the acceptance – and all humans have been given the intelligence to recognize the universal truth.

We are therefore faced with various questions regarding other sects and faiths, as follows:-

- a. Is it alright to be “friends” with non-Muslims?
- b. Can we remove all “differences” with peoples of other sects, have close relations with them?
- c. If no, then what should be our behavior towards them?

With Allah’s help, this book will attempt to present the correct position regarding the above, with proofs from the Holy Qur’an, the traditions of the Holy Prophet, and the practice of the noble companions.

This book is divided into 5 main sections, as follows:-

- ❖ Love & Hate for Allah’s Sake
- ❖ Model Behavior of the Prophets and the noble companions.
- ❖ Trials and Tribulations
- ❖ Traits of the Mischief-makers.
- ❖ Advice at the time of trials.

I would also recommend the following texts for reading:-

1. “Sabeel un Najaah fi Al-Hub fi-Allah wa al-Bugdh fi-Allah” (Arabic) – (The Path of Salvation – through Love for Allah’s Sake and Hatred for Allah’s Sake) by Imam Yusuf bin Ismail al-Nabhani (RAA)
2. “Arbaeen e Shiddat” (Urdu) – (The Forty Strict Narrations) by Allama Mehboob Ali Khan (RAA)

AlHamdolillah –this book has been completed on the auspicious occasion of the 872nd Anniversary of the Syedna Shaykh Mohiuddin Abdul Qadir Jilani al-Baghdadi, the great Ghawth, Qutub and Reviver of Islam of the 05th Century Hijri. It also coincides with the death anniversary of my beloved mother Hajiani Zubaida Khatoon.

O Allah! Accept this humble offering from your lowly servant. I dedicate the reward of this to my Master the Holy Prophet, to my guides and tutors, to all believers, to the great Ghawth and my beloved parents.

May Allah - سبحانه و تعالی - guide us all & protect our faith. May He grant us death only as true Muslims. Aameen.

Aqib al-Qadri (may he be forgiven)

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SECTION 1:

**LOVE FOR ALLAH'S
SAKE, HATE FOR
ALLAH'S SAKE**

LOVING ALLAH - سبحانه و تعالى

Subhan Allah! The importance of this basic principle of faith just cannot be over-emphasized. For there can be no faith at all if you have no love for Allah. Belief in Him, in His attributes, obedience to His commands, submission to His will, striving for His good pleasure – all these cannot be achieved without love for Him. And to love all what Allah loves, stems from the love of Allah. And to hate all what Allah hates, also stems from the love for Allah.

For Allah, the Supreme, says in His sublime book:

And the believers do not love anybody with love equal to the love of Allah; [Baqarah 2:165]

وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَشَدُّ حُبًّا لِلَّهِ ۗ

And He says it again in the Holy Qur'an in a way subtle way which means that faith is actually love for Allah:

Proclaim, "O mankind! If you love Allah, follow me - Allah will love you and forgive you your sins"; and Allah is Oft Forgiving, Most Merciful. [A/Imran 3:31]

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

And it is the same principle of loving Allah - سبحانه و تعالى - that makes us love all things that are associated with Allah, and to revere them and respect them. As stated in the noble Qur'an:-

So it is; and whoever reveres the symbols of Allah – this is then part of the piety of the hearts. [Hajj 22:32]

ذَٰلِكَ وَمَنْ يُعْظِمِ شَعَائِرَ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّهَا مِنْ تَقْوَى الْقُلُوبِ

So the love of the symbols of Allah stems from His love and is the sign of true piety. And the symbols of Allah - سبحانه و تعالى - are His Sacred Speech (the Holy Qur'an), the entity of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, the traditions of the Holy Prophet, the Sacred Mosques, the holy sanctuaries of Mecca & Medina, and even the mounts of Safa & Marwah.

THE BELIEVERS' ACTIONS ARE FOR ALLAH & OUT OF LOVE FOR ALLAH

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "Deeds (their correctness and rewards) depend upon intentions, and every person gets but what he has intended. So whoever emigrated for worldly benefits, or for a woman to marry, his emigration is for what he emigrated for."5

It is very obvious from the above quoted Hadith that a man's deeds will depend on his intentions. If he has done them to gain the pleasure of Allah, he will be rewarded by Allah. If he does it for some other worldly motive or to make a show to the world, he is deprived of the reward.

<p>Basic virtue is not just to turn faces to the East and the West, but true righteousness is that one must believe in Allah and the Last Day and the angels and the Book and the Prophets; <u>and out of love for Allah, to give treasured wealth to relatives and to the orphans and the needy and the traveller, and to those who ask, and to set slaves free; and to keep the prayer established and to pay the charity;</u> and those who fulfil their obligations when they make an agreement; and the patient during times of calamity, in hardships and during holy war; it is they who have proved true to their word; it is they who are the pious. [Baqarah 2:177]</p>	<p>لَيْسَ الْبِرَّ أَنْ تُوَلُّوا وُجُوهَكُمْ قِبَلَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ وَلَكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنْ ءَامَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْكِتَابِ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ وَءَاتَى الْمَالَ عَلَى حُبِّهِ ذَوِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَابْنَ السَّبِيلِ وَالسَّائِلِينَ وَفِي الرِّقَابِ وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ وَءَاتَى الزَّكَاةَ وَالْمُوفُونَ بِعَهْدِهِمْ إِذَا عَاهَدُوا ۗ وَالصَّابِرِينَ فِي الْبَأْسَاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ وَحِينَ الْبَأْسِ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا ۗ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ</p>
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<p>Say, “Undoubtedly <u>my prayers and my sacrifices, and my living and my dying are all for Allah, the Lord Of The Creation.</u>” [Ana`am 6:162]</p>	<p>قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ</p>
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<p>And among men is one who sells himself to seek the pleasure of Allah; and Allah is Most Compassionate towards the bondmen. [Baqarah 2:207]</p>	<p>وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَشْرِي نَفْسَهُ ابْتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِ اللَّهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ رَءُوفٌ بِالْعِبَادِ</p>
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Observe **how a true Muslim does everything for the sake of Allah** – to the extent of selling himself, and sacrificing his life for Allah’s cause!

LOVING ALLAH & THE HOLY PROPHET ﷺ

<p>Say, “If your fathers, and your sons, and your brothers, and your wives, and your tribe, and your acquired wealth, and the trade in which you fear a loss, and the houses of your liking - <u>if all these are dearer to you than Allah and His Noble Messenger and fighting in His way,</u> then wait until Allah brings about His command; and Allah does not guide the sinful.” [Taubah 9:24]</p>	<p>قُلْ إِنْ كَانَ ءَابَاؤُكُمْ وَءِبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالٌ اقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسَاكِنُ تَرْضَوْنَهَا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكُمْ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرَبَّصُوا حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ</p>
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The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Whoever possesses the following three qualities will have the sweetness of faith: (1). The one to whom Allah and His Apostle become dearer than anything else. (2). Who loves a person and he loves him only for Allah's sake. (3). Who hates to revert to disbelief as he hates to be thrown into the fire.” 6

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said "None of you will have faith till he loves me more than his father, his children and all mankind." 7

The above verse from the Holy Qur'an and 2 narrations testify that just the proclamation of faith is not useful, unless a person truly loves Allah, and His beloved Apostle.

LOVE FOR THE SAKE OF ALLAH, HATE FOR THE SAKE OF ALLAH

O People who Believe! Whoever among you reneges from his religion, so Allah will soon bring a people who are His beloved ones and Allah is their beloved, lenient with the Muslims and stern towards disbelievers - they will strive in Allah's cause, and not fear the criticism of any accuser; this is Allah's munificence, He may give to whomever He wills; and Allah is the Most Capable, the All Knowing. [Maidah 5:54]

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مَنْ يَرْتَدَّ مِنْكُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِ ۖ فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِي اللَّهَ بِقَوْمٍ يُحِبُّهُمْ وَيُحِبُّونَهُ ۖ أَذِلَّةٍ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِزَّةٍ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ يُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا يَخَافُونَ لَوْمَةَ لَائِمٍ ۚ ذَٰلِكُمْ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَن يَشَاءُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ

See O dear Muslims! Whom does Allah the Supreme love? It is those Muslims who are soft-hearted towards their Muslim brothers, and stern with the disbelievers. And who do you think knows more than Allah? Read the following 2 Hadith to understand that the best of deeds in Allah's sight are to have love for His sake, and to hate for His sake!

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "The best of the actions is to love for the sake of Allah and to hate for the sake of Allah." 8

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "The most beloved of deeds in the sight of Allah is to love for the sake of Allah and to hate for the sake of Allah." 9

And reflect on this Hadith, that defines the requirement of having perfect faith!

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "If anyone loves for Allah's sake, hates for Allah's sake, gives for Allah's sake and withholds for Allah's sake, he will have perfect faith." 10

And the following 2 Hadith teach you how to maintain your faith (have the strongest link):-

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "The strongest link in faith is to have good relations only for the sake of Allah, and to have love only for the sake of Allah and hatred only for the sake of Allah." 11

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "The strongest link in faith is to love only for the sake of Allah and hate only for the sake of Allah." 12

7 Bukhari – multiple chains

8 Abu Dawood

9 Musnad Imam Ahmed

10 Abu Dawood

11 Tibraani in Kabeer

12 Musnad Imam Ahmed

Observe that loving for the sake of Allah, and hating for the sake of Allah is classified as the best of deeds – superior to prayers, pilgrimage, charity, fasting and even jihad – for all these cannot be properly achieved without firm faith, that depends on the above rules.

ALLAH IS PLEASED WITH THOSE WHO LOVE FOR HIS SAKE, AND HATE FOR HIS SAKE.

<p>O People who Believe! Whoever among you reneges from his religion, so Allah will soon bring a people who are His beloved ones and Allah is their beloved, lenient with the Muslims and stern towards disbelievers - they will strive in Allah's cause, and not fear the criticism of any accuser; this is Allah's munificence, He may give to whomever He wills; and Allah is the Most Capable, the All Knowing. [Maidah 5:54]</p>	<p>يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مَنْ يَرْتَدَّ مِنْكُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِ فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِي اللَّهَ بِقَوْمٍ يُحِبُّهُمْ وَيُحِبُّونَهُ ۚ أَذِلَّةٌ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِزَّةٌ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ يُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا يَخَافُونَ لَوْمَةَ لَائِمٍ ۚ ذَٰلِكُمْ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ</p>
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<p>Mohammed is the Noble Apostle of Allah; and his companions are stern with the disbelievers and merciful among themselves - you will see them bowing and falling in prostration, seeking Allah's munificence and His pleasure; their signs are on their faces, from the effects of their prostration; this trait of theirs is mentioned in the Taurat; and their trait is mentioned in the Injeel; like a cultivation that sprouted its shoot, then strengthened it, then thickened and then stood firm upon its stem, pleasing the farmer - in order to enrage the disbelievers with them; Allah has promised forgiveness and a great reward to those among them who have faith and do good deeds. [Fath 48:29]</p>	<p>مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ۗ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ ۚ أَشِدَّاءُ عَلَى الْكُفَّارِ رُحَمَاءُ بَيْنَهُمْ ۖ تَرَاهُمْ رُكَّعًا سُجَّدًا يَبْتَغُونَ فَضْلًا مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانًا ۖ سِيمَاهُمْ فِي وُجُوهِهِمْ مِّنْ أَنرٍ ۖ السُّجُودِ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ مَثَلُهُمْ فِي التَّوْرَةِ ۗ وَمَثَلُهُمْ فِي الْإِنْجِيلِ كَزَّرَعٍ أُخْرِجَ شَطْطُهُ ۖ فَتَازَرَهُ ۖ فَاسْتَعْظَمَ فَاسْتَوَىٰ عَلَىٰ سَوْقِهِ ۖ يُعْجِبُ الزَّرَّاعَ لِيغِيظَ بِهِمُ الْكُفَّارَ ۗ وَعَدَّ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ مِنْهُمْ مَغْفِرَةً ۖ وَأَجْرًا عَظِيمًا</p>
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<p>You will not find the people who believe in Allah and the Last Day, befriending those who oppose Allah and His Noble Messenger, even if they are their fathers or their sons or their brothers or their tribesmen; it is these upon whose hearts Allah has ingrained faith, and has aided them with a Spirit from Himself; and He will admit them into Gardens beneath which rivers flow, abiding in them forever; Allah is pleased with them, and they are pleased with Him; this is Allah's group; pay heed! Indeed it is Allah's group who are the successful. [Mujadilah 58:22].</p>	<p>لَا تَجِدُ قَوْمًا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ يُوَادُّونَ مَنْ حَادَّ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ ۚ وَلَوْ كَانُوا ءَابَاءَهُمْ أَوْ أَبْنَاءَهُمْ أَوْ إِخْوَانَهُمْ أَوْ عَشِيرَتَهُمْ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ كَتَبَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ الْإِيمَانَ وَأَيَّدَهُم بِرُوحٍ مِّنْهُ ۗ وَيَدْخُلُهُمُ الْجَنَّةُ يُجْرَىٰ مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۗ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ حِزْبُ اللَّهِ ۗ أَلَا إِنَّ حِزْبَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ</p>
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Subhan-Allah! The above 3 verses clearly explain with whom Allah is surely pleased. It with those whose actions of love and hate, and of keeping relations with anyone are solely based on the others' relationship with Allah! They are His beloved ones, they are the group of Allah!

It is clearly explained in the last verse, that a Muslim will not befriend someone who disrespects Allah or His Apostle; conversely, one who befriends them is not a Muslim. And apart from the generic and absolute nature of the command, there is a further clarification when ‘fathers, sons, relatives,’ are mentioned specifically, and that one cannot befriend or love any blasphemer, even if it is a natural instinct to do so; or else, one does not remain a believer.¹³

The verse in [Mujadilah 58:22] was revealed after the battle of Badr, in which some of the noble companions fought against their own fathers, brothers and uncles – and some of them actually killed their own relatives, not sparing them due to blood relations. Most notable among them are Abu Ubaidah ibn al-Jarrah ﷺ (one of the 10 companions who were promised Paradise) – he fought against and killed his own father. Syedna Abu Bakr al-Siddik ﷺ fought against his own son, but did not get the chance to kill him.

Islamic history is full of instances of the companions, leaving their homes and properties, abandoning their closest relatives – all out of love for Allah and His Apostle.

LOVE FOR FELLOW MUSLIMS, ONLY FOR THE SAKE OF ALLAH

The following verse & Hadith make amply clear that a Muslim must love another Muslim, have no enmity or personal grudge between themselves, love each other for Allah’s sake, and wish the best for each other.

The Muslims are brothers to each other, therefore make peace between your two brothers and fear Allah, so that you may gain mercy. [Hujurat 49:10]

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ ۗ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

Allah’s Apostle ﷺ said, “No two Muslims meet and shake hands without being forgiven before they separate.”¹⁴

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, “Do not hate one another, and do not be jealous of one another, and do not desert each other, and O Allah's worshippers! Be brothers. Lo! It is not permissible for any Muslim to desert his brother (Muslim) for more than three days.”¹⁵

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “None of you will have faith till he wishes for his (Muslim) brother what he likes for himself.”¹⁶

Allah’s Apostle ﷺ said, “You shall not enter Paradise so long as you do not affirm belief (in all those things which are the articles of faith) and you will not believe as long as you do not love one another. Should I not direct you to a thing which, if you do, will foster love amongst you? Give currency to “as-salamu alaikum” (peace be upon you).”¹⁷

¹³ Extract from Ala Hazrat’s “Tamheede Imaan, translated by Abu Hasan

¹⁴ Tirmidhi, Ahmed, Ibn e Majah

¹⁵ Bukhari

¹⁶ Bukhari, Muslim

¹⁷ Muslim

REWARD FOR LOVE OF FELLOW MUSLIMS, ONLY FOR THE SAKE OF ALLAH

O my brother Muslims – ponder on the following, and if you wish to gain the immense reward promised by Allah - سبحانه و تعالى - , act upon these! Gain Allah’s forgiveness, gain His shade on the day of resurrection, be seated on thrones in paradise! What better reward can one expect!

And We have removed any resentments which were in their breasts - they are brothers, sitting face to face on thrones (in Paradise). [Hijr 15:47]

وَنَزَعْنَا مَا فِي صُدُورِهِمْ مِّنْ غِلٍّ إِخْوَانًا عَلَىٰ سُرُرٍ مُّتَقَابِلِينَ

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, “A person visited his brother in another town and Allah deputed an Angel to wait for him on his way and when he came to him he said, “Where do you intend to go? He said, “I intend to go to my brother in this town. He said, “Have you done any favour to him (the repayment of which you intend to get)? He said, “No, excepting this that I love him for the sake of Allah, the Exalted and Glorious. Thereupon he said, “I am a messenger to you from, Allah: (to inform you) that Allah loves you as you love him (for His sake).”¹⁸

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Allah will give shade, to seven (types of persons), on the Day when there will be no shade but His: a just ruler, a youth who has been brought up in the worship of Allah, a man whose heart is attached to the mosques, two persons who love each other only for Allah's sake and they meet and part in Allah's cause only, a man who refuses the call of a charming woman of noble birth for illicit intercourse with her and says: I am afraid of Allah, a man who gives charitable gifts so secretly that his left hand does not know what his right hand has given, and a person who remembers Allah in seclusion and his eyes are then flooded with tears.”¹⁹

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “There are people from the servants of Allah who are neither prophets nor martyrs; the prophets and martyrs will envy them on the Day of Resurrection due to their rank they get from Allah, the Most High.” They (the people) asked: Tell us, Allah’s Apostle, who are they? He replied: They are people who love one another for the spirit of Allah without having any mutual kinship and giving property to one. I swear by Allah, their faces will glow and they will be (sitting) in (pulpits of) light. They will have no fear (on the Day) when the people will have fear, and they will not grieve when the people will grieve. He then recited the following Qur'anic verse: “Pay heed! Indeed upon the friends of Allah is neither any fear, nor any grief” [10:62].²⁰

Allah’s Apostle ﷺ said, “Indeed, Allah will say on the Day of Resurrection: Where are those who have mutual love for My Glory's sake? Today I shall shelter them in My shade when there is no other shade but the shade of Mine.”²¹

18 Muslim

19 Bukhari, Muslim

20 Abu Dawood, Ahmed, different chains

21 Muslim

A MAN WILL BE WITH THOSE WHOM HE LOVES

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "Everyone will be with those whom he loves." 22

A man asked the Holy Prophet ﷺ about the Hour (i.e. Day of Judgment) saying, "When will the Hour be?" The Prophet said, "What have you prepared for it?" The man said, "Nothing, except that I love Allah and His Apostle." The Prophet said, "You will be with those whom you love." We had never been so glad as we were on hearing that saying of the Prophet (i.e., "You will be with those whom you love.") Therefore, I (the narrator Anas bin Malek) love the Prophet, Abu Bakr and `Umar, and I hope that I will be with them because of my love for them though my deeds are not similar to theirs.²³

A man came to Allah's Apostle ﷺ and said, "O Allah's Apostle! What do you say about a man who loves some people but cannot catch up with their good deeds?" Allah's Apostle said, "Everyone will be with those whom he loves."²⁴

So O dear brothers! Be very careful whom you love! Chose the beloveds of Allah, so that you will be with them. Love only those whom Allah loves; the prophets, the truthful, the martyrs and the virtuous & all Muslims in general. For Allah is the friend of these.

DO NOT HAVE MALICE OR HATE TOWARDS MUSLIMS

It is disliked to cut off relations with fellow Muslims – especially parents, siblings and relatives. However, one may stay away from Muslim brothers if it would cause further friction or to socially boycott persons if it could lead to improvement in that persons behavior. However, to have enmity or malice is completely prohibited.

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "Allah said, 'I declare war against him who shows hostility to a pious worshipper of Mine. And the most beloved things with which My slave comes nearer to Me, is what I have enjoined upon him; and My slave keeps on coming closer to Me through performance of Nawafil (extra non-obligatory deeds) till I love him, so I become his sense of hearing with which he hears, and his sense of sight with which he sees, and his hand with which he grips, and his leg with which he walks; and if he asks Me, I will give him, and if he asks My protection, I will protect him; and I do not hesitate to do anything as I hesitate to take the soul of the believer, for he hates death, and I hate to disappoint him."²⁵

The Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "Do not hate one another and be not jealous of one another and do not boycott one another, and be servants of Allah (as) brothers; and it is not lawful for a Muslim that he should sever his relations with his brother for more than three days."²⁶

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "One who is killed under the banner of a man who is blind (to his cause), who raises the slogan of family or supports his own tribe, dies the death of one belonging to the days of ignorance."²⁷

22 Bukhari

23 Bukhari, multiple chains

24 Bukhari, multiple chains, Muslim

25 Bukhari

26 Bukhari

27 Muslim

WHO ARE YOUR FRIENDS? KNOW THEM!

So it is very easy to distinguish who are your friends: just a brief reminder from the following 2 verses.

<p><u>You do not have any friends except Allah and His Noble Messenger and the believers</u> who establish the prayer and pay the charity, and are bowed down before Allah. And whoever takes Allah and His Noble Messenger and the Muslims as friends - so undoubtedly only the party of Allah is victorious. [Maidah 5:55-56]</p>	<p>إِنَّمَا وَلِيُّكُمُ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ رَاكِعُونَ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فَإِنَّ حِزْبَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْغَالِبُونَ</p>
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<p><u>And the Muslim men and Muslim women are the friends of one another</u>; enjoining right and forbidding wrong, and keeping the prayer established and paying the obligatory charity, obeying Allah and His Noble Messenger; these are upon whom Allah will soon have mercy; indeed Allah is the Almighty, the Wise. [Taubah 9:71]</p>	<p>وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتُ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ يَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَيُطِيعُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ أُولَئِكَ سَيَرْحَمُهُمُ اللَّهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ</p>
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Here a clean distinction has been made – Muslims have no friends in this world except other Muslims!

WHO ARE YOUR ENEMIES? KNOW THEM!

There are many verses of the Holy Quran regarding this issue – but I will present only a few for the sake of brevity.

<p><u>“Whoever is an enemy to Allah, and His angels and His Noble Messengers, and Jibreel and Mikaeel (Michael) -, then (know that), Allah is an enemy of the disbelievers.”</u> [Baqarah 2:98]</p>	<p>مَنْ كَانَ عَدُوًّا لِلَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَجِبْرِيلَ وَمِيكَالَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَدُوٌّ لِلْكَافِرِينَ</p>
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<p>O People who Believe! Do not share your secrets with others - they do all they can to ruin you; they desire the maximum harm for you; <u>enmity has been revealed from their speech, and what they hide in their breasts is greater</u>; we have explained the signs clearly to you, if you have intelligence. [Al`mran 3:118]</p>	<p>يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا بَطَانَةَ مَنْ دُونَكُمْ لَا يَأْلُونَكُمْ خَبَالًا وَدُؤًا مَا عَنِتُّمْ قَدْ بَدَتِ الْبَغْضَاءُ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَمَا تُخْفِي صُدُورُهُمْ أَكْبَرُ قَدْ بَيَّنَّا لَكُمْ الْآيَاتِ ۚ إِن كُنْتُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ</p>
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<p><u>Indeed Satan is your enemy</u>, therefore you too take him as an enemy; he only calls his group so that they become the people of hell! [Fatir 35:6]</p>	<p>إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ فَاتَّخِذُوهُ عَدُوًّا إِنَّمَا يَدْعُو حِزْبَهُ لِيَكُونُوا مِنْ أَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ</p>
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And when you see them, their appearance would please you; and when they speak, you would listen carefully to their speech; like wooden blocks propped against the wall; they assume every cry to be against them; they are the enemy, so beware of them; may Allah slay them! Where are they reverting! [Munafiqoon 63:4]

وَإِذَا رَأَيْتَهُمْ تُعْجِبُكَ أَجْسَامُهُمْ وَإِنْ يَقُولُوا تَسْمَعُ لِقَوْلِهِمْ كَأَنْهُمْ خُشْبٌ مَّسْنَدَةٌ يَحْسِبُونَ كُلَّ صَيْحَةٍ عَلَيْهِمْ هُمُ الْعَدُوُّ فَاحْذَرْهُمْ قَتَلَهُمُ اللَّهُ أَنْى يُؤْفَكُونَ

I hope the above verses will suffice for the readers to know that all types of infidels - the hypocrites, the idolaters, the polytheists – whether following any religion – there are all enemies of true Muslims.

And the Holy Prophet ﷺ once said, “The disbelievers are a single nation”. Despite having huge differences in beliefs amongst themselves, they are united in the matter of rejecting the true faith, and united in their opposition to Islam and Muslims.

SO DO NOT BEFRIEND THE DISBELIEVERS!

Stern warnings have been announced in the Holy Qur’an for those who befriend Allah’s enemies – to the extent that such a person “has no connection whatsoever with Allah” or “is one of them” or “is unjust”. **So will the so called “friendship seekers” desist?**

The Muslims must not befriend the disbelievers, in preference over the Muslims; whoever does that has no connection whatsoever with Allah, except if you fear them; Allah warns you of His wrath; and towards Allah only is the return. [A/l`mran 3:28]

لَا يَتَّخِذِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الْكَافِرِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِنْ دُونِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ فَإِنَّهُ مِنْ اللَّهِ فِي شَيْءٍ إِلَّا أَنْ يَتَّقُوا مِنْهُمْ تُقَاتُلَهُ وَيُحَذِّرُكُمُ اللَّهُ نَفْسَهُ وَإِلَى اللَّهِ الْمَصِيرُ

O People who Believe! Do not make the Jews and the Christians your friends; they are friends of one another; and whoever among you befriends them, is one of them; indeed Allah does not guide the unjust. [Maidah 5:51]

يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا الْيَهُودَ وَالنَّصَارَىٰ أَوْلِيَاءَ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّهُمْ مِنْكُمْ فَإِنَّهُ مِنْهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ

O People who Believe! Do not consider your fathers and your brothers as your friends if they prefer disbelief over faith; and whoever among you befriends them - then it is he who is the unjust. [Taubah 9:23]

يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا ءَابَاءَكُمْ وَإِخْوَانَكُمْ أَوْلِيَاءَ إِنِ اسْتَحَبُّوا الْكُفْرَ عَلَى الْإِيمَانِ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّهُمْ مِنْكُمْ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ

O People who Believe! Do not befriend My and your enemy - you reveal secrets to them out of friendship whereas they disbelieve in the truth which has come to you! It is they who remove the Noble Messenger and you from your homes, upon your believing in Allah, your Lord; if you have come out to fight for My cause, and to gain My pleasure, then do not befriend them; you send them secret messages of friendship – and I well know all what you hide and all what you disclose; and whoever among you does it, has indeed strayed away from the right path.
 [Mumtahaenah 60:1]

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا عَدُوِّي وَعَدُوَّكُمْ أَوْلِيَاءَ
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 يُخْرِجُونَ الرَّسُولَ وَإِيَّاكُمْ أَنْ تُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ رَبِّكُمْ إِنْ
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O People who Believe! Do not befriend the people upon whom is Allah’s wrath – they have lost hope in the Hereafter the way the disbelievers have lost hope in the people of the graves. [Mumtahaenah 60:13]

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَتَوَلَّوْا قَوْمًا غَضِبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ
 قَدْ بَيَّسُوا مِنَ الْآخِرَةِ كَمَا بَيَّسَ الْكُفَّارُ مِنْ أَصْحَابِ
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So O dear Muslim brothers! What further & sterner message do we need to stay away from Allah’s enemies?

SECTION 2:

THE MODEL

BEHAVIOUR OF THE

PROPHETS & THE

SAHABA

Here are some examples from the model behavior of the Holy Prophets and of the noble companions for us to follow in their footsteps. If not these luminaries, who else can be a role model for the Muslims?

THE MODEL BEHAVIOR OF SYEDNA IBRAHIM عليه السلام

<p>And the seeking of forgiveness for his father (<i>paternal uncle</i>) by Ibrahim was only because of a promise he had made to him; <u>then when it became clear to him that he was an enemy of Allah, Ibrahim broke off ties with him; indeed Ibrahim is surely very soft-hearted, most forbearing.</u> [Taubah 9:114]</p>	<p>وَمَا كَانَ اسْتِغْفَارُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لِأَبِيهِ إِلَّا عَنْ مَوْعِدَةٍ وَعَدَّهَا أَيَّاهُ فَلَمَّا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ أَنَّهُ عَدُوٌّ لِلَّهِ تَبَرَّأَ مِنْهُ ۗ إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لَأَوَّاهٌ حَلِيمٌ</p>
<p>Indeed Ibrahim was a leader, <u>obedient to Allah, and detached from all;</u> and he was not a polytheist. [Nahl 16:120]</p>	<p>إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ كَانَ أُمَّةً قَانِتًا لِلَّهِ حَنِيفًا وَلَمْ يَكُ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ</p>
<p>Indeed in Ibrahim, and those along with him, lay a good example for you follow - when they said to their people, “<u>Indeed we are unconcerned with you and all what you worship besides Allah; we reject you, and between us and you has surfaced enmity and hatred for ever until you accept faith in the One Allah</u>”. [Mumtahanah 60:4]</p>	<p>قَدْ كَانَتْ لَكُمْ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ فِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ ۗ إِذْ قَالُوا لِقَوْمِهِمْ إِنَّا بُرَّاءُ مِنْكُمْ وَمِمَّا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ كَفَرْنَا بِكُمْ وَبَدَا بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمُ الْعَدَاوَةُ وَالْبَغْضَاءُ أَبَدًا حَتَّىٰ تُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَحَدَهُ</p>

We know that Syedna Ibrahim عليه السلام was soft hearted – yet he and his followers kept no ties with close kinsmen, their own people – except on the condition that they accept faith!

THE MODEL BEHAVIOR OF THE HOLY PROPHET ﷺ & HIS COMPANIONS

We now quote the several examples of the leader of all mankind, the mercy unto the creation, the compassionate and loving prophet – whose character has been praised in the Holy Qur’an as being the noblest of all. And he the best to be followed!

See what the Holy Prophet ﷺ was commanded to proclaim, as is in the Holy Qur’an: to have all actions only for Allah, to shun the path of infidels, and to be separated in matters of religion from all disbelievers.

<p>And the People given the Book(s) said, “Become Jews or Christians - you will attain the right path”; say, “No - rather we take the religion of Ibrahim, who was far removed from all falsehood; and was not of the polytheists.” [Baqarah 2:135]</p>	<p>وَقَالُوا كُونُوا هُودًا أَوْ نَصَارَىٰ تَهْتَدُوا ۗ قُلْ بَلَّ مِلَّةَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ حَنِيفًا ۗ وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ</p>
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Say, "Undoubtedly <u>my prayers and my sacrifices, and my living and my dying are all for Allah, the Lord Of The Creation.</u> " [Ana`am 6:162]	قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ
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Proclaim, "O disbelievers!" Neither do I worship what you worship. Nor do you worship Whom I worship. And neither will I ever worship what you worship. Nor will you worship Whom I worship. For you is your religion, and for me is mine. [Kafiroon 109:1-6]	قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا الْكَافِرُونَ لَا أَعْبُدُ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ وَلَا أَنْتُمْ عَلِبُدُونَ مَا أَعْبُدُ وَلَا أَنَا عَابِدٌ مَّا عَبَدْتُمْ وَلَا أَنْتُمْ عَلِبُدُونَ مَا أَعْبُدُ لَكُمْ دِينُكُمْ وَلِيَ دِينِ
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The noble Prophet ﷺ, the owner of the best character, made it very clear to the disbelievers that he gave precedence to his relation to faith over and above his politeness towards others.

Narrated Syedna Iyad ibn Himar: I presented a she-camel to the Holy Prophet . He asked: Have you embraced Islam? I replied: No. The Prophet said, "I have been prohibited to accept the presents of polytheists." 28

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "Do not take precedence in greeting the Jews and the Christians. When you encounter one of them on the road, compel him to go by a narrow path." 29

The mercy unto the worlds also ordered that the most wicked amongst them be killed, even whilst the scoundrel was taking refuge inside the Sacred Mosque in Mecca.

Allah's Apostle ﷺ entered Mecca in the year of its conquest wearing an Arabian helmet on his head and when the Prophet took it off, a person came and said, "Ibn Khatal is holding the covering of the Ka`ba (taking refuge there)". The Prophet said, "Kill him." 30

THE HOLY PROPHET'S TREATMENT OF THE HYPOCRITES.

And the very same most compassionate Prophet was ordered by Allah - سبحانه و تعالى - to tear down the so called "mosque" built by the hypocrites. So when it is ordered that even such "mosques" are to demolished, how foolish it would be for someone to assist in constructing such a building and praying behind hypocrites!

The building which they erected will constantly keep disturbing their hearts unless their hearts are torn to pieces; and Allah is All Knowing, Wise [Taubah 9:110].	لَا يَزَالُ بُنِيْنُهُمُ الَّذِي بَنَوْا رِيْبَةً فِي قُلُوْبِهِمْ إِلَّا أَنْ تَقَطَّ قُلُوْبُهُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ
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On a Friday, the Holy Prophet ﷺ ascended the pulpit of the Masjid Nabawi and expelled 34 hypocrites saying, "Get out – you so and so, son of so and so – for you are a hypocrite". When they were leaving the mosque, Syedna Umar bin Khattab arrived, thinking he was late. When he was later informed about it, he claimed he would have killed all of them rather than letting them go out alive. 31

28 Abu Dawood



29 Tirmidhi, Ahmed, Bukhari, Muslim, Abu Dawood

30 Bukhari, Muslim, Malik's Muwatta

31 Fath al-Barl, Umdat ul-Qari


And after a long time of patiently forbearing the misdeeds of the hypocrites, he expelled them from the holy mosque in Medina (Masjid Nabawi). And we have now some evil scholars who openly invite proclaimed polytheists and infidels to desecrate our mosques and even perform their polytheistic worship inside it! What sort of faith is this? And what sort of Sunnah is this?

We also now have certain people saying that we should not call any Kaafir (disbeliever) a Kaafir. This is indeed a self-made rule – for it openly contradicts the Holy Qur’an (read Surah Kafiroon) and the Sunnah.

Narrated Syedna `Abdullah bin `Umar : When `Abdullah bin Ubai (bin Salul) died, his son came to Allah's Apostle  and said, "O Allah's Apostle, give me your shirt so that I may shroud my father's body in it. And please offer a funeral prayer for him and invoke Allah for his forgiveness." The Holy Prophet gave him his shirt and said to him, "Inform us, when you finish call us". When he had finished he told the Prophet and the Prophet proceeded to order his funeral prayers but `Umar stopped him and said, "Didn't Allah forbid you to offer the funeral prayer for the hypocrites when He said, "Whether you ask forgiveness for them or not ask forgiveness for them; even if you ask forgiveness for them seventy times, Allah will not forgive them." Later, it was revealed: "And never offer funeral prayers for any of them who dies, nor stand by his grave." (9:84) After that, Prophet did not offer funeral prayers for the hypocrites.³²

And once he received the command of His Lord, Allah - سبحانه و تعالی -, he even stopped praying the funeral for the hypocrites although the hypocrites had not openly rejected Islam.

The following incident of Syedna Umar  beheading a hypocrite is also very famous:


Two men had brought a dispute to the Holy Prophet  and he gave judgment between them. The one who had judgment given against him said, 'Let us go to `Umar ibn al-Khattab,' and so the two of them went to him. The man said, Allah's Apostle gave judgment in my favor against this man and he said, "Let us go to `Umar.'" `Umar said, "Is it like that?" He said, 'Yes.' So `Umar said, 'Stay where you are until I come out to you.' Then he came out to them wrapping his sword in his garment and struck the one who had said, 'Let us go to `Umar,' and killed him. The other returned and said, 'Allah's Apostle! By Allah, `Umar killed my companion.' So he said, 'I wouldn't have thought that `Umar would have ventured to kill a believer.' Then Allah revealed, "So O dear Prophet, by oath of your Lord, they will not be Muslims until they appoint you a judge" to the end of the ayah. (4:65) He declared, there was to be no retaliation or compensation for the blood of the man and declared `Umar free from any wrong in his killing.


See the faith of Syedna Umar – he did NOT deem one to be a Muslim if he did not accept the Holy Prophet's judgment. In fact he slew him for his insolence. And reflect on the Holy Prophet's second judgment – he deemed the actions of Syedna Umar to be correct!



32 (Bukhari) – several versions



THE PUNISHMENT FOR THE RENEGADES & DISBELIEVERS


It is often quoted from the Holy Quran : “there is no compulsion at all in religion” (2:256). However, this verse does not apply to persons who at first accepted Islam, and then rejected faith i.e. became renegades. The Holy Qur’an and the actions of the Holy Prophet are very clear about such renegades (apostates). It is worthy to note that a person could become an apostate by denying any of the basic tenets of Islam or by insulting Allah or by insulting His noble apostle – it is not necessarily by publicly renouncing faith.

Narrated Syedna Abdullah ibn Abbas : The (following) verses “The only reward of those who make war upon Allah and His Noble Messenger and cause turmoil in the land is that they be all be killed or crucified, or their hands and feet cut off from alternate sides, or they be banished far away from the land...Most Merciful” (5:33-34) were revealed about polytheists. If any of them repents before they are arrested, it does not prevent from inflicting on him the prescribed punishment which he deserves. 33

Allah's Apostle  said, “The blood of a Muslim who confesses that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah and that I am His Apostle, cannot be shed except in three cases: In Qisas for murder, a married person who commits illegal sexual intercourse and the one who reverts from Islam (apostate) and leaves the Muslims.” 34

Narrated Syedna Abu Qilaba: Anas  said, "Some people of `Ukl or `Uraina tribe came to Medina and its climate did not suit them. So the Holy Prophet  ordered them to go to the herd of camels and to drink their milk and urine (as a medicine). So they went as directed and after they became healthy, they killed the shepherd of the Prophet and drove away all the camels. The news reached the Prophet early in the morning and he sent (some men) in their pursuit and they were captured and brought at noon. He then ordered to cut their hands and feet (and it was done), and their eyes were branded with heated pieces of iron. They were put in 'Al-Harra' and when they asked for water, no water was given to them." Abu Qilaba said, "Those people committed theft and murder, became infidels after embracing Islam and fought against Allah and His Apostle ." 35

Narrated Syedna Nu'aym ibn Mas'ud  : I heard Allah’s Apostle  say when he read the letter of Musaylimah (the imposter prophet): What do you believe yourselves? They said, “We believe as he believes. He said, “I swear by Allah that were it not that messengers are not killed, I would cut off your heads.”36

When Allah's Apostle  passed away and Abu Bakr became the caliph some Arabs renegaded. (So Abu Bakr decided to declare war against them), `Umar, said to Abu Bakr, "How can you fight with these people although Allah's Apostle said, 'I have been ordered to fight the people till they say: "None has the right to be worshipped but Allah, and whoever said it then he will save his life and property from me except on trespassing the law and his accounts will be with Allah.' " Abu Bakr said, "By Allah! I will fight those who differentiate between the prayer and the Zakat as Zakat is the compulsory right to be taken from the property. By Allah! If they refuse to pay me even a she-kid which they used to pay at the time of Allah's Apostle, I would fight with them for withholding it" Then `Umar said, "By Allah, it was nothing, but Allah opened Abu Bakr's chest towards the decision (to fight) and I came to know that his decision was right." 37

33 Abu Dawood

34 Bukhari

35 Bukhari, Muslim – several versions

36 Abu Dawood

37 Bukhari, Muslim different versions

From the above Hadith it is clear that if a person rejects just a single basic tenet of Islam, he is considered a renegade. The companions of the Holy prophet waged war against such persons. It is indeed very sad that in these days, people are considered 'Muslims' even after uttering open blasphemy and speaking against Islam.

It is well known that after the battle of Badr, the Holy Prophet ﷺ did not slay the captive disbelievers, due to Allah's permission and the choice given to him, as per the following verse: **"So when you confront the disbelievers, strike at their necks; until when you have slain them in plenty, tie them up firmly; then after that, you may either release them as a favour or take ransom, until the war lays down its ordeal."** [Mohammed 47:4]

However, Syedna Omar's advice was different and the very next day, the revelation came in confirmation of his stance, as follows:-

<p>It does not befit any Prophet to capture the disbelievers alive until he has profusely shed their blood in the land; you people desire the wealth of this world; and Allah wills the Hereafter, and Allah is Almighty, Wise. Had Allah not pre-destined a matter then, O Muslims, a terrible punishment would have come upon you due to the ransom you took from the disbelievers. [Anfal 8:67-68]</p>	<p>مَا كَانَ لِنَبِيِّ أَنْ يُكُونَ لَهُ أُسْرَى حَتَّى يُنْحِنَ فِي الْأَرْضِ تَرْيُدُونَ عَرْضَ الدُّنْيَا وَاللَّهُ يُرِيدُ الْآخِرَةَ وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ لَوْلَا كِتَابٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ سَبَقَ لَمَسَّكُمْ فِيمَا أَخَذْتُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ</p>
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THE CURSE OF THE HOLY PROPHET

It would be a surprise if one said that Allah's Noble Apostle ﷺ, the most merciful amongst the creation, the owner of the loftiest character would get angry and curse someone. It is true that the master of mankind never took revenge for his own sake, never even got angry for personal reasons. But when the matter was one of breaching the divine law, he never let it pass – he used to get angry, and sometimes even invoked Allah's curse on Allah's enemies.

On the day of Al-Khandaq (the battle of the Trench), the Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "They (i.e. pagans prevented us from offering the middle Prayer till the sun had set. May Allah fill their graves, their houses (or their bodies) with fire." 38

The Holy Prophet ﷺ used to recite the following invocations during Qunut: "O Allah! Save Salama bin Hisham. O Allah! Save Al-Walid bin Al-Walid. O Allah! Save `Aiyash bin Rabi'a O Allah ! Save the weak Muslims. O Allah! Be very hard on Mudar tribe. O Allah! Afflict them with years (of famine) similar to the (famine) years of the time of Prophet Joseph."39

When Utaiba, son of Abu Lahab got separated from Kulsoom the daughter of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, he came to him and said, "I have rejected your religion, and divorced your daughter. Neither should you have any liking for me, nor do I have any love for you". Upon this, the Holy Prophet prayed, "O Allah! Set a dog amongst your dogs upon him (Utaiba bin Abu Lahab)." 40 (Utaiba was later sent by his father Abu Lahab, on a mission to Syria. Whilst he slept in a field, surrounded by camels and comrades to protect him from wild animals, a lion sought him out from others and tore him apart.)

38 Bukhari, Muslim
39 Bukhari
40 Tibrani in Kabeer

While Allah's Apostle ﷺ was praying beside the Ka'ba, there were some Quraish sitting in a gathering. One of them said, 'Don't you see this? Who amongst you can go and bring the dung, blood and the abdominal contents of the slaughtered camels of the family of so and so and then wait till he prostrates and put that in between his shoulders?' The most unfortunate amongst them ('Uqba bin Abi Mu'ait) went away and when Allah's Apostle prostrated, he put them between his shoulders. The Holy Prophet remained in prostration and they laughed so much so that they fell on each other. A passerby went to Fatima, who was a young girl in those days. She came running and the Prophet was still in prostration. She removed them and cursed the Quraish on their faces. When Allah's Apostle completed his prayer, he said, 'O Allah! Take revenge on Quraish.' He said so thrice and added, 'O Allah! take revenge on `Amr bin Hisham, `Utba bin Rabi'a, Shaiba bin Rabi'a, Al-Walid bin `Utba, Umaiya bin Khalaf, `Uqba bin Abi Mu'ait and `Umar a bin Al-Walid.'" `Abdullah (the narrator) added, "By Allah! I saw all of them dead in the battle field on the day of Badr and they were dragged and thrown in the Qalib (a well) at Badr: Allah's Apostle then said, 'Allah's curse has descended upon the people of the Qalib (well).'⁴¹

The Holy Prophet ﷺ invoked Allah for forty days to curse the murderers from the tribe of Ral, Dhakwan, Bani Lihyan and Bam Usaiya who disobeyed Allah and his Apostle.⁴²

MOCKING THE DISBELIEVERS AND DEFENDING ISLAM

It is the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and of the noble companions to mock at the disbelievers and also a Sunnah of the companions to praise Allah and His Apostle through prose and poetry. **Radiant proofs are in support of this; so those who say it is not right for us to speak ill of disbelievers must reflect and repent.**

Except those (*poets*) who believed and did good deeds, and profusely remembered Allah, and took revenge after they had been wronged ; and soon the unjust will come to know upon which side they will be overturned. [Shua`ra 26:227]

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَذَكَرُوا اللَّهَ
كَثِيرًا وَانْتَصَرُوا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا ظَلَمُوا ۗ وَسَيَعْلَمُ الَّذِينَ
ظَلَمُوا أَيَّ مُنْقَلَبٍ يَنْقَلِبُونَ

Allah's Apostle ﷺ used to setup a pulpit in the mosque for Hassan who would stand on it and satirize those who spoke against Allah's Apostle . Allah's Apostle would say: The holy spirit (i.e. Gabriel) is with Hassan, as long as he speaks in defense of Allah's Apostle. ⁴³

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "Satirize against the Quraish, for it is more grievous to them than the hurt of an arrow". So he sent (someone) to Ibn Rawaha and asked him to satirize against them, and he composed a satire, but it did not appeal to him. He then sent (someone) to Ka'b b. Malik. He then sent one to Hassan bin Thabit. As he got into his presence, Hassan said, "Now you have called for this lion who strikes with his tail. He then brought out his tongue and began to move it and said, "By Him Who has sent you with Truth, I shall tear them with my tongue as the leather is torn." ⁴⁴

In the year of al-Hudaybiyyah, Allah's Apostle ﷺ included among his sacrificial animals a camel with a silver nose-ring which had belonged to Abu Jahl "thereby enraging the polytheists". ⁴⁵

⁴¹ Bukhari

⁴² Bukhari

⁴³ Abu Dawood, Muslim, several versions

⁴⁴ Muslim

⁴⁵ Abu Dawood

SECTION 3:

TRIALS AND **TRIBULATIONS**

GENERAL PROPHECIES ABOUT TRIALS AND AFFLICTIONS

<p>On the day when We shall summon every group along with its leader; so whoever is given his register in his right hand - these will read their accounts and their rights will not be suppressed even a thread. [b/Israel 17:71]</p>	<p>يَوْمَ نَدْعُوا كُلَّ أُنَاسٍ بِإِمَّتِهِمْ ۚ فَمَنْ أُوتِيَ كِتَابَهُ بِئْمِينِهِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ يَقْرَءُونَ كِتَابَهُمْ وَلَا يُظْلَمُونَ فَتِيلًا</p>
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<p>And indeed those devils prevent them from the Straight Path, and they think they are on guidance! [Zukhruf 43:37]</p>	<p>وَإِنَّهُمْ لَيَصُدُّونَهُمْ عَنِ السَّبِيلِ وَيَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ مُّهْتَدُونَ</p>
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The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “four (huge) trials (fitnahs) will take place among this community, and in their end there will be destruction.”⁴⁶

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “The Jews were split up into seventy-one or seventy-two sects; and the Christians were split up into seventy one or seventy-two sects; and my community will be split up into seventy-three sects.”⁴⁷

Allah’s Apostle ﷺ said, “You would tread the same path as was trodden by those before you inch by inch and step by step - so much so that if they had entered into the hole of the lizard, you would follow them in this also. We said, “Allah’s Apostle, do you mean Jews and Christians (by your words) “those before you”? He said, “Who else?”⁴⁸

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “There will be civil strife which wipe out the Arabs, and their slain will go to Hell. During it the tongue will be more severe than blows of the sword.”⁴⁹

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “I am your predecessor at the Lake-Fount.” Abdullah (the narrator) added: The Prophet said, "I am your predecessor at the Lake-Fount, and some of you will be brought in front of me till I will see them and then they will be taken away from me and I will say, 'O Lord, my companions!' It will be said, 'You do not know what they did after you had left.'"⁵⁰

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “I will be standing at the Lake-Fount so that I will see whom among you will come to me; and some people will be taken away from me, and I will say, 'O Lord, (they are) from me and from my followers.' Then it will be said, 'Did you notice what they did after you? By Allah, they kept on turning on their heels (turned as renegades).’ “⁵¹

46 Abu Dawood

47 Abu Dawood

48 Muslim, Bukhari

49 Abu Dawood

50 Bukhari

51 Bukhari

IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO PRESERVE ONE’S OWN FAITH

It is indeed lamentable to see the current state of affairs we are in. But O my dear Muslim brothers! If you think that it is difficult to remain faithful or pious – just reflect on the following signs, and see how difficult it will be to remain staunchly upon faith!

Allah’s Apostle ﷺ said, “Verily the faith would recede to Medina just as the serpent crawls back into its hole.” 52

Allah’s Apostle ﷺ said, “A time will come on the people when the patient among them on his religion will be like one who holds live coal (in his hand).” 53

Allah’s Apostle ﷺ said, “Set about doing (good) deeds before trials engulf you like a portion of a dark night (when) a man commences his morning as a believer but becomes a disbeliever by evening, or is a believer in the evening and morning finds him a disbeliever. He sells his religion against a little of this world.” 54

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “The Hour will not be established till a man passes by a grave of somebody and says, 'Would that I were in his place.' ” 55

MANY LIARS AND DEVIATIONS WILL APPEAR

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, “While I was sleeping, two golden bangles were put in my two hands, so I got scared and disliked it, but I was given permission to blow them off, and they flew away. I interpret it as a symbol of two liars who will appear.” 'Ubaidullah said, "One of them was Al-`Ansi who was killed by Fairuz at Yemen and the other was Musailama (at Najd).56

Narrated Syedna Hudhayfah ibn al-Yaman ؓ: I swear by Allah, I do not know whether my companions have forgotten or have pretended to forget. I swear by Allah that Allah’s Apostle ﷺ did not omit a leader of a wrong belief (fitnah) - up to the end of the world - whose followers reach the number of three hundred and upwards but he mentioned to us his name, his father's name and the name of his tribe. 57

PEOPLE WILL BE ABUSE THE PREDECESSORS AND PIOUS SCHOLARS

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Do not abuse my companions for if any one of you spent gold equal to (Mount) Uhud (in Allah's Cause) it would not be equal to a Mud or even half a Mud spent by one of them.” 58

52 Muslim

53 Tirmidhi

54 Tirmidhi, Ahmed, Muslim

55 Bukhari

56 Bukhari

57 Abu Dawood

58 Muslim

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “When the latter ones among this nation curse the former ones of this nation – when this time comes, whoever suppresses just a single truth will be as if he has hidden what Allah has sent down.”⁵⁹

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Indeed Allah has chosen for me my companions, whom He made my friends, and my relative and my aides. So soon after them will come some people who will try to degrade them and speak evil regarding them. So if you find them, do not marry amongst them, do not make relations with them, do not have food or drink with them, do not pray along with them nor offer the funeral prayers for them.”⁶⁰

Narrated Syedna Ali ؑ: The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Soon after me will come a group of people who will have an evil name – they will be called “Rafidhis”. So (O Ali), if you find them, wage war against them for they are polytheists”. I said, “O Allah’s Apostle, what is their sign?” He said, “They will say excessive matters regarding you which you do not have, and they will speak evil regarding the predecessors”.⁶¹

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “During the last era, there will be a nation called “Rafidhis” (rejecters). They will have rejected Islam – so kill them, for they are polytheists.”⁶²

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Indeed a person offers prayers, fasts, performs the Hajj and Umra, participates in holy war, and indeed is a hypocrite.” So the people asked, “O Allah’s Apostle! For what reason did hypocrisy enter him?” He said, “For he curses his leader (Imam), and is leader is the one regarding whom Allah has mentioned “therefore, O people, ask the people of knowledge if you do not know.”⁶³

THE MAIN DAJJAL

Allah’s Apostle ﷺ said, “O Allah! I seek refuge with Thee from the torment of the grave, and the torment of Hell, and the trial of life and death and the mischief of Maseeh al-Dajjal.”⁶⁴

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “A section of my community will continue to fight for the right and overcome their opponents till the last of them fights with the Antichrist.”⁶⁵

Allah’s Apostle ﷺ said, “The Dajjal would be followed by seventy thousand Jews of Isfahan wearing Persian shawls.”⁶⁶

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Let him who hears of the Dajjal go far from him for I swear by Allah that a man will come to him thinking he is a believer and follow him because of confused ideas roused in him by him.”⁶⁷

59 Ibn Majah

60 Darqutni

61 Darqutni

62 Dhahabi

63 Ibn Mardwiyah

64 Muslim

65 Abu Dawood

66 Muslim

67 Abu Dawood

THE OTHER 30 DAJJALS

The final Dajjal (the Anti-Christ), will claim to be God. However, there will be many other fraudsters who will claim to be apostles of Allah, although it is well established that the Holy Prophet Mohammed is the last of all prophets and apostles.

Two such liars appeared in the first century Hijri itself. Many more later on. In the previous century we saw one infamous character called Mirza Ghulam Qadiyani, and some others who tried to change the very meaning of the "Seal of the Prophets".

It is also worthy to note here that these liars need not openly use the words "I am a prophet" to have laid stake to prophet-hood. Any evil scholar who purposely resorts to changing the well-known & accepted tenets of Islam has indeed implicitly claimed to be a prophet – because he has not accepted the ruling of the Holy Prophet to be final.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "The Last Hour will not come before there come forth thirty liar Dajjals (fraudsters) lying on Allah and His Apostle." 68

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "The Hour will not be established till there is a war between two groups among whom there will be a great number of casualties, though the claims (or religion) of both of them will be one and the same. And the Hour will not be established till there appear about thirty liars, all of whom will be claiming to be the apostles of Allah." 69

THE KHARIJIS (KHAWARIJ)

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "Soon there will appear disagreement and dissension in my people; there will be people who will be good in speech and bad in work. They will recite the Qur'an, but it does not pass their collar-bones. They will swerve from the religion as an arrow goes through the animal shot at. They will not return to it till the arrow comes back to its notch. They are the worst among the people and animals. Fortunate is the one who kills them and they kill him. They call to the book of Allah, but they have nothing to do with it. He who fights against them will be nearer to Allah than them." The people asked: What is their sign? He replied: They shave the head.70

Syedna Abdullah Ibn Umar رضي الله عنه considered the Kharijis and the heretics as the worst beings in creation, and he said, "They went to verses which were revealed about the disbelievers and applied them to the Believers." 71

Narrated Syedna `Ali رضي الله عنه : I relate the traditions of Allah's Apostle ﷺ to you for I would rather fall from the sky than attribute something to him falsely. But when I tell you a thing which is between you and me, then no doubt, war is guile. I heard Allah's Apostle saying, "In the last days of this world there will appear some young foolish people who will use the best speech of all people (i.e. the Holy Qur'an) and they will abandon Islam as an arrow going through the game. Their belief will not go beyond their throats, so wherever you meet them, kill them, for he who kills them shall get a reward on the Day of Resurrection." 72

68 Abu Dawood

69 Bukhari

70 Abu Dawood

71 Bukhari

72 Bukhari, Muslim

When 'Ali ﷺ was in Yemen, he sent some gold in its ore to the Holy Prophet ﷺ. The Holy Prophet distributed it among Al-Aqra' bin Habis Al-Hanzali who belonged to Bani Mujashi, 'Uyaina bin Badr Al-Fazari, 'Alqama bin 'Ulatha Al-'Amiri, who belonged to the Bani Kilab tribe and Zaid Al-Khail At-Ta'i who belonged to Bani Nabhan. So the Quraish and the Ansar became angry and said, "He gives to the chiefs of Najd and leaves us!" The Prophet said, "I just wanted to attract and unite their hearts." Then there came a man with sunken eyes, bulging forehead, thick beard, fat raised cheeks, and clean-shaven head, and said, "O Muhammad! Be afraid of Allah! " The Prophet said, "Who would obey Allah if I disobeyed Him? He trusts me over the people of the earth, but you do not trust me?" A man from the people, who I think was Khalid bin Al-Walid, asked for permission to kill him, but the Prophet prevented him. When the man went away, the Prophet said, "Out of the offspring of this man, there will be people who will recite the Quran but it will not go beyond their throats, and they will go out of Islam as an arrow goes out through the game, and they will kill the Muslims and leave the idolaters. Should I live till they appear, I would kill them as the killing of the nation of 'Aad." 73

While the Holy Prophet ﷺ was distributing (something), `Abdullah bin Dhil Khawaisira at-Tamimi came and said, "Be just, O Allah's Apostle!" The Prophet said, "Woe to you! Who would be just if I were not?" `Umar bin Al-Khattab said, "Allow me to cut off his neck! " The Prophet said, " Leave him, for he has companions, and if you compare your prayers with their prayers and your fasting with theirs, you will look down upon your prayers and fasting, in comparison to theirs. Yet they will go out of the religion as an arrow darts through the game's body in which case, if the Qudhah of the arrow is examined, nothing will be found on it, and when its Nasl is examined, nothing will be found on it; and then its Nadiyi is examined, nothing will be found on it. The arrow has been too fast to be smeared by dung and blood. The sign by which these people will be recognized will be a man whose one hand will be like the breast of a woman (or like a moving piece of flesh). These people will appear when there will be differences among the people (Muslims)." Abu Sa`id added: I testify that I heard this from the Prophet and also testify that `Ali killed those people while I was with him. The man with the description given by the Prophet was brought to `Ali. The following verses were revealed in connection with that very person (i.e., `Abdullah bin Dhil-Khawaisira at-Tarnimi): "And among them is one who slanders you regarding the distribution of charity;" (9.58) 74

The Kharijis are the first doctrinal innovators in Islam. They considered all sinners – and anyone who opposed them - as apostates. By this, they 'justified' the killing and plunder of Muslims including women and children. Muslims who joined them were forced to first declare themselves disbelievers, and then enter Islam again. They distinguished themselves by shaving their heads, a practice which they innovated and which the Prophet had foretold. Yet they deemed only themselves as pious and the only true Muslims on earth. They branded Syedna Ali as an apostate. Thousands of Kharijis were killed in battle by the companions.

TRIBULATIONS FROM THE EAST.

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "Belief is among the Yemenites, and unbelief is towards the East, and tranquility is among those who rear goats and sheep, and pride and simulation is among the uncivil and rude owners of horses and camels." 75

73 Bukhari, different chains

74 Bukhari

75 Muslim, different chains

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, while pointing his hands towards the east, "The turmoil would appear from this side; verily, the turmoil would appear from this side (he repeated it thrice) where appear the horns of Satan." 76

THE ADVENT OF REVIVERS – A GREAT HOPE AND ALLAH'S MERCY.

It is an established fact that there will be no new prophet after the last of the Apostles, The Holy Prophet Mohammad ﷺ.

In order to protect this pure religion, Allah - سبحانه و تعالى - will send at the turn of every century, a great scholar who will strive against evil and revive the religion for the Muslim nation. He will be sent to remove all innovations and deviations that will have crept into it.

The Reviver will have some noble and un-mistakable traits:-

- ❖ He will have un-flinching faith in Allah - سبحانه و تعالى -- and will have staunch belief of the Ahle-Sunnah creed.
- ❖ He will be an erudite, highly respected and recognised as a leader among scholars.
- ❖ He will be extremely pious, as well as courageous.
- ❖ He will come at a time when many trials will be prevalent, confused ideas will be rampant and when the enemies of Islam – the open disbelievers and the hypocrites - will be seeking to destroy it.
- ❖ He will stand up against every sort of tyranny, deviation in belief and hypocrisy.

How unfortunate it is that the word "reviver of Islam" is also being misused by deviant sects to promote their own leaders and corrupt beliefs. Surprisingly some of these so-called revivers are actually those who advocate 'friendship' with all disbelievers or who are bank-rolled by anti-Islamic governments! Look at the above traits and judge for yourself!

We pray to Allah to continuously guide us, as He has taught us to pray for it, in the opening chapter of the Holy Qur'an.

Guide us on the Straight Path. The path of those whom You have favoured. [Fatihah 1:5-6]	أَهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ
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Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, ""There will always be in my nation a group who will safeguard the truth until the day of resurrection comes" 77

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, ""Allah shall send for this Ummah at the head of every hundred years a person who shall revive their religion for them" 78

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "The scholars are the inheritors of the prophets. 79

76 Muslim, several versions

77 Hakim Mustadrak

78 Abu Dawood, Hakim, Baihaqi

79 Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood, Nasai, Ibn Maja, Ahmad, Ibn Hibban

List of Possible Revivers (Mujaddids) Of Islam

Allah has – as promised – sent several erudite and pious bondmen who strove against blasphemy, lies, tyranny, innovations, deviations and hypocrisy. These pure souls arrive at the turn of every century. Sometimes, many came at the same time, in various regions - for it was not possible for a single man to cover the large & vast area under the influence of Islam – with varied cultures and languages.

<p>First Century (after the Prophetic era) Ameer al-Mu'minin Umar ibn Abd al-Aziz Imam-e-Azam Abu Hanifa an-Nu'man Hafiz Imam Ibn Sireen</p>	<p>Eighth Century Imam Ibn Hajar al-'Asqalani Imam Taaj'uddeen bin Ata'ullah Sikandari Kwaja Nizaamuddeen Awliyah Chishti Imam Umar bin Mas'ood Taftazaani</p>
<p>Second Century Imam Muhammad ibn Idris ash-Shafi'i Imam Hasan al-Basri Imam Malik ibn Anas Imam Muhammad bin Hassan Shaibani</p>	<p>Ninth Century Imam Hafiz Jallaluddeen Abdur Rahman Suyuti Imam Nooruddeen bin Ahmad Misri Imam Muhammad bin Yusuf Karmani Imam Shamsuddeen Muhammad al- Sakhawi, Imam Sayed Shareef Ali bin Muhammad Jarmaani</p>
<p>Third Century Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal Imam Abu al-Hasan al-Ash'ari.</p>	<p>Tenth Century Imam Shahabuddeen Abu Bakr Qistalaani Imam Muhammad Sharbini, Allamah Sheikh Muhammad Taahir Muhaddith</p>
<p>Fourth Century Imam al-Bayhaqi Imam Tahtaawi Imam Isma'eel bin Hamaad Ja'fari Imam Abu Jaafar bin Jareer Tibri Imam Abu Haatim Raazi</p>	<p>Eleventh Century Imam-e-Rabbani Shaykh Ahmad Faruqi Sirhindi Sultaanul Arifeen Imam Muhammad Baahu Imam Ali bin Sultaan Qaari</p>
<p>Fifth Century Hudrat Ghawth al Azam Shaykh Abdul-Qadir Gilani Imam Al-Ghazali Imam Abu Naeem Isfahani Imam Ahmad bin Muhammad Abi Bakr-il-Qaadir Imam Hussain bin Raaghib</p>	<p>Twelfth Century Shaykh Muhiyyudin Muhammad Aurangzeb Alamgir Imam Abdul Ghani Naablisi Sheikh Ahmad Mulla Jeewan Al-Qutb Abd Allah al-Haddad Allamah Muhammad bin Abdul Haadi Sindhi</p>
<p>Sixth Century Hadrat Hasan Moinuddin Chishti Sanjeeri Imam Fakhr al-Din al-Razi Shaykh Ahamd Kabir Rifa'ee Allamah Imam Umar Nasafi Imam Qaazi Fakhru'd-Deen Hassan Mansoor Imam Abu Muhammad Hussain bin Mas'ood Fara'a</p>	<p>Thirteenth Century Allamah Imam Ahmad bin Ismaeel Tahtaawi Allamah Shah Abdul Azeez Muhaddith-e-Delhwi Imam Abdul Ali Lucknowi Imam Sheikh Ahmad Saadi Maaliki</p>
<p>Seventh Century Imam Taqiyuddin As-Subki Imam Shaykh Shahbuddeen Suharwardi Imam Akbar Muhi'yuddeen Muhammad ibn Arabi Allamah Jamaaluddeen Muhammad bin Afriqi Misri Imam Uz'zuddeen Ali bin Muhammad Ibn Atheer,</p>	<p>Fourteenth Century Ala Hadrat Shah Imam Ahmad Rida Khan al-Qadiri Shaykh Yusuf bin Ismail an-Nabhani Muhaddith al-Akbar Shaykh Badr al-Din al-Hasani</p>

SECTION 4:

THE TRAITS OF THE **HYPOCRITES AND** **MISCHIEF MAKERS.**

THE HYPOCRITES.

This section deals with the traits and habits of hypocrites and what the holy texts say about their state. In general, the hypocrites and renegades are worse than openly declared disbelievers. The following will clarify:

Undoubtedly the hypocrites are in the deepest segment of hell; and you will never find any supporter for them. [Nisa 4:145]

إِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ فِي الدَّرَكِ الْأَسْفَلِ مِنَ النَّارِ وَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُمْ نَصِيرًا

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "Do not call a hypocrite "sayyed" (master or leader), for if he is a sayyed, you will displease your Lord, Most High." 80

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "A mischief maker will not enter paradise." 81

The companions lamented the way the hypocrites boldly raised their head soon after blessed era of the Holy Prophet. So if that was the case, you can well imagine the state of affairs as time passed by!

Narrated Syedna Abi Waih: Hudhaifa bin Al-Yaman ؓ said, 'The hypocrites of today are worse than those of the lifetime of the Prophet, because in those days they used to do evil deeds secretly but today they do such deeds openly.' 82

Narrated Syedna Abi Asha'sha: Hudhaifa ؓ said, 'In fact, it was hypocrisy that existed in the lifetime of the Prophet but today it is (open reversion to) disbelief after belief.' 83

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "I will be standing at the Lake-Fount so that I will see whom among you will come to me; and some people will be taken away from me, and I will say, 'O Lord, (they are) from me and from my followers.' Then it will be said, 'Did you notice what they did after you? By Allah, they kept on turning on their heels (turned as renegades).' 84

THE TRAITS OF THE HYPOCRITES.

They Are The Worst In The Creation

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "The worst people in the Sight of Allah on the Day of Resurrection will be the double faced people who appear to some people with one face and to other people with another face." 85

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "The worst of all mankind is the double-faced one, who comes to some people with one countenance and to others, with another countenance." 86

80 Abu Dawood

81 Bukhari, Muslim

82 Bukhari

83 Bukhari

84 Bukhari

85 Bukhari

86 Bukhari, Muslim

They Cause The Utmost Damage To Religion

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, ““What I most fear for my Ummah is three things: the scholar's lapse, the hypocrite who disputes about the Qur'an, and [the riches of] the world that shall be opened up for you.” 87

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, ““What I most fear for my Ummah is the silver-tongued hypocrite.” 88

They Seek To Befriend The Enemies Of Allah

<p>Give glad tidings to the hypocrites, that for them is a painful punishment. Those who leave the Muslims to befriend the disbelievers; do they seek honor from them? Then <i>(know that)</i> undoubtedly all honor is for Allah. [Nisa 4:138-139]</p>	<p>بَشِّرِ الْمُنَافِقِينَ بِأَنَّ لَهُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا الَّذِيْنَ يَتَّخِذُونَ الْكَافِرِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِنْ دُونِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۗ أَيْتَتُونَهُمْ عِنْدَهُمْ الْعِزَّةَ فَإِنَّ الْعِزَّةَ لِلَّهِ جَمِيعًا</p>
<p>You will now see those in whose hearts is a disease, that they rush towards the Jews and the Christians, saying, “We fear that a misfortune will possibly befall us”; so it is likely that Allah may soon bring victory, or a command from Himself, so they will remain regretting what they had hidden in their hearts. [Maidah 5:52]</p>	<p>فَنَرَى الَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَرَضٌ يُسَارِعُونَ فِيهِمْ يَقُولُونَ نَخْشَى أَنْ تُصِيبَنَا دَائِرَةٌ ۚ فَعَسَى اللَّهُ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ بِالْفَتْحِ أَوْ أَمْرٍ مِّنْ عِنْدِهِ ۖ فَيُصِيبُوا عَلَىٰ مَا أَسْرَوْا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ نَادِمِينَ</p>
<p>Had they believed in Allah and this Prophet (Mohammed - peace and blessings be upon him) and what is sent down upon him, <u>they would not befriend the disbelievers</u>, but most of them are disobedient. [Maidah 5:81]</p>	<p>وَلَوْ كَانُوا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالنَّبِيِّ وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْهِ مَا اتَّخَذُوا أَوْلِيَاءَ وَلَكِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنْهُمْ فَاسِقُونَ</p>
<p>Did you not see those who befriended those upon whom is Allah's wrath? They are neither of you nor of these - and they swear a false oath, whereas they know. [Mujadilah 58:14]</p>	<p>أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ تَوَلَّوْا قَوْمًا غَضِبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مَا هُمْ مِنْكُمْ وَلَا مِنْهُمْ وَيَحْلِفُونَ عَلَى الْكَذِبِ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ</p>

Unfortunately, some hypocrite leaders are now leading innocent Muslims to become ‘friends’ with disbelievers – all in the name of ‘peace for humanity’. O Muslim brothers! Recognize these hypocrites!

87 Tabarani

88 Ahmad, Baihaqi

They Are Excessive Liars

<p>The day when Allah will raise them all, they will swear in His presence the way they now swear in front of you, and they will assume that they have achieved something; pay heed! Indeed it is they who are the liars. [Mujadilah 58:18]</p>	<p>يَوْمَ يَبْعَثُهُمُ اللَّهُ جَمِيعًا فَيَحْلِفُونَ لَهُ كَمَا يَحْلِفُونَ لَكُمْ وَيَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ عَلَىٰ شَيْءٍ ۗ أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ هُمُ الْكَاذِبُونَ</p>
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<p>When the hypocrites come in your presence (O dear Prophet Mohammed - peace and blessings be upon him) they say, "We testify that you surely are Allah's Noble Messenger"; and Allah knows that you indeed are His Noble Messenger, and Allah testifies that the hypocrites are indeed liars. [Munafiqoon 63:1]</p>	<p>إِذَا جَاءَكَ الْمُنَافِقُونَ قَالُوا نَشْهَدُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُ اللَّهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُهُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَشْهَدُ إِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ لَكَاذِبُونَ</p>
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The Holy Prophet said, "The signs of a hypocrite are three: (1) Whenever he speaks, he tells a lie. (2) Whenever he promises, he always breaks it. (3) If you trust him, he proves to be dishonest. 89

They Do Not Remember Allah.

<p>The devil has overpowered them, so they forgot the remembrance of Allah; they are the devil's group; pay heed! Indeed it is the devil's group who are the losers. [Mujadilah 58:19]</p>	<p>اسْتَحْوَذَ عَلَيْهِمُ الشَّيْطَانُ فَأَنسَاهُمْ ذِكْرَ اللَّهِ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ حِزْبُ الشَّيْطَانِ ۗ أَلَا إِنَّ حِزْبَ الشَّيْطَانِ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ</p>
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The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "No prayer is harder for the hypocrites than the Fajr and the `Isha' prayers and if they knew the reward for these prayers at their respective times, they would certainly present themselves (in the mosques) even if they had to crawl." The Prophet added, "Certainly I decided to order the Mu'adh-dhin (call-maker) to pronounce Iqama and order a man to lead the prayer and then take a fire flame to burn all those who had not left their houses so far, for the prayer along with their houses." 90

It is worthwhile to note here that hypocrites find it difficult to offer the prayers. However, innovators (like Kharijis) seem to pray a lot, but their prayers are not accepted.

They Praise Kings In Order To Please Them.

Some people said to Ibn `Umar رضي الله عنه, "When we enter upon our ruler(s) we say in their praise what is contrary to what we say when we leave them." Ibn `Umar said, "We used to consider this as hypocrisy." 91

89 Bukhari
90 Bukhari
91 Bukhari

They Curse The Pious Scholars

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Indeed a person offers prayers, fasts, performs the Hajj and Umra, participates in holy war, and indeed is a hypocrite.” So the people asked, “O Allah’s Apostle! For what reason did hypocrisy enter him?” He said, “For he curses his leader (Imam), and is leader is the one regarding whom Allah has mentioned “therefore, O people, ask the people of knowledge if you do not know.’ (16:43)” 92

They Hate To Give Their Lives For Allah.

<p>Those who were left behind rejoiced that behind the Noble Messenger of Allah they had remained seated, and they were unwilling to fight in Allah's cause with their lives or their wealth, and said “Do not venture out in the heat”; say, “The fire of hell is the hottest”; if only they understood! [Taubah 9:81]</p>	<p>فَرِحَ الْمُخَلَّفُونَ بِمَقْعَدِهِمْ خَلْفَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ وَكَرِهُوا أَنْ يُجَاهِدُوا بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَقَالُوا لَا تَنْفِرُوا فِي الْحَرِّ قُلْ نَارُ جَهَنَّمَ أَشَدُّ حَرًّا لَوْ كَانُوا يَفْقَهُونَ</p>
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<p>Proclaim, “Fleeing will never benefit you if you flee from death or killing, and even then you will not be given the usage of this world except a little.” [Ahzab 33:16]</p>	<p>قُلْ لَنْ يَنْفَعَكُمْ الْفِرَارُ إِنْ فَرَرْتُمْ مِنَ الْمَوْتِ أَوِ الْقَتْلِ وَإِذَا لَا تُمْتَعُونَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا</p>
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<p>If they are expelled, the hypocrites will not go out with them; and if they are fought against they will not help them; and even if they were to help them, they would turn their backs and flee; and then they will not be helped. [Hashr 59:12]</p>	<p>لَنْ أُخْرَجُوا لَا يَخْرُجُونَ مَعَهُمْ وَلَنْ يُؤْتَلُوا لَا يَنْصُرُونَهُمْ وَلَنْ نَصُرُوهُمْ لِيُوَلُّوا الْأَدْبَارَ ثُمَّ لَا يُنصَرُونَ</p>
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They crave to live forever, never wanting to die. So some hypocrite leaders now resort to tactics to make ‘friends’ with disbelievers – so they will never have to fight in Allah’s cause!

THE INNOVATORS

And We turned all the deeds they had performed into scattered floating specks of dust. [Furqan 25:23]	وَقَدِمْنَا إِلَىٰ مَا عَمِلُوا مِنَّ عَمَلٍ فَجَعَلْنَاهُ هَبَاءً مَّنْثُورًا
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Labouring, striving hard. (Yet) Going into the blazing fire. [Ghashiyah 88:3-4]	عَامِلَةٌ نَّاصِبَةٌ تَصَلَّىٰ نَارًا حَامِيَةً
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What a waste of a lifetime of efforts! Dear Muslim brothers – would you want all your worship, all your efforts, all your toiling to gain Allah’s pleasure end up being destroyed, just because you wanted to associate yourselves with innovators, and fell into their trap, therefore destroying your faith? No, certainly not! So watch out for yourself – the one who drags you away from the core body of Muslims and edges you towards the disbelievers (including the renegade sects), is your main enemy!

Innovations in religion could either be bad or good. The innovations that are considered good – are obviously in accordance with established Islamic law – in fact hold a reward for the person who starts this custom and an equal share from all those who act upon it. The concept of ‘innovators’ for whom the following warnings are mentioned, are therefore those who initiate dirty beliefs and actions against Islamic law.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Some of my companions will come to me at my Lake Fount, and after I recognize them, they will then be taken away from me, whereupon I will say, 'My companions!' Then it will be said, 'You do not know what they innovated (new beliefs) in the religion after you.'” 93

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Allah does not accept the innovator’s prayers, nor his fasts, nor charity, nor Hajj nor Umra, nor fighting in holy war – neither the supererogatory nor the obligatory. He (the innovator in belief) goes out of Islam like a hair goes out of dough.” 94

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “If an innovator, who rejects faith in the divine decree (qadar), were to be unjustly killed despite being patient upon it and relying only upon Allah – whilst he is between the Black Stone and the Station of Ibrahim – (even then) Allah would not look at any of his deeds, to the extent that He would put him into hell.” 95

The following Hadith will clarify how grave it is to help an innovator, make friends with him or afford him respect.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Whoever walked towards an innovator in order to give him respect has helped in destroying Islam.” 96

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Whoever innovates or accommodates an innovator then upon him is the curse of Allah, His Angels and the whole of mankind.” 97

93 Bukhari

94 Ibn Majah, Baihaqi

95 Ibn Majah, Baihaqi

96 Tibraani, Abu Nuaim

97 Bukhari

THE DISCRIMINATORS / PREJUDICED

The following textual proofs will demonstrate the grievousness of promoting dissension & prejudice (Ta'assub). It should be an eye-opener for those who promote racism and hatred on the basis of nationalism, color, caste and language. May Allah guide us all.

Whoever is blind in this life will be blind in the Hereafter, and even more astray. [b/Israel 17:72]

وَمَنْ كَانَ فِي هَذِهِ أَعْمَىٰ فَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ أَعْمَىٰ
وَأَضَلُّ سَبِيلًا

Narrated Syedna Wasilah bin Ashfa'a رضي الله عنه: I said, O Allah's Apostle ﷺ! What is prejudice (Ta'assub)? The Prophet said, "That you help your nation upon injustice." 98

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "Your love for a thing, makes (you) blind and deaf." 99

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "There will be civil strife (fitnah) which will render people deaf, dumb and blind regarding what is right. Those who contemplate it will be drawn by it, and giving restraint to the tongue during it will be like smiting with the sword." 100

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "If anyone helps his people in an unrighteous cause, he is like a camel that falls into a well and is being pulled out by its tail." 101

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "Whoever defected from obedience (to the Amir) and separated from the main body of Muslims - then he died in that state - would die the death of one belonging to the days of Jahillyya. And he who is killed under the banner of a man who is blind (to the cause for which he is fighting), who gets flared up with family pride and fights for his tribe - is not from my Umma, and whoso from my followers attacks my followers - killing the righteous and the wicked of them, sparing not (even) those staunch in faith and fulfilling not his obligation towards them who have been given a pledge, is not from me." 102

THE DEVIANT & EVIL SCHOLARS

Such is the danger of evil scholars that the Holy Prophet made special mention of them and warned the Muslim nation to be very careful and stay away from them. It was therefore vital that this matter be discussed at length and the traits of such scoundrels be highlighted for the Ummah to be cautious of them.

Unfortunately, leaders of the deviant sects are held in high esteem by their followers – were it not, they would not follow them! Even when presented with solid proofs from Quran and Hadith, regarding their deviance, they do not wish to listen. One wonders whom these people love – is it Allah - سبحانه و تعالیٰ - or is it this glib talking devil? A glaring example is that of Mirza Qadiyani – an imposter claiming to be a Prophet. His followers know he was a liar, and he literally died inside the toilet, with his face down – yet they wish to keep following him! Astaghferullah!

98 Abu Dawood

99 Ahmed, Bukhari in Tareekh, Abu Dawood

100 Abu Dawood

101 Abu Dawood

102 Muslim

Similar is the case with a lot of groups, for whom the eminence and fame of their deviant teachers is more important than the command of Allah or the reverence of the beloved Apostle. A million laments on them for whom the love of brothers or friends is more prominent than the love of Allah and His Apostle.

And indeed those devils prevent them from the Straight Path, and they think they are on guidance! [Zukhruf 43:37]	وَأِنَّهُمْ لَيُصِدُّوهُمْ عَنِ السَّبِيلِ وَيَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ مُهْتَدُونَ
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And whoever opposes the Noble Messenger after the right path has been made clear to him, and follows a way other than that of the Muslims, We shall leave him as he is, and put him in hell; and what a wretched place to return! [Nisa 4:115]	وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ الرَّسُولَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ الْهُدَىٰ وَيَتَّبِعْ غَيْرَ سَبِيلِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ نُوَلِّهِ مَا تَوَلَّىٰ وَنُصَلِّهِ ۖ جَهَنَّمَ ۖ وَسَاءَتْ مَصِيرًا
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And the leader of all such deviant evil scholars is the devil (Iblis) himself. He had great knowledge, to the extent that he rose high and became the tutor of the angels. But his arrogance and his contempt for Allah's beloveds saw his fall.

And (remember) when We ordered the angels to prostrate before Adam, so they all prostrated, except Iblis (Satan); he refused and was proud - and became a disbeliever. [Baqarah 2:34]	وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَبَىٰ وَاسْتَكْبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ
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And had We willed We could have raised him because of the revelations, but he clung to the earth and followed his own desires; his condition therefore is like that of a dog; if you attack him he hangs out his tongue and if you leave him he hangs out his tongue; this is the state of the people who denied Our signs; therefore preach, so that they may give thought. [Aa`raf 7:176]	وَلَوْ شِئْنَا لَرَفَعْنَاهُ بِهَا وَلَكِنَّهُ أَخْلَدَ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ وَاتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ ۖ فَمَثَلُهُ كَمَثَلِ الْكَلْبِ إِنْ تَحَمَلَ عَلَيْهِ يَلْهَثَ أَوْ تَتْرُكُهُ يَلْهَثَ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ مَثَلُ الْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا ۚ فَاقْصُصِ الْقَصَصَ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ
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The above verse was revealed in the case of an evil scholar named Balam Ba'oor, who lived during the time of prophet Syedna Moosa عليه السلام. He had given abundant knowledge, and people respected him for his knowledge and piety. He was famous and it is said that his prayers were always answered. But with the advent of Syedna Moosa, the Bani Israel were not happy and they went to Balam Ba'oor to invoke a curse on him. He agreed to do it because of jealousy and to gain the abject worldly wealth and fame. He instantly lost his proximity to Allah, and became of the despised ones. It is also said that the dog who was in the service of the Saints of the Cave (As-haab Kahf), will go to heaven in the form of a human being and this despised evil scholar will go to hell in the shape of a dog.

Brothers! The respect given to a scholar is because he is considered as an heir of the Prophet; and this is true when he is rightly guided. But when he goes astray, is he the Prophet's heir or the heir of Satan? In the former case, respecting him is respecting the Prophet; but in the latter case, it is showing respect to Satan. And this is so, when such a scholar has not even breached the boundary of kufr, like scholars among innovators. Then, what about those who commit explicit kufr? It is kufr to even consider him a scholar, let alone respecting him for being a scholar.103

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "The angels of hell will seize such (evil) scholars before they seize idol worshippers; when they protest, 'do you seize us even before you take idol-worshippers?' They (angels) will answer: 'Those who know are not the same as those who do not know.'" 104

Syedna Abu Dhar رضي الله عنه said, "I was with the Prophet ﷺ one day and I heard him saying: "There is something I fear for my Ummah more than the Dajjal." It was then that I became afraid, so I said, "" O Allah's Apostle! What is that?" He said; "Misguided and astray scholars." 105

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said that Allah; the exalted says "Surely I have created creatures whose tongues are sweeter than honey and hearts more bitter than aloe. I swear by Myself, I will involve them in a trial whereby the forbearing among them will be bewildered. So, are they arrogant before Me or daring against Me?" 106

They Will Claim To Be Pious, But Will Constantly Lead Others Astray.

The example of the devil - when he said to man "Disbelieve"; so when he has rejected faith, he says, "I am unconcerned with you - indeed I fear Allah, the Lord of The Creation." [Hashr 59:16]

كَمَثَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِذْ قَالَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ اكْفُرْ فَلَمَّا كَفَرَ قَالَ
إِنِّي بَرِيءٌ مِّنْكَ إِنِّي أَخَافُ اللَّهَ رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

They Will Seek Knowledge, But Not For The Good Pleasure Of Allah.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "If anyone acquires knowledge of things by which Allah's good pleasure is sought, but acquires it only to get some worldly advantage, he will not experience the 'arf' (the aroma) of Paradise." 107

They Will Seek To Cause Dissension And Divisions.

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "The throne of Iblis is upon the ocean and he sends detachments (to different parts) in order to put people to trial and the most important figure in his eyes is one who is most notorious in sowing the seed of dissension." 108

They Will Be Proud.

And (remember) when We ordered the angels to prostrate before Adam, so they all prostrated, except Iblis (Satan); he refused and was proud - and became a disbeliever. [Baqarah 2:34]

وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَبَى
وَأَسْتَكْبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ

104 Tabarānī, Abū Nuaym.

105 Ahmed

106 Tirmidhi, different versions

107 Bukhari

108 Muslim

They Will Sell Their Religion For An Abject Price.

Those who hide the Book sent down by Allah and exchange it for an abject price - they only fill their bellies with fire and Allah will not speak to them on the Day of Resurrection nor will He purify them; and for them is a painful punishment. [Baqarah 2:174]

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْتُمُونَ مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَيَشْتَرُونَ بِهِ نَمْنًا قَلِيلًا أُولَٰئِكَ مَا يَأْكُلُونَ فِي بُطُونِهِمْ إِلَّا النَّارَ وَلَا يُكَلِّمُهُمُ اللَّهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَلَا يُزَكِّيهِمْ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "Set about doing (good) deeds before trials engulf you like a portion of a dark night (when) a man commences his morning as a believer but becomes a disbeliever by evening, or is a believer in the evening and morning finds him a disbeliever. He sells his religion against a little of this world." 109

They Will Quote Qur'an And Hadith To Narrate Lies And Own Opinions

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "There will be "dajjals" (fraudsters & imposters) and liars among my Ummah. They will tell you something new, which neither you nor your forefathers have heard. Be on your guard against them, and do not let them lead you astray." 110

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "The Last Hour will not come before there come forth thirty liars Dajjals (fraudsters) lying on Allah and His Apostle."111

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, ""Whoever speaks about the Qur'an without knowledge, let him take from now his seat in the Fire." 112

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "If anyone interprets the Book of Allah in the light of his opinion even if he is right, he has erred. "113

They Will Hide The Truth When Asked.

And do not mix the truth with falsehood, nor purposely conceal the truth. [Baqarah 2:42]

وَلَا تَلْبِسُوا الْحَقَّ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَتَكْتُمُوا الْحَقَّ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "He who is asked something he knows and conceals it will have a bridle of fire put on him on the Day of Resurrection." 114

109 Tirmidhi, Muslim, Ahmed

110 Ahmed

111 Abu Dawood

112 Tirmidhi, Ahmed

113 Abu Dawood

114 Abu Dawood

They Will Narrate False Dreams

It is a well-known fact that good dreams occur to good people, and a person seeing such good dreams is regarded as pious. The prophets also saw good dreams which foretold the future to them, as a prophecy. Hence in the Hadith it is documented as follows:-

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "A good dream is a part of the forty six parts of prophet-hood." 115

It is this very proof that is misused by several deviant evil scholars to establish themselves as "pious" leaders among the masses. But they must also remember that one who lies about dreams is one of the worst liars – as per the following texts. And to lie about the Holy Prophet is an abomination. So the worst among such lies is to relate a false dream about the Holy Prophet himself! May Allah protect us.

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "The worst lie is that a person claims to have seen a dream which he has not seen." 116

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "Verily, one of the worst lies is to claim falsely to be the son of someone other than one's real father, or to claim to have had a dream one has not had, or to attribute to me what I have not said." 117

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "Whoever claims to have seen a dream which he did not see, will be ordered to make a knot between two barley grains which he will not be able to do; and if somebody listens to the talk of some people who do not like him (to listen) or they run away from him, then molten lead will be poured into his ears on the Day of Resurrection; and whoever makes a picture, will be punished on the Day of Resurrection and will be ordered to put a soul in that picture, which he will not be able to do." 118

They Will Frequent The Doors Of The Rich & Powerful, And Shower Praise Upon Them.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "He who stays in the desert is harsh and unfriendly. He who pursues game is careless and neglectful. And, he who frequents the gates of the monarchs faces trials and corruption." 119

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "When a wicked person (fasiq) is praised, it angers Allah Almighty, causing the Throne to tremble." 120

Abu Ma'mar reported that a person lauded a ruler amongst the rulers and Miqdad began to throw dust upon him and he said, "Allah's Apostle ﷺ commanded us that we should throw dust upon the faces of those who shower too much praise." 121

115 Bukhari, several chains

116 Bukhari

117 Bukhari

118 Bukhari

119 Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood, Nisai

120 Ibn Addi, Ab Yu'la

121 Muslim

SOME HORRIBLE BELIEFS OF DEVIANT & EVIL SCHOLARS

May Allah, The Almighty, Protect Us From All Such Blasphemies And Enormities. (Aameen)

- ✎ *It is possible for Allah to tell lies.*
- ✎ *Allah has a body (two arms, two eyes, etc.)*
- ✎ *The knowledge of the hidden granted to the Holy Prophet is equal to the knowledge given to madmen and animals.*
- ✎ *The knowledge of the devil surpasses that of the Holy Prophet.*
- ✎ *The Holy Prophet is dead and mingled into dust.*
- ✎ *It is possible for a new prophet to arrive during the time of, or even after, the Holy Prophet.*
- ✎ *Jews and Christians are “believers” like Muslims.*
- ✎ *Committing a major sin, is disbelief (kufr).*
- ✎ *It is polytheism (shirk) to believe that the Holy prophet will intercede for the sinners on the day of judgment.*
- ✎ *The Holy Prophet has not said that only one group will be saved and enter paradise. All sects are equal.*
- ✎ *The 12 imams are infallible and equal in status to the Holy Prophet.*
- ✎ *It is polytheism (shirk) to travel to Medina Munawwarah with the intention of visiting the Holy Prophet’s tomb, or to any other place with intention of visiting the tombs of pious persons.*
- ✎ *The miracles mentioned in the Qur’an are just freak incidents of nature.*
- ✎ *The Holy Qur’an is incomplete.*
- ✎ *It is polytheism (shirk) to do “taqleed” – i.e. to follow a set of rules formulated by the 4 erudite pious Imams, even though they are based on Qur’an and Sunnah.*
- ✎ *The Holy Prophet was awarded the prophet-hood by mistake.*
- ✎ *Most of the companions of the Holy Prophet – including the closest ones – were hypocrites.*
- ✎ *It is possible for a follower of the prophet, to surpass the prophet in status.*

So O dear Muslims! Save yourself from such deviant leaders that have openly insulted Allah and His Apostle, the Holy Quran and basic tenets of Islam. Will you just look at their outwardly appearance, and outwardly piety, and worldly fame? No! For it is faith & only faith, that is the basis of salvation.

SECTION 1:

ADVICE AT THE TIME OF **TRIALS**

STAY AWAY FROM TRIALS AND FIGHTING, TO SAVE YOUR RELIGION

When the young men took refuge in the Cave - then said, "Our Lord! Give us mercy from Yourself, and arrange guidance for us in our affair." [Kahf 18:10]

إِذْ أَوْيَ الْفِتْيَةَ إِلَى الْكَهْفِ فَقَالُوا رَبَّنَا آتِنَا مِن لَّدُنكَ رَحْمَةً وَهَيِّئْ لَنَا مِنْ أَمْرِنَا رَشَدًا

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "Before the Last Hour there will be commotions like pieces of a dark night in which a man will be a believer in the morning and an infidel in the evening, or a believer in the evening and infidel in the morning. He who sits during that time will be better than he who gets up and he who walks during that time is better than he who runs. So break your bows, cut your bowstrings and strike your swords on stones. If people then come in to one of you, let him be like the better of Adam's two sons." 122

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "A time will come upon the people when the best of a Muslim's property will be sheep, which he will take to the tops of mountains and to the places of rain-falls to run away with his religion in order to save it from afflictions." 123

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "Enjoin one another to do what is good and forbid one another to do what is evil. But when you see niggardliness being obeyed, passion being followed, worldly interests being preferred, everyone being charmed with his opinion, then care for yourself, and leave alone what people in general are doing; for ahead of you are days which will require endurance, in which showing endurance will be like grasping live coals. The one who acts rightly during that period will have the reward of fifty men who act as he does. Another version has: He said (The hearers asked:) Allah's Apostle, the reward of fifty of them? He replied: The reward of fifty of you." 124

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "Let him who hears of the Dajjal (Antichrist) go far from him for I swear by Allah that a man will come to him thinking he is a believer and follow him because of confused ideas roused in him by him." 125

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "You should stick to the main body of the Muslims and their leader (during the time of trials). I (the narrator) said, "If they have no (such thing as the) main body and have no leader? He said, "Separate yourself from all these (deviant) factions, though you may have to eat the roots of trees (in a jungle) until death comes to you and you are in this state." 126

122 Abu Dawood

123 Bukhari


124 Abu Dawood

125 Abu Dawood

126 Muslim, Bukhari

CHOOSE YOUR LEADERS CORRECTLY!

Dear Muslim brothers! Do not be fooled by the sweet talk of some orators! It is your faith that will be the test of your deliverance – not the blind following of any leader, no matter how glib his talks are, no matter how pious he seems! Do you wish to be called along with an evil person as your leader on the day of resurrection?

The most famous incident recorded in history regarding abstaining from wicked leaders is that of Syedna Imam Husain  refusing to pledge allegiance to Yazeed. Was not Yazeed the son of a famous Sahabi? Was he not reciting the ‘Kalema’? Those who joined his ranks and his army – were they not performing the daily prayers? But in spite of all this, Syedna Imam Husain did not pledge his allegiance to this wicked tyrant. He chose martyrdom over hypocrisy and laid down his life and those of his closest family members to preserve faith. His sacrifice to maintain the purity of faith will be remembered forever.

Just reflect! Imam Husain considered just pledging allegiance to Yazeed an impossibility – although Yazeed was a cruel and wicked ruler he was not ‘inventing’ a new belief. So how disastrous it is to make friends with Allah’s declared enemies, deviants and innovators!

<p>They will all publicly come in the presence of Allah - then those who were weak will say to those who were the leaders, “We were your followers - is it possible for you to avert some of Allah’s punishment from us?” They will answer, “If Allah had guided us, we would have guided you; it is the same for us, whether we panic or patiently endure - we have no place of refuge.” [Ibrahim 14:21]</p>	<p>وَبَرَزُوا لِلَّهِ جَمِيعًا فَقَالَ الضُّعَفَاءُ لِلَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا إِنَّا كُنَّا لَكُمْ تَبَعًا فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُّغْنُونَ عَنَّا مِنْ عَذَابِ اللَّهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ ۗ قَالُوا لَوْ هَدَّيْنَا اللَّهُ لَهَدَيْنَاكُمْ ۗ سَوَاءٌ عَلَيْنَا أَجْرٌ عَلْنَا أَمْ صَبَرْنَا مَا لَنَا مِنْ مَّحِيصٍ</p>
<p>On the day when We shall summon every group along with its leader; so whoever is given his register in his right hand - these will read their accounts and their rights will not be suppressed even a thread. Whoever is blind in this life will be blind in the Hereafter, and even more astray. [b/Israel 17:71-72]</p>	<p>يَوْمَ نَدْعُوا كُلَّ أُنَاسٍ بِإِمْئَاتِهِمْ ۖ فَمَنْ أُوتِيَ كِتَابَهُ بِبَيِّنَةٍ ۖ قَالُوا لَبَّكَ يَقْرَعُونَ كِتَابَهُمْ وَلَا يُظْلَمُونَ فَتِيلًا ۗ وَمَنْ كَانَ فِي هَذِهِ ۖ أَعْمَىٰ فَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ أَعْمَىٰ وَأَضَلُّ سَبِيلًا</p>
<p>“Woe to me – alas, if only I had not taken that one for a friend. He indeed led me astray from the advice that had come to me”; and Satan deserts man, leaving him unaided. [Furqan 25:28-29]</p>	<p>يَوْمَ تَلْتَمِسُنِي لَيَّتَنِي لِمَ اتَّخَذْتُ لفلَانَا خَلِيلًا لَقَدْ أَضَلَّنِي عَنِ الذِّكْرِ بَعْدَ إِذْ جَاءَنِي ۗ وَكَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ لِلْإِنْسَانِ خَذُولًا</p>
<p>And indeed those devils prevent them from the Straight Path, and they think they are on guidance! [Zukhruf 43:37]</p>	<p>وَإِنَّهُمْ لَيَصُدُّونَهُمْ عَنِ السَّبِيلِ وَيَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ مُّهْتَدُونَ</p>

CHOOSE YOUR COMPANIONS CORRECTLY!

We have already highlighted the stern warnings from Allah regarding making friends with Allah’s enemies. Mixing with others is akin to pouring pure water, into a filthy pond. The pure water simply vanishes – and in fact increases the volume of the filthy! Similar is the damage to faith when ‘mixing freely’ with others – it will slowly get eroded until it finally vanishes!

One verse from the Qur’an is quoted here, to highlight the gravity of this mistake. And some eye opening advices from the Holy Prophet.

O People who Believe! Do not consider your fathers and your brothers as your friends if they prefer disbelief over faith; and whoever among you befriends them - then it is he who is the unjust. [Taubah 9:23]

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا ءَابَاءَكُمْ وَإِخْوَانَكُمْ
أَوْلِيَاءَ إِنِ اسْتَحَبُّوا الْكُفْرَ عَلَى الْإِيمَانِ ۚ وَمَنْ
يَتَوَلَّهُمْ فَوَلَّيْنَاكُمْ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Everyone will be with those whom he loves.” 127

Allah’s Apostle ﷺ said, “Anyone who associates with a polytheist and lives with him is like him.” 128

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Do not be a companion except of a believer, and do not feed anyone except the pious.” 129

Allah’s Apostle ﷺ said, “The similitude of good company and that of bad company is that of the owner of musk and of the one (iron-smith) blowing bellows, and the owner of musk would either offer you free of charge or you would buy it from him or you would smell its pleasant odor, and so far as one who blows the. bellows is concerned, he would either burn your clothes or you shall have to smell its repugnant smell.” 130

So O fellow Muslims! Have you learnt from the above, how harmful it is to stay among those who are astray? So how much worse it is to be “friends” with them?

STAY WITH THE MAIN COMMUNITY OF ISLAM

And whoever opposes the Noble Messenger after the right path has been made clear to him, and follows a way other than that of the Muslims, We shall leave him as he is, and put him in hell; and what a wretched place to return! [Nisa 4:115]

وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ الرَّسُولَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ الْهُدَىٰ وَيَتَّبِعْ
غَيْرَ سَبِيلِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ نُوَلِّهِ مَا تَوَلَّىٰ وَنُصَلِّهِ ۖ جَهَنَّمَ
وَسَاءَتْ مَصِيرًا

Allah’s Apostle ﷺ said, “Allah’s hand is with the Jama’ah.” 131

127 Bukhari

128 Abu Dawood

129 Tirmizi, Abu Dawood

130 Muslim, Bukhari, Abu Dawood, different versions

131 Tirmidhi

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “He who separates from the community (even) a hand-span takes off the noose of Islam from his neck.” 132

Allah’s Apostle ﷺ said, “One who dislikes a thing done by his Amir should be patient over it, for anyone from the people who withdraws (his obedience) from the (Islamic) government, even to the extent of a hand-span and died in that conditions, would die the death of one belonging to the days of ignorance (jahilliyya).” 133

Allah’s Apostle ﷺ said, “I fear for the misled rulers over my ummah.’ He also said, “A section of my ummah will never cease to be on the right. They will prevail and they will not be harmed by those who desert them till the command of Allah comes.” 134

Therefore, O dear Muslims! Stay with the main community – the Ahle Sunnah - the one upon whom is Allah’s mercy and generosity.

DO NOT BE “FRIENDS” WITH ALLAH’S ENEMIES

O People who Believe! Do not befriend disbelievers in place of Muslims; do you wish to give Allah a clear proof against you? [Nisa 4:144]

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا الْكَافِرِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِن دُونِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۗ أَن تُرِيدُونَ أَن تَجْعَلُوا لِلَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ سُلْطٰنًا مُّبِينًا

Allah’s Apostle ﷺ said, “Anyone who associates with a polytheist and lives with him is like him.”135

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “A man follows the religion of his friend; so each one should consider whom he makes his friend.” 136

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “One who groups with a nation is one of them, and one who scares a Muslim to please a king, will be brought along with him (the king) on the day of resurrection.” 137

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Whoever loves a nation, Allah will group him with them on the day of resurrection.” 138

132 Abu Dawood, Ahmed

133 Muslim

134 Tirmidhi, Muslim

135 Abu Dawood

136 Abu Dawood

137 Khateeb in al-Tareekh

138 Tibrani

STAY AWAY FROM THE MISCHIEF MAKERS

And whose religion is better than one who submits his self to Allah and is virtuous and follows the religion of Ibrahim, who was far removed from all falsehood? And Allah made Ibrahim His close friend. [Nisa 4:125]

وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ دِينًا مِّمَّنْ أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ
وَاتَّبَعَ مِلَّةَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ حَنِيفًا ۗ وَاتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلًا

And We agreed with Moosa a covenant for thirty nights and completed it by adding ten to them, so the covenant of His Lord amounted to forty nights in full; and Moosa said to his brother Haroon, "Be my deputy over my people and make reform and do not allow the ways of the mischievous to enter." [Aa`raf 7:142]

وَوَاعَدْنَا مُوسَىٰ ثَلَاثِينَ لَيْلَةً وَأَتَمَمْنَا بِهَا عِشْرِينَ فَنَمَّ
مِيقَاتُ رَبِّهِ ۖ أَرْبَعِينَ لَيْلَةً ۗ وَقَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِأَخِيهِ
هَارُونَ أَخْلِفْنِي فِي قَوْمِي وَأَصْلِحْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ سَبِيلَ
الْمُفْسِدِينَ

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "The Qadariyyah are the Magians of this community. If they are ill, do not pay a sick visit to them, and if they die, do not attend their funerals." 139

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "There will be "dajjals" (fraudsters) and liars among my Ummah. They will tell you something new, which neither you nor your forefathers have heard. Be on your guard against them, and do not let them lead you astray." 140

Jabir ibn Samurah ؓ said, "I heard the Holy Prophet ﷺ say, 'Just before the Hour there will be many liars.'" Jabir said, "Be on your guard against them." 141

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "Indeed Allah has chosen for me my companions, whom He made my friends, and my relative and my aides. So soon after them will come some people who will try to degrade them and speak evil regarding them. So if you find them, do not marry amongst them, do not make relations with them, do not have food or drink with them, do not pray along with them nor offer the funeral prayers for them." 142

Syedna Imam Hasan Basri ؓ said, "Do not sit with the people of innovation and desires, nor argue with them, nor listen to them." 143

Syedna Shaykh Abdul Qadir Jilani ؓ, the leader of the erudite & pious saints, once said, "Allah will fill with light, the heart of a person who rebukes an innovator."

Syedna Imam Ibn Sireen ؓ was with his students, when 2 persons came and said, 'We wish to narrate a Hadith to you.' The Imam refused to listen. They then said, 'Let us recite the Holy Qur'an.' The Imam put his hands on his ears and ordered them to go away. His students were surprised, and said that if the persons had narrated a wrong hadith, or made an error whilst reciting the Holy Qur'an, they would have caught them. The erudite Imam responded, "You are right, they could not have fooled us. But they are an innovators – and I feared that they may explain some matters wrongly which may take root in my heart."

139 Abu Dawood

140 Ahmad

141 Muslim

142 Darqutni

143 Darimi

DO NOT IMITATE THE DISBELIEVERS

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said "He is not of us who assumes resemblance to those other than us. Do not imitate the Jews and the Christians. The greeting of the Jews is a gesture of the fingers and the greeting of the Christians is a gesture of the palm." 144

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "He who copies a nation is one of them." 145

Allah's Apostle ﷺ cursed those men who are in the similitude (assume the manners) of women and those women who are in the similitude (assume the manners) of men. 146

Dear Muslim brothers! If imitating a female by a man, and imitating a male by a woman invites the curse of Allah's Apostle, imagine how much worse it is to imitate those who are in blatant blasphemy!

STRIVE AGAINST EVIL – WARN THE MUSLIMS!

Many a people in the modern age don't care about what goes on around them. When we warn them against trials and tests, and about deviances, they sometimes reply: "You are slandering! This is a great sin!" Or they will simply shy away saying it is not their duty to warn others. The following hadiths will make it amply clear that warning against evil is not slander – it is a virtue!

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "Do you hesitate from talking about the wicked? So when will people recognize them? Mention them, so that people may be cautious of them." 147

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "Use your property, your persons and your tongues in striving against the polytheists." 148

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "Never has a Prophet been sent before me by Allah towards his nation who had not among his people (his) disciples and companions who followed his ways and obeyed his command. Then there came after them their successors who said whatever they did not practice, and practiced whatever they were not commanded to do. He who strove against them with his hand was a believer: he who strove against them with his tongue was a believer, and he who strove against them with his heart was a believer and beyond that there is no faith even to the extent of a mustard seed." 149

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "Different evils will make their appearance in the near future. Anyone who tries to disrupt the affairs of this nation (Umma) whilst they are united - you should strike him with the sword whoever he be." 150

144 Tirmidhi

145 Abu Dawood

146 Bukhari

147 Tirmizi, Hakim, Tibrani

148 Abu Dawood

149 Muslim

150 Muslim

CALL TO VIRTUE & FORBID EVIL

It is the duty of all Muslims to invite others to goodness and prevent others from evil. And what better goodness is there than to have pure faith, and die as a Muslim! And what worse evil is there to have no faith, and die a disbeliever! So the best act of goodness would be to invite someone to proper faith and prevent someone from disbelief.

You are the best among all the nations that were raised among mankind - you enjoin good deeds and forbid immorality and you believe in Allah; [A/Imran 3:110]

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ
وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ

Call towards the path of your Lord with sound planning and good advice, and debate with them in the best possible way. [Nahl 16:125]

ادْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ
وَجِدْ لَهُم مَّا يَنْصَحُونَ بِأَلْسِنَتِهِمْ لِيَنْصَحُوا لِقَوْمِهِمْ

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "He who amongst you sees something abominable should modify it with the help of his hand; and if he does not have enough strength to do it, then he should do it with his tongue, and if he does not have enough strength to do it, (even) then he should (abhor it) from his heart, and that is the least of faith." 151

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "The first defect that permeated Bani Isra'il was that a man (of them) met another man and said, "O so-and-so, fear Allah, and abandon what you are doing, for it is not lawful for you. He then met him the next day and that did not prevent him from eating with him, drinking with him and sitting with him. When they did so, Allah mingled their hearts with each other. He then recited the verse: "Those among the Descendants of Israel who turned disbelievers were cursed by the tongue of Dawood, and of Eisa the son of Maryam; up to "wrongdoers". He then said, "By all means, I swear by Allah, you must enjoin what is good and prohibit what is evil, prevent the wrongdoer, bend him into conformity with what is right, and restrict him to what is right." 152

Allah's Apostle ﷺ said, "Help your brother whether he is an oppressor or an oppressed." Someone asked, "O Allah's Apostle, I did help the oppressed. But how do I help the oppressor?" He said, "Prevent him from being oppressive. That is your help to him." 153

ABHOR EVIL AND DO NOT SUPPRESS THE TRUTH

And do not mix the truth with falsehood, nor purposely conceal the truth. [Baqarah 2:42]

وَلَا تَلْبِسُوا الْحَقَّ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَتَكْتُمُوا الْحَقَّ وَأَنْتُمْ
تَعْلَمُونَ

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, "When the latter ones among this nation curse the former ones of this nation – when this time comes, whoever suppresses just a single truth will be as if he has hidden what Allah has sent down." 154

151 Muslim

152 Abu Dawood

153 Tirmidhi, Bukhari

154 Ibn Majah

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “When sin is done in the earth, he who sees it and disapproves of it will be taken like one who was not present, but he who is not present and approves of it will be like him who sees.” 155

Allah’s Apostle ﷺ said, “In the near future there will be leaders (Amirs) and you will like their good deeds and dislike their bad deeds. One who sees through their bad deeds, is absolved from blame, but one who hates their bad deeds is safe. But one who approves of their bad deeds and imitates them is spiritually ruined. People asked (the Holy Prophet): Shouldn't we fight against them? He replied: No, as long as they say their prayers.” 156

SPEAK THE TRUTH – DO NOT BE AFRAID!

Say, “If your fathers, and your sons, and your brothers, and your wives, and your tribe, and your acquired wealth, and the trade in which you fear a loss, and the houses of your liking - if all these are dearer to you than Allah and His Noble Messenger and fighting in His way, then wait until Allah brings about His command; and Allah does not guide the sinful.” [Taubah 9:24]

قُلْ إِنْ كَانَ آبَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالٌ اقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسَاكِينُ تَرْضَوْنَهَا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنْ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرَبَّصُوا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, ‘Indeed, the mightiest of jihad is a just word before a tyrant king.’ 157

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Do you hesitate from talking about the wicked? So when will people recognize them? Mention them, so that people may be cautious of them.” 158

Narrated Syedna Muhammad bin Zaid bin `Abdullah bin `Umar رضي الله عنه: Some people said to Ibn `Umar, "When we enter upon our ruler(s) we say in their praise what is contrary to what we say when we leave them." Ibn `Umar said, "We used to consider this as hypocrisy." 159

155 Abu Dawood

156 Muslim

157 Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood, Ibn Majah

158 Tirmizi, Hakim, Tibrani

159 Bukhari

THE CONCLUSION WITH A PRAYER

O Allah! The Supreme, The Giver Of Faith, The Protector!

- **Protect our faith and that of our children from all sorts of deviations and heresies.**
- **Protect us from all trials and tribulations.**
- **Protect us from the evil of all deviants and fraudsters.**
- **Protect us from the evil of the disbelievers.**
- **Give us the strength to speak the Truth, and to fight for the Truth.**
- **Give us sound knowledge, and the means to invite to virtue and prevent from evil.**
- **Protect our faith, and cause us to die as pure Muslims.**

So be it – by Your Grace, O our Lord, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

Infinite blessings & peace be upon the beloved Holy Prophet Mohammed, and upon his progeny, his companions, and all those who rightly follow him until the last day.

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