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## FOREWORD

All Praise is due to Allah Ta'ala, The Most Merciful,  
The Most Beneficent, The Friend, The Protector and  
The Inspirer of Faith.

May Peace and Blessings be upon the Beloved of Allah  
Ta'ala, Rasulullah *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam*.

At a time wherein we face various great fitan and challenges, we find confusion and uncertainty not knowing who to follow and who to trust in the matters of Dien. Due to the great threat on our Imaan and Islam, the need to follow the righteous scholars is crucial.

Alhamdulillah, in all times, Allah Ta'ala raises men who stand firm and loyal, holding onto the flag of truth. They make clear the teachings of the Qur'aan Sharief and Sunnah and continue in their noble efforts to guide and steer mankind in the direction of salvation.

Despite criticism and condemnation, mockery and disregard, they hold resolutely onto Dien, without any compromise, negotiation or concession. We can really only value and appreciate these great 'Ulama who are willing to sacrifice everything for the Dien of Allah Ta'ala. From our side, the requirement is to follow their teachings and advices which are a lifeline for our Imaan.

One great trial in these days is “interfaith” or the Abrahamic religion. It is presented in such a camouflage that the unsuspecting easily gets carried away, seeing it as a solution to all the ills in this world. However, on analysing and examining it in the light of the Shari’ah, it is entirely rejected as it calls for acceptance and unity of all ‘religions’ which is Kufr. What should have been clear-cut and distinct is made unclear by the many scholars who have been recruited to promote and advance this fitnah. Unfortunately, these scholars have changed sides, switched allegiances and “jumped ship”, and this increases the disorientation and turmoil in the Ummah.

Our respected Sheikh, Hadhrat Moulana Abdul Hamid Is`haq Sahib (Daamat Barakaatuhu) addresses the matter in great detail, proving in different ways that this is nothing but a charade and trap of shaytaan to mislead mankind even further from the truth. Hadhrat Moulana’s words of concern and caution are only for our spiritual well-being and safety and should be heeded and practised upon. May Allah Ta’ala reward Hadhrat for his unrelenting efforts and many sacrifices to educate, nurture and guide us.

May Allah Ta’ala accept and make this a means of benefit and guidance. May Allah Ta’ala grant us Ikhlaas in our broken efforts and forgive us for our shortcomings. May Allah Ta’ala greatly reward all those who assisted in the compilation of this Kitaab.

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Rasulullah *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam* said:

**“Qiyamah shall not be established until tribes  
of my ummah unite with the idolaters and until  
they worship idols.”**

~ Sunan Tirmidhi

## بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ مُنْشِئِ الْخَلْقِ مِنْ عَدَمٍ ..... ثُمَّ الصَّلَاةُ عَلَى الْمُخْتَارِ فِي الْقَدَمِ  
مَوْلَايَ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ دَائِمًا أَبَدًا عَلَى حَبِيبِكَ عَلَى رَسُولِكَ خَيْرِ الْخَلْقِ كُلِّهِمْ  
يَا رَبِّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ دَائِمًا أَبَدًا عَلَى بَشِيرِ نَذِيرِ مُحَمَّدًا  
مَوْلَايَ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ دَائِمًا أَبَدًا عَلَى طه سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ  
بَلِّغْ سَلَامِي رَوْضَةَ فِيهَا النَّبِيُّ الْمُحْتَرَمُ  
هُوَ الْحَبِيبُ الَّذِي تُرْجَى شَفَاعَتُهُ ... لِكُلِّ هَوَالٍ مِنْ الْأَهْوَالِ مُفْتَحِمِ  
يَا رَبِّ بِالْمُضْطَفَى بَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَنَا وَ اغْفِرْ لَنَا مَا مَضَى يَا وَاسِعَ الْكَرَمِ

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ وَقِفْ

“INDEED, THE RELIGION IN THE SIGHT OF ALLAH IS ISLAM.”

[SURAH AAL-IMRAAN 3 : 19]

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ ۗ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ ۝

“WHOEVER SEEKS A RELIGION/WAY OTHER THAN ISLAM, IT  
WILL NEVER BE ACCEPTED FROM HIM, AND HE, IN THE  
HEREAFTER, WILL BE AMONG THE LOSERS.”

[SURAH AAL-IMRAAN 3 : 85]



## INTERFAITH

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Presently, there is a call to unite under the banner of interfaith or the Abrahamic religion which promotes the establishment of a “*one world, one religion*” society.

This concept of interfaith is not new. King Akbar who ruled over the Mughal empire in the 16<sup>th</sup> century attempted to bring together different religions as one. Like with the present-day call of interfaith, he sought unity of religions and coexistence. He thus founded his own ‘religion’ called ‘Dien-e-Ilaahi’ – taking from the tenets and practices of Islam, Hinduism, Christianity and Zoroastrianism. Mujaddid Alfe Thaani, Hadhrat Ahmed al-Farooqi Sirhindi (*Rahmatullahi ‘alayh*) corrected this wrong and kufr belief in his time. ...Now, we see history repeating itself.

This time around, the entire world is being recruited. This was not an overnight occurrence. The momentum of this dark agenda built up over a long period of time. We were unwary of the actual plot and plan and now we find ourselves face to face with a very great fitnah. This is such a tribulation that lending one’s support to it, promoting it or following it, will take one out of the fold of Islam.

Sugar-coated words are used to beguile us such as “unity”, “tolerance”, “peacebuilding”, “world peace”, “coexistence” and “inclusiveness”. The enemies of Islam further chose a line of attack which would attract and win over the unsuspecting Muslim. Misleading the masses by using the name of Hadhrat Ibraheem (*Alaihis Salaam*), interfaith or the Abrahamic religion is exhibited to the world. It is actually a pretentious smokescreen. The real agenda is to extinguish the light of Islam and establish Judaism as the world religion – which, of course, will never materialise.

يُرِيدُونَ لِيُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ مُتِمُّ نُورِهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ ۝

**“THEY WISH TO EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT OF ALLAH  
(I.E. ISLAM, THE QUR’AAN SHARIEF AND SUNNAH) WITH THEIR  
MOUTHS, BUT ALLAH WILL PERFECT HIS LIGHT EVEN THOUGH  
THE DISBELIEVERS DETEST (IT).”**

[SURAH AS-SAFF 61 : 8]

By bringing Hadhrat Ibraheem (*Alaihis Salaam*) into their evil scheme, Muslims are lured to join, hand in hand, with Christians and Jews on one stage – whereas Hadhrat Ibraheem (*Alaihis Salaam*) was neither a Jew nor a Christian. The Abrahamic religion falsely asserts that this great Nabi of Allah Ta’ala was affiliated to their beliefs whereas their beliefs are Shirk.

Hadhrat Ibraheem (*Alaihis Salaam*) is free of what they attribute to him. He was a Monotheist (worshipping only One Allah and submitting to His Commands). Allah Ta’ala says:

مَا كَانَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ يَهُودِيًّا وَلَا نَصْرَانِيًّا وَلَكِنْ كَانَ حَنِيفًا مُّسْلِمًا ۗ  
وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ۝

**“IBRAHEEM WAS NEITHER A JEW NOR A CHRISTIAN, BUT HE WAS ONE INCLINING TOWARD TRUTH (FULLY DEVOTED); A MUSLIM. AND HE WAS NOT OF THE POLYTHEISTS.”**

[SURAH AAL-IMRAAN 3: 67]

## THE FITNAH

Allah Ta’ala states unambiguously that the only religion accepted by Him is Islam.

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ قَف

**“INDEED, THE RELIGION IN THE SIGHT OF ALLAH IS ISLAM.”**

[SURAH AAL-IMRAAN 3 : 19]

It abrogates everything before it. There is no latitude and no scope for ‘harmonising’ and ‘synchronising’ Islam with other faiths. Interfaith is that platform where Islam is expected to meet with Christianity and Judaism on an equal note – in the name of unity and peace. This kind of

unity is kufr. As Muslims, we cannot join the ranks of the disbelievers and we cannot have any ties with this lobby.

The enemies of Islam make in-roads into our circles in different ways. This call for interfaith and unity is just another way. ...We have the fitnah of the Shias who call themselves Muslims and say that their religion is Islam. We have the fitnah of the Qadianis who also call themselves Muslims and say that their religion is Islam. They are not Muslims and nor do they follow Islam. This, we understand.

...We see how the Christians strayed far from the Straight Path by embracing a completely conflicting belief – coining the Trinity, etc. whereas Hadhrat Isa (*Alaihis Salaam*) never claimed to be the son of God. ...We, as the Muslim Ummah, have to be cautious not to make changes in our Dien and call it Islam, but in reality, we too stray far from the Truth.

Unfortunately, we have not recognised this new fitnah that has insidiously crept into our midst and into even the Ulama fraternity. As such, we find big divisions. ...This division in the Ummah categorically comes down to Haq and Baatil; Imaan and Kufr. A person belongs to

one of two parties: Hizbullah (The party of Allah) or Hizbush-shaytaan (the party of shaytaan).

What is disconcerting is that many scholars and Imams have been drawn into the interfaith cesspool. These scholars are unabashedly promoting the interfaith, participating in interfaith gatherings and prayers, encouraging interfaith discussions and studies and dishonestly justifying it, misrepresenting the Qur'aan Sharief and Sunnah.

Implicitly and explicitly, they are inviting people to the interfaith stage which relegates Islam to be equal to Christianity and Judaism. *Na'uzu Billah*. ...If this is the state of our affairs – that 'scholars' are in the frontline of this corrupt campaign, we can understand how great and threatening the trial is!

We need to understand that if a person is not on true Islam – on the Islam of the Qur'aan and Sunnah – and he dies on a different version of Islam, he won't get Jannah and he won't get the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala. On the other hand, the end result will be Jahannum and the displeasure of Allah Ta'ala. If the person dies without Imaan and Islam, the suffering in the hereafter will continue forever.

## THE END RESULT

Recently, a 21-year-old boy passed away. We were informed that up to the age of 20, he was a good student and had good qualities. He achieved very good results in his school and Madrasah years, and his teachers had greatly respected him. At the age of 20, he got involved with the interfaith movement and chose to follow the principles of unity of religions. After one year of leaving Islam, he passed away. The result of embracing interfaith was that his body was taken to a cathedral and thereafter taken to a crematorium to be cremated. ...A person who was in Islam for 20 years – a bright student, a good student, a respected student – and the end was disqualification from entry into Jannah. May Allah Ta’ala protect us all.

Around the same time of this boy’s death, a scholar was giving a talk on the permissibility of interfaith, falsely and misleadingly attributing the concept of interfaith to Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam. Na’uzu Billah*. Now, when scholars and Imams are promoting and endorsing interfaith, they cannot be Muslims. Moreover, they are liable and take upon themselves the burden of Irtidaad (apostasy) of those who follow them.

## KNOWLEDGE

In Islam, great importance is placed on Ilm – on acquiring knowledge of Dien. However, the criterion of salvation is not knowledge alone. ...Otherwise, shaytaan has knowledge of all the Divinely revealed scriptures. He has knowledge of the Juziyyaat of the different Shari’ahs – that is, the detailed laws and the ‘fine print’, so to say. He too is an Aalim. Despite his great and extensive knowledge, he is ‘rajeem’ (rejected/accursed) and he is fuel for the fire. We should thus not be deluded by titles and qualifications.

The true Ulama have the outstanding quality of the fear of Allah Ta’ala. They submit to and follow His Commands. They do not wilfully disobey Allah Ta’ala or go against the teachings of Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam*. May Allah Ta’ala bless us with hearts that recognise them and follow them.

Each and every one of us has to tread very carefully. This is a very serious matter. Interfaith is corruption of one’s aqeedah (belief). It is such a trial that makes or breaks our Aakhirah. ...If Imaan is corrupted with kufr beliefs, the person will suffer great loss. In the words of the Qur’aan Sharief, he will be a loser. In his Qabr and on the

Day of Qiyamah, there will be no reprieve. There will be no forgiveness and just eternal misery and suffering.

### 73 SECTS

Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said: **“Behold! Those before you were divided into seventy-two sects. This Ummah will break into seventy-three. Seventy-two will be (deserving of being) in the fire, and one will be in Jannah. That is the one that follows the Group (of my Sahabah and my way).”**<sup>1</sup>

In another Hadith, Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said: **“...Indeed the Banu Isra’eel (Jews) were divided into seventy-two sects. My Ummah will be divided into seventy-three. All of them will be (deserving of being) in the fire except one sect.”**

It was asked: **“Which one will that be?”**

Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* replied: **“The one who follows my way and the way of my Companions.”**<sup>2</sup>

These Ahadith forewarn that of the seventy-three, only one will gain salvation; only one group will enter Jannah. The Sahabah (*Radhiyallahu ‘anhum*) had the greatest

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<sup>1</sup> Sunan Abi Dawud

<sup>2</sup> Sunan Tirmidhi



concern regarding their Imaan and Dien, wanting to be in the group that will be accepted and will gain salvation. They asked so that they could take the necessary safety measures for their Dien.

Everyone says: *We are working for Islam! ...But which Islam is correct? ...I have to be concerned: Which group am I in? ...You have to be concerned as to which group you are in. Are we following a modern type of Islam or a watered-down Islam? ...We take it for granted that we are Muslims whereas we must be concerned: Am I on true Islam or not? Is my Islam correct?*

For this, we will have to look into the mirror of the Sunnah of Rasulullah *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam* and the Islam of the Sahabah (*Radhiyallahu 'anhum*). Our Islam has to correspond with that; not with the Islam being propagated and promulgated by the United Nations and United States.

At face value, interfaith seems to allow one to still follow Islam. It has been made appealing to the masses. However, this 'Islam' is covered by the standards of the Kuffaar. It is an edited, moderated and remodelled version of Islam. A person may call himself a Muslim and also pray, but if he accepts this brand of Islam, it is not

true Islam. It is Kufr. ...This is an evil agenda being played out with the devil's hand behind it. It is 100% a plot against Islam.

## ONE NATION

It is a well-known statement:

الْكَفْرُ مِلَّةٌ وَاحِدَةٌ

Disbelief is one nation.

This means that all adaptations of Kufr, be it Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism and whatever else may be fabricated by man, are one nation.

Allah Ta'ala informs us that the Kuffaar are allies to each other.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا الْيَهُودَ وَالنَّصَارَىٰ أَوْلِيَاءَ ۚ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ ط

**“O YOU WHO HAVE BELIEVED, DO NOT TAKE THE JEWS AND THE CHRISTIANS AS ALLIES. THEY ARE ALLIES OF ONE ANOTHER...”**

[SURAH MAA'IDAH 5 : 51]

In the Seerah of Rasulullah *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam* this was witnessed time and again with the Jews, idol-worshippers and munafiqeen (hypocrites). All united against the Muslims – in the battles of Uhud, Khandaq, etc.

## HADHRAT MOULANA ABUL HASAN NADWI (RA)

Hadhrat Moulana Abul Hasan Nadwi (*Rahmatullahi 'alayh*) had said that if we have to look at the global scenario, we find that the Christians have joined forces with the Jews. Yet, if we look into history, the Christians were hostile and antagonistic to the Jews because they blamed the Jews for “crucifying” Hadhrat Isa (*Alaihis Salaam*)<sup>3</sup>. This is not our belief. ...The Christians and Jews were each other’s worst enemy. Despite this, they have taken each other as allies against Islam. They put aside major differences to converge against Islam.

In 1965, the Vatican Council made sweeping changes to church policies. A controversial document, *Nostra Aetate* (meaning, ‘In Our Time’) was compiled. It completely and radically revised the Church’s approach to Jews, exonerating them. After more than a thousand years of enmity, the document called for unity and harmony. It also opened up relations with other world religions and interfaith was introduced.

To escalate their efforts further, the Jews and Christians joined forces with the pagans and idol worshippers – who are even further from the truth. All of them united

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<sup>3</sup> Allah Ta’ala says: “And they did not kill him nor did they crucify him.” – Surah An-Nisaa

notwithstanding their divergences and enmity for each other. Their objective: To suppress and extinguish the light of Islam.

### **LINE OF ATTACK**

Like the speed of lightening their operation spread throughout the world, adopting various and numerous strategies: materialism, feminism, secularism, sports, entertainment, etc. Interfaith is one of them.

There is enough information online regarding the interfaith drive and campaign. Everyone can observe how they are working on all fronts. Muslim leaders have partnered with this programme via the Abrahamic Accord, Charter of Makkah, Cape Accord, Imam Charter, Abu Dhabi declaration, The Abrahamic Family House, the building of churches and temples in Arab lands, etc.

Prominent Scholars are in their grips. ...A popular scholar from Pakistan is used to bring harmony and peace with Shias, Barelwis, Maududis, Sikhs, etc. and a senior Scholar from India is used to cement ties with the Hindus. Similarly, various recognised faith leaders, the world over, are participating in interfaith conventions and summits. May Allah Ta'ala guide and protect us.

The enemies of Islam are buying out these well-known religious leaders who belong to different religions. They have become traitors and sellouts. The common people – be they Christians, Jews or others – who recognise the charade – oppose the Abrahamic faith and interfaith. They say that it is in conflict with their respective beliefs. However, they are sidelined and silenced in the media.

### **MISLEADING THE UMMAH**

In the name of unity, these scholars – who are also known for their liberal views – openly mix with Jews, Christians and others. They freely and visibly participate in interfaith prayers, marches, Iftaars and various programmes. From the mimbar, via the radio channels, television and social-media platforms, these scholars promote and teach the same message of unity and tolerance with other religions. *Na'uzu Billah*. They now say that we are a minority in a majority non-Muslim country so we must be tolerant.

What is the message that these scholars are wrongfully and deliberately conveying? ...Their message is that we accept whatever the governments say; that our Islam must be on the standards of the disbelievers; not on the standard of the Sunnah and Sahabah (*Radhiyallahu 'anhum*). *Na'uzu Billahi*.

It is commonly said: ‘If you lie down with dogs, you rise up with fleas.’ We can take lesson: This association and unity with the Jews, Christians and others on the platform of interfaith - where they are taken as bedfellows and are co-conspirators will be the cause of rising up in their company on the Day of Judgement, in a state of misery and disgrace. May Allah Ta’ala protect us.

### UNITY

The concept of unity has been totally misinterpreted. The actual mandate and call of interfaith is that all – irrespective of their faiths – should become one and united. Unity is not integrating Tauheed with Kufr and Shirk. Unity is not on falsehood. Nor is unity in standing on the same stage while Kufr and Shirk are praised and glorified.

Surah Kaafiroon offers ample evidence that there can be no unity in religion and no assimilation of beliefs and practices!

قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا الْكَافِرُونَ ۚ لَا أَعْبُدُ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ ۚ  
 وَلَا أَنْتُمْ عِبُدُونَ مَا أَعْبُدُ ۚ وَلَا أَنَا عَابِدٌ مَّا عَبَدْتُمْ ۚ  
 وَلَا أَنْتُمْ عِبُدُونَ مَا أَعْبُدُ ۗ لَكُمْ دِينُكُمْ وَلِيَ دِينِ ۝

**“SAY: ‘O YOU DISBELIEVERS! I DO NOT WORSHIP WHAT YOU  
WORSHIP, NOR DO YOU WORSHIP WHAT I WORSHIP.  
I WILL NEVER WORSHIP WHAT YOU WORSHIP. NOR WILL YOU  
WORSHIP THAT WHICH I WORSHIP. FOR YOU IS YOUR RELIGION,  
AND FOR ME IS MY RELIGION.”**

We should understand well that the disbelievers will not be pleased with us until we follow their ways and religion.

وَلَنْ تَرْضَىٰ عَنْكَ الْيَهُودُ وَلَا النَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَتَّبِعَ مِلَّتَهُمْ ط

**“AND NEVER WILL THE JEWS AND THE CHRISTIANS BE PLEASED  
WITH YOU UNTIL YOU FOLLOW THEIR RELIGION.”**

[SURAH AL-BAQARAH 2 : 120]

If anyone believes that Islam, Christianity and Judaism are equal and can be aligned or even merged, his beliefs are corrupted. This altered, customized religion called interfaith or the Abrahamic religion will not be accepted in the Court of Allah Ta’ala ... because Allah Ta’ala only accepts the pure and pristine religion of Islam as He revealed.

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ قف

**“INDEED, THE RELIGION IN THE SIGHT OF ALLAH IS ISLAM.”**

[SURAH AAL-IMRAAN 3 : 19]

Unity is on the blessed system established by the Qur'aan Sharief. If we hold resolutely onto the teachings of the Qur'aan Sharief, there will be unity. If we move away from the Qur'aan Sharief, there will be disunity – as we find today.

No matter what treaties and alliances are formed for unity, peace and harmony, the enemies of Islam always prove themselves to be treacherous and deceitful. We should not be naïve and deceived by their mock 'charters' and 'accords'. They will only ever pursue what will ultimately be in their favour.

### **THE LINE-UP**

It is a known fact that part of the deceptive interfaith agenda is the establishment of an interfaith complex in Abu Dhabi, known as the Abrahamic Family House. It encompasses three 'houses of worship' – a Masjid, a church and a synagogue, for all to practise their faiths, co-exist and learn from each other.

This is similar to what King Akbar established which he called *Ibadat Khana* (House of Worship) – where people of all faiths could gather. The outcome of those religious gatherings led them to the idea that all religions lead to



the same goal and a new religion was formed – just as we find today with the Abrahamic religion.

If this is the end result, the effort of inviting others to Islam, to salvation, to Jannah, will fall away because all are equal – *Na'uzu Billah*. The teachings and Commandments of Islam will be deemed as redundant because on the interfaith podium all are united. – *Na'uzu Billah*. How far-reaching the fitnah is!

On accepting interfaith, there follows a chain reaction of eliminating one Divine Command after another. Because interfaith it not to show the Christians and Jews that they are on falsehood. It is meant to show unity with them and show them that we respect their religions as legitimate. *Na'uzu Billah*. On this podium, no one is allowed to say that their path is better or the only accepted one. ...Then how does a Muslim invite to Islam?

Further to the establishment of the Abrahamic Family House is their undertaking to bring together the teachings of the Bible, Taurah and the Qur'aan Sharief as one book.

Our belief is that the Qur'aan Sharief abrogates all previously revealed scriptures. Moreover, the Qur'aan Sharief is divinely protected whereas the previously

revealed scriptures did not have this protection and they have been subjected to various modifications and revisions. A new, combined scripture is obviously meant to further obliterate the solid and pure Islamic teachings.

The entire interfaith package or even the steps taken to achieve it, is mixing the truth with falsehood. How can any of this ever be accepted?

### CONDEMNATION

There is a famous incident of Hadhrat Umar ibn Al-Khattaab (Radhiyallahu ‘anhu). He came to Rasulullah Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam with a passage from the Taurah that he had acquired from the People of the Book which amazed him. He read it to Rasulullah Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam who became angry. Rasulullah Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam said:

*“Are you confused over this, O son of Al-Khattaab? I swear by the One Who has my soul in His Hand, I have come to you with something clear and bright. Do not ask them (the People of the Book) about anything, lest they inform you of the truth and you reject it, or they inform you of falsehood and you believe in it. By the One Who has my soul in His Hand, if Musa (Alaihis Salaam) were alive today, he would have no choice but to follow me.”*

Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* reproached Hadhrat Umar (*Radhiyallahu ‘anhu*) for reading from another scripture. How then can there be any scope for a combined scripture? As it stands, these books – the Bible and Taurah – have been so tampered with that one will find blasphemy upon blasphemy therein.

This Hadith states that if Hadhrat Musa (*Alaihis Salaam*) were alive, he too would have to follow Islam, which again proves that all previous Shari’ahs are cancelled.

### **TOLERANCE**

On the one hand the concept of unity has been distorted, and on the other hand the concept of tolerance has been manipulated and reduced to a lenient, permissive attitude towards Kufr and immorality. This warped version of tolerance calls for respect and acceptance of what Allah Ta’ala has prohibited – *Na’uzu Billah*.

In adopting this kind of tolerance, there is inevitably compromise – compromise on our Dini principles as well as subservience to the Kuffaar. As a result, we do not stand up for the truth; we do not implement Shari’ah, we do not fulfil the Command of ‘Amr-bil-Ma’roof’ and ‘Nahy-anil-Munkar’; we do not establish Jihad.

Although the call of interfaith is for peace, unity and tolerance, the enemies of Islam do whatever they want against us. They oppress, persecute and terrorise our Muslim brothers and sisters in different parts of the world – be it Palestine, Syria, Burma, Kashmir, India, China, Iraq, Yemen, etc. They bomb us, rape our women, persecute our men, kill our children ... and we watch, criticize and condemn. Instead of taking guidance from our Dien and doing those A'maal which will draw the Help of Allah Ta'ala, we march and protest like the non-Muslims do, proving how our thinking and conduct are so disconnected from Islam.

The enemies of Islam continue to dish out all their filth and aggression, and as can be seen, those who are rulers and leaders of Muslim countries keep silent and hushed. The same can be said about the scholars who support interfaith. The hypocrisy is resounding.

In the name of tolerance, these pseudo scholars and liberal Imams are also doing as the Christian clergy and church have done: allow and endorse sin and immorality. The church and pope now support and endorse LGBTQ, same-sex marriages, etc. – departing and straying from their own Christian tenets. Similarly, today, we find 'Muslim' scholars showing their solidarity with Haraam.

Undoubtedly tolerance is a great virtue, but it is so in its rightful place and time. What kind of Muslims are we if tolerance brings us down to cowards and weaklings when it comes to representing Islam? This level of tolerance makes us spineless, boneless and gutless. ...This lowly level of tolerance has made us puppets for the enemies of Islam.

In this downward spiral, we have made our enemies our masters and submissively follow them. We follow their rules, policies, laws, customs and traditions. We accept anything and everything despite it being at odds with the teachings of Islam. Rasulullah *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam* said: **“The Final Hour will not come until my followers copy the deeds of the previous nations and follow them very closely, span by span, and cubit by cubit (inch by inch)”**<sup>4</sup>

### THE BEST OF PEOPLE

We are the Ummah of Rasulullah *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam* and have been given a very high position. Allah Ta'ala describes us as the best of people, best community, best nation:

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<sup>4</sup> Sahih Al-Bukhari

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ  
 وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ ط وَلَوْ آمَنَ أَهْلُ الْكِتَابِ لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ ط مِنْهُمْ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ  
 وَأَكْثَرُهُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ۝

**“YOU ARE THE BEST NATION PRODUCED (AS AN EXAMPLE) FOR MANKIND. YOU ENJOIN WHAT IS RIGHT AND FORBID WHAT IS WRONG AND BELIEVE IN ALLAH. IF ONLY THE PEOPLE OF THE SCRIPTURE HAD BELIEVED, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR THEM. AMONG THEM ARE BELIEVERS BUT MOST OF THEM ARE DEFIANTLY DISOBEDIENT.”**

[SURAH AAL-IMRAAN 3:110]

Where have we dropped to? Instead of calling the Kuffaar to Islam, to najaat (salvation) and Jannah, we are following them in their filth and Kufr. We are following them in dress and culture, celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah and Diwali, adopting their religious rites, entering their churches, bowing to their idols, etc.

We are supposed to be the torchbearers of humanity, leading them out of darkness and into light but we are today being duped and misled ... and from light, we are entering into darkness. May Allah Ta’ala protect us all.

Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said regarding the signs of Qiyamah: **“What I fear most for my nation is misguiding leaders. Some tribes among my nation will worship idols and some tribes among my nation will join the idolaters.”**<sup>5</sup>

### OUR SALVATION

With all these different types of Islam and *isms*, those who are trying to walk the straight path – the Shari’ah – are targeted for being conservative. They are labelled as ‘backward’, ‘orthodox’, ‘traditional’, following Islam of 1400 years ago. They are criticized and mocked.

We know that we are weak but we are trying to hold fast to the Qur’aan Sharief and Sunnah. It does not matter what people think. It does not matter if they say that we are narrow minded. This is our salvation. ...People can call by different names. Glad tidings to the *Ghurabah* (strangers). Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said: **“Islam began as something strange and it will return strange as it began, so glad tidings for the strangers.”**

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<sup>5</sup> Sunan Ibn Majah

Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* also said: **“By Allah, I have left you upon a clear path; its clarity is the same by night or day.”**<sup>6</sup>

**“I have left you with two matters. You will never go astray as long as you hold fast to them: the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Nabi.”**

Follow the Qur’aan and Sunnah. Cling on to it. A Mu’min swims against the tide. No matter what the opposition, a Mu’min conforms to the teachings of Qur’aan Sharief and Sunnah, not to the dictates of the Kuffaar.

## THE SUNNAH

The Sunnah is our shield and armour in the battle against all Baatil forces and fitan. It is through the Sunnah that we draw the special help and protection of Allah Ta’ala.

People ask how to stay firm on the path of Dien - Siratul Mustaqeem – in these times of trials and tribulations. The answer is simple. It is adherence to the Sunnah. If we adopt the Sunnah in all aspects of life, we will be protected from all fitan.

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<sup>6</sup> Sunan Ibn Majah



Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said: **“Verily he among you who lives long will see great controversy, so you must keep to my Sunnah and to the Sunnah of the Khulafa ar-Rashideen, those who guide to the right way. Cling to it stubbornly [literally: with your molar teeth]. Beware of newly invented matters (in the religion), for verily every Bid’ah (innovation) is misguidance.”**<sup>7</sup>

We should ask ourselves: *Am I trying to hold onto the Sunnah as firmly as possible?*

Imam Maalik (*Rahmatullahi ‘alayh*) presented a very apt analogy of the Sunnah:

السُّنَّةُ سَفِينَةُ نُوحٍ مَنْ رَكِبَهَا نَجَا وَمَنْ تَخَلَّفَ عَنْهَا غَرِقَ

*“The Sunnah is like the Ark of Nuh (Alaihis Salaam). Whoever boards it will be saved, and whoever abandons it or does not board it will drown.”*

Hadhrat Nuh (*Alaihis Salaam*) and his followers boarded the ark at a time when the skies had opened up, releasing torrents of rain. From every direction water invaded the land and submerged the earth. There was such a downpour and deluge that all the disbelievers drowned.

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<sup>7</sup> Sunan Abu Dawud

We are living in a time where fitan have flooded and engulfed the world. It is pouring fitan. Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* compared these trials to the rain: **“Verily, I see fitan (trials) descending in your homes like the falling rain.”**<sup>8</sup>

Hadhrat ‘Umar (*Radhiyallahu ‘anhu*) described these severe trials and tribulations which will spread on the earth, to the waves of the ocean, coming from different directions. As the tide rises, each successive wave will be stronger and higher. ...There is no safety and no refuge except in boarding the ark of the Sunnah!

### THE EFFECTS OF ASSOCIATION

You are the company you keep. You are shaped by the company you keep. You will adopt the characteristics of whose company you keep. If you associate with and befriend the wrong people, count yourself as one of them. ...Take note: A mirror reflects the physical appearance but the company you keep reflects who you really are!

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<sup>8</sup> Sahih Al-Bukhari

See who we mix with; who we take advice from. Our companions, our circle of friends and associates all have an undeniable influence. They make or break us.

There is an incident in the life of the great Imam, Ibn Sireen (*Rahmatullahi 'alayh*): A person had come to him and wanted to read an Ayah of the Qur'aan Sharief. Ibn Sireen (*Rahmatullahi 'alayh*) gave the instruction: *“Take him out!”*

When he was told that the person only intended to read from the Qur'aan Sharief, Ibn Sireen (*Rahmatullahi 'alayh*) explained: *“A person on falsehood (Shi'a) may speak the truth, but his falsehood will have an effect on the heart of the listener.”*

Hadhrat Moulana Ashraf Ali Thanwi (*Rahmatullahi 'alayh*) had said: *“If a person of Dien speaks of dunya, there will be nur even in that speech, and if a person on Baatil speaks the truth, there will be zulmat (darkness) in what he says.”*

Once Allamah Khalid Mahmood visited us here at the Darul Uloom in Azaadville. One of our senior Asaatiza mentioned to him that he wanted to study the books of Maududi. ...Maududi was on Haq. He wrote very good kitaabs on the prohibition of interest, on hijab and so forth. Then, he went astray.

Allamah Khalid Mahmood Sahib said: “Never do that. He is so subtle in his writings that you won’t know when you get caught up in his ideas and will start to think like him.”

It is not sufficient that a person is an Aalim, Mufti, Shaykh, Imam, etc. Titles can be by the dozen; what counts and what is important is the reality of the person. What is in the heart will manifest itself. ...How many masks have already fallen off?! And now we see who are friends in Dien and who are not.

This is not an issue of personality and celebrity status or YouTube fame; rather it is what path the person is upon. Is he on Imaan or Kufr? ...Look beyond the surface and the superficial. The one you associate with inevitably influences your Dien – either strengthening it, weakening it or ruining it. May Allah Ta’ala open the eyes of our hearts!

### **AVOID GETTING TRAPPED**

Hadhrat Moulana Jalaluddeen Rumi (*Rahmatullahi ‘alayh*) related an incident of two brothers. They saw, what they thought to be, a very high-quality blanket, floating in the river. Since winter was approaching, the one brother said to the other: “*Go and get the blanket. It will keep us warm during the cold weather.*”

The brother went into the water and swam towards it. After much time passed, the brother who was waiting on the bank of the river, shouted: *“Why are you taking so long? Why aren't you returning with the blanket?”*

The other brother said: *“It won't let me go!”*

The brother asked: *“What won't let you go?”*

The first brother said: *“This is a bear, not a blanket. ...It has caught me and won't let go of me!”*

Similarly, it must not be that we get caught up in Haraam and destroy our Dien. Many a time, we mix with the wrong crowd, attend their functions, listen to their talks, follow them on social media and then get caught and trapped.

Haji Bhai Padia (*Rahmatullahi ‘alayh*) would give very practical advice. He said that if someone is drowning, try to save him. However, if he pulls you down and it is obvious that you will drown as well, then let him go.

When we are going to be pulled into this kind of movement and these fitan which have engulfed the world, it can easily result in ‘drowning’ in Kufr, Shirk and the wrath of Allah Ta’ala. We must always be vigilant so that we are not washed away by interfaith, modernism,

feminism or any other *ism*. We should make Dua for our protection at all times.

Those scholars who are modernising Dien and accommodating what Allah Ta'ala has prohibited, look for something in the Qur'aan Sharief to prove their views. Their proofs have no relevance. This is not how the Ulama present Dien.

Follow the 'Ulama-e-Haq – those who are not swayed by material wealth, nor by name and fame, nor by political power. Keep their company for they remain steadfast on the path of the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jama'ah. They will guide you to the destination of choice: Jannah. The Qur'aan Sharief and Sunnah are their bench mark.

Hadhrat Moulana Rumi (*Rahmatullah 'alayh*) aptly said:

*“Develop contact with a righteous one  
So that through his company you may succeed,  
But search for a guide who is awake in all situations  
So that you too may become awake.  
And if you should remain in the company of the vanquished,  
You too will become vanquished.”*

## ‘DON’T BE JUDGEMENTAL’

People are plundering and killing the Dien, and liberal scholars have jumped onto the bandwagon and are assisting. They are leading the Ummah in the wrong direction. ...They have lost their spiritual bearings and direction and seek to justify even Kufr. And we go on about, ‘*Don’t be judgemental*’, ‘*You don’t know his intention.*’ This is another irrational and foolish argument. Just like the concepts of unity and tolerance, this has also been wrongly construed.

When these scholars are harming the Ummah; damaging the Ummah; breaking the Ummah, we cannot keep quiet. Look at what is evident! ... Amirul Mu’mineen, Hadhrat Umar (*Radhiyallahu ‘anhu*) said: **“We judge by the apparent.”**

Their words and actions are enough to pass judgement. Their actions are against the grain of Shari’ah and in conflict with the teachings of Islam. They do not speak with clarity. There is no straightness in their speech. Their words are the words of the misguided, creating confusion and disunity. There is no reconciliation of what they propagate with what is true Dien! It is necessary to expose them and oppose them.

There are many examples of judging by what is evident. ...A man was brought to the great Sahabi, Hadhrat Abdullah Ibn Mas'ood (Radhiyallahu 'anhu). Wine was dripping from his beard. Looking at him, Hadhrat Abdullah Ibn Mas'ood (Radhiyallahu 'anhu) said: *"We are forbidden to seek out the faults of people. However, if a person does something openly, we will hold him responsible for it."*

Rasulullah Sallallahu alayhi Wasallam said: **"Verily Halaal is clear and verily Haraam is clear. And between them there are certain doubtful matters many people are unaware of. Therefore, who stays away from doubtful matters, he has protected his Dien and honour. And who gets involved in doubtful matters, he would fall into Haraam."**<sup>9</sup>

The animal which grazes near the fence easily strays beyond the boundaries and limits. It will be attacked and beaten up when it trespasses onto another property. The animal that grazes in the middle remains safe. Similarly, when we move into doubtful matters which take us to the borders and limits of Dien, we endanger ourselves. If we go beyond, we will be attacked by the forces of Kufr and Shirk. Safety is remaining in the middle – with the Faraa'idh, Waajibaat and Sunnah.

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<sup>9</sup> Sahih Al-Bukhari / Sahih Muslim



## SHORT CUTS IN DIEN

Unfortunately, what is common with us is taking short cuts in Dien. We leave out Salaah, join two Salaah and abandon so many Commandments of Allah Ta'ala. In this, we destroy ourselves.

Nafs likes everything to be rosy and easy, as such this modern Islam appeals to the nafs: photography, mixing with women, listening to music, etc. and we say: "*Don't sweat the small stuff.*" – *Na'uzu Billah*. However, when it comes to political meetings and sports, then there, our full attention is given. ...How many are the incidents of stampedes and deaths at these sporting and Haraam venues? Sport is honey-coated poison. There is so much of Haraam: gambling, music, match fixings, neglect of Salaah, etc. ...May Allah Ta'ala cleanse our hearts of the obsession and madness of these sports which are a waste of valuable time and embroils us in so much of Haraam.

## FANTASY LEAGUE

One brother wrote and mentioned that there is the Premier League which is the highest level of the English football league system and now there is the 'Fantasy League' where you select your own team of players, then you watch them play and earn points. You compete with

others that are also part of the fantasy league. Millions are addicted. ...The brother mentioned that it has become an obsession. Day and night, one is thinking of his fantasy league and how to win points. How we have lost ourselves in triviality and frivolity! Another good friend acknowledged the stupidity and futility of the 'Fantasy League'. He said it is so – 100% – but it is a bitter pill to swallow.

Our weakness is that we have given our hearts to dunya. There is such an obsessive and compulsive love for dunya that leads us to ghaflat (heedlessness). We become heedless and negligent of Allah Ta'ala's Commandments. We forget our objective in this world; we forget there is Qabr, Qiyamah, Hashr, Jannah and Jahannum. We just live to satisfy and gratify the nafs and in so doing, we abandon and neglect the soul.

### QIYAMAH

All that is unfolding before our eyes – whether it is the fitnah of interfaith, LGBTQ, Irtidaad, etc. are what we were cautioned and informed of as clear signs of the last day. A Muslim's yaqeen (conviction) is on the words of Rasulullah *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam*. His warnings offer us a safety net lest we fall head-long into Haraam and destruction.

In English, it is said: *'Forewarned is forearmed.'* The Qur'aan Sharief and Ahadith warn us over and over again so that we can take precaution and arm ourselves against the onslaught of fitan.

In the Ahadith, it is mentioned that close to Qiyamah there will come to the people years of treachery:

- when the liar will be regarded as honest, and
- the honest man will be regarded as a liar;
- the traitor will be regarded as faithful, and
- the faithful man will be regarded as a traitor; and
- the Ruwaibidah will decide matters.'

It was said: 'Who are the Ruwaibidah?'

He *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam*, said: 'Vile and base men who control the affairs of the people.'"<sup>10</sup>

Hadhrat Anas ibn Maalik (*Radhiyallahu 'anhu*) mentioned regarding the oppression of Hajjaaj: 'Be patient, for no time (year) will come but that the time (year) after it will be worse than it until you meet your Rabb [i.e. until you pass away]. I heard this from your Nabi (*Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam*)."<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Sunan Ibn Majah

<sup>11</sup> Sahih Al-Bukhari

## ONE STRAIGHT PATH

Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Mas'ood (Radhiyallahu 'anhu) reported that Rasulullah Sallallahu alayhi wasallam drew a vertical line in the sand and he said: **“This is the straight path of Allah.”** Then, he Sallallahu alayhi wasallam drew lines to the right and left, saying: **“These are other paths (of divergence). Set upon every one of these paths is a shaytaan calling to its way (after enticing people away from the straight path).”**<sup>12</sup> After that, he Sallallahu alayhi wasallam recited the verse:

وَأَنَّ هَذَا صِرَاطِي مُسْتَقِيمًا فَاتَّبِعُوهُ ۖ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا السُّبُلَ فَتَفَرَّقَ بِكُمْ  
عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ ۗ ذَٰلِكُمْ وَصَّيْتُكُمْ بِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ۝

**“AND: ‘THIS IS MY PATH, STRAIGHT. SO FOLLOW IT AND DO NOT FOLLOW THE (OTHER) WAYS, LEST IT SHOULD TAKE YOU AWAY FROM HIS WAY.’ THIS IS WHAT HE HAS EMPHASIZED FOR YOU, SO THAT YOU MAY BE GOD-FEARING.”**

[SURAH AN`AAM 6 : 153]

The Path of Allah Ta'ala is the religion of Islam; it is One; it is straight and it leads to Jannah. All other paths diverge. They are the paths of shaytaan. They take people away from the truth and lead to the Fire. Interfaith is

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<sup>12</sup> Musnad Ahmad

deviation and departure from the Straight Path. We have to be much on guard and seek Allah Ta'ala's protection and guidance.

Our duty is to convey the truth. However, as is said: *“If the eye does not want to see, neither light nor glasses will help.”* ...Similarly, if the ear does not want to hear, an amplifier will be ineffective. If the heart does not want to accept and take heed, even the truth will not influence and encourage.

May Allah Ta'ala protect us from all fitan, safeguard our Imaan, grant us death on Imaan and grant us salvation in the Aakhirah.

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً ۗ

إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ ۝

**“OUR RABB, DO NOT CAUSE OUR HEARTS TO STRAY AFTER YOU HAVE GUIDED US. BESTOW UPON US YOUR MERCY FOR VERILY YOU ARE THE GREAT GIVER.”**

[SURAH AAL IMRAAN, VERSE 8]

## THE AMBIYAA (AS) AND THEIR REJECTION OF SHIRK

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Interfaith is being presented to the world as the Abrahamic religion – attributing their unity to Hadhrat Ibraheem (*Alaihis Salaam*) – who was a monotheist. He worshipped One Allah whereas both Christianity and Judaism have elements of Shirk.

The Christians embrace Shirk with their belief in the trinity. A group among the Jews claimed that Uzair was the son of God and they too fell into Shirk:

وَقَالَتِ الْيَهُودُ عُزَيْرٌ ابْنُ اللَّهِ وَقَالَتِ النَّصَارَى الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ ذَلِكَ قَوْلُهُمْ  
بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ يُضَاهِيُونَ قَوْلَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ قَتَلْتَهُمُ اللَّهُ زَانِي يُؤْفَكُونَ ۝

**“THE JEWS SAY, ‘UZAIR IS THE SON OF ALLAH’; AND THE CHRISTIANS SAY, ‘THE MESSIAH IS THE SON OF ALLAH.’ THAT IS THEIR STATEMENT FROM THEIR MOUTHS; THEY IMITATE THE SAYING OF THOSE WHO DISBELIEVED BEFORE (THEM). MAY ALLAH DESTROY THEM; HOW ARE THEY DELUDED?”**

[SURAH AT-TAUBAH 9:30]

## HADHRAT IBRAHEEM (ALAIHIS SALAAM)

Hadhrat Ibraheem's (*Alaihis Salaam*) aversion for Shirk was manifest in his destroying the many idols that his people worshipped. He did not adopt any kind of "unity" and "tolerance" with his people regarding their idol worship; rather he took an axe and he broke their idols, one after the other, without any hesitation or regret. There can be no reconciliation with this great Nabi of Allah Ta'ala and the interfaith movement.

### NO COMPROMISE

It is mentioned in the Tafsier of Surah Al-Kaafiroon that the pagans of Makkah Mukarramah approached Rasulullah *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam* with various proposals, including the following compromise: *"At least touch some of our gods and we will believe in you."*

The request was to touch the idols; not worship them. This was also in view of proposing tolerance, leniency and some kind of acceptance. It was upon this that Allah Ta'ala revealed Surah Al-Kaafiroon, decisively and strongly prohibiting any kind of compromise. There is absolutely no scope for negotiation in the principles and beliefs of Islam.

## RASULULLAH (SALLALLAAHU ‘ALAYHI WASALLAM)

The entire Seerah affirms that Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* had an absolute hatred for Shirk and idol worship from his childhood days. He could not tolerate it and kept far away from such practices. He never participated in anything remotely affiliated to idol worship. On the Conquest of Makkah, there were 360 idols in and around the Ka’bah Sharief. Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* struck them down with a stick while reciting the Ayah:

وَقُلْ جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَزَهَقَ الْبَاطِلُ إِنَّ الْبَاطِلَ كَانَ زَهُوقًا ۝

**“AND SAY: ‘TRUTH (I.E. ISLAMIC MONOTHEISM OR THIS QUR’AAN OR JIHAD AGAINST POLYTHEISTS) HAS COME AND BAATIL (FALSEHOOD) HAS VANISHED. SURELY! BAATIL IS EVER BOUND TO VANISH.’”**

[SURAH AL-ISRA 17:81]

Hadhrat ‘Amr bin Abasah (*Radhiyallahu ‘anhu*) asked Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam*: “With what were you sent?”

He said: **“I was sent to uphold the ties of kinship, to break the idols, and so that Allah would be worshipped alone with no partner or associate.”**<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> Sahih Muslim



After the conquest of Makkah Mukarramah, Rasulallah Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam sent the Sahabah (*Radhiyallahu ‘anhum*) to destroy the idols, Uzza, Manaat and Suwaa. The people were also instructed to destroy the idols they kept in their homes. Idol-worship was fully uprooted and the land was purged of idolatry.

### HADHRAT ISA (ALAIHIS SALAAM)

It is mentioned in the Ahadith regarding the Nuzool (descent) of Hadhrat Isa (*Alaihis Salaam*), that he will break the cross – signalling the abolishment of Christianity. Nabi Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam said: **“The Hour will not be established until the son of Maryam descends amongst you as a just ruler, he will break the cross, kill the pigs and abolish the Jizya tax....”**<sup>14</sup>

Our entire Dien of Islam and the way of all the Ambiyaa (*Alaihimus Salaam*) express abomination and rejection of Shirk yet the interfaith scholars of today visit churches, carry candles and participate in vigils, respectfully listen to others read from their scriptures, etc. They, themselves, will not dare to read those verses of the Qur’aan Sharief which expressly state the grievous punishment of hellfire for those who commit Shirk or

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<sup>14</sup> Sahih Al-Bukhari

even point out the ambiguities and errors found in their beliefs. ...And this is adequate proof to show their deviance from the Straight Path of Islam.

### NIFAAQ

Hadhrat Wasiullah (*Rahmatullahi 'alayh*) had said in his time: “*The currency of the time is nifaaq (hypocrisy).*”

What to say in our time? ...Dressed in the garb of the scholars, manipulating and influencing the masses using the words of the Qur'aan Sharief and Sunnah, collaborating with the enemies of Islam and raising the flag of Kufr, we have predators destroying from within!

On the same note of interfaith, we find that in the Arab world, cathedrals and temples are being built. Those who identify as Arabs and Muslims – in various countries – are honouring and participating in idol worship, Hanukkah candle-lighting ceremonies, Christmas, etc. All of these affiliations and collaborations are with the same intent: interfaith. This is the materialisation of the prophecy of Rasulullah *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam* who said: **“The Hour shall not be established until tribes of my Ummah unite with the idolaters and until they worship idols.”**<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> Jami` at-Tirmidhi

## THE REMINDERS

The interfaith movement should not even be a fitnah for us. In the Sunnah, we find Surah Kaafiroon and Surah Ikhlaas brought together time and again.

- In the Sunnah of Fajr, it is Sunnah to read Surah Kaafiroon and Ikhlaas.
- In the Sunnah of Maghrib, it is Sunnah to read the same two Surahs.
- In the two Rakaats after Witr, it is Sunnah to read Surah Zilzaal and Surah Kaafiroon
- In the two Rakaats which are read before travelling out, it is Sunnah to read Surah Kaafiroon and Surah Ikhlaas.
- In the two Rakaats which are read after Tawaaf, it is Sunnah to read these same two Surahs.
- Before sleeping, it is Sunnah to read Surah Kaafiroon. Rasulullah *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam* said: **“Recite Surah Kaafiroon before sleeping, for it is a protection from Shirk (polytheism).”**<sup>16</sup>

The message of Surah Kaafiroon is clear as daylight: There is no integration and no union of religions.

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<sup>16</sup> Sunan Tirmidhi

The message of Surah Ikhlāas is being further impressed on our hearts and minds, repeatedly: There is only One Allah.

Similarly, when we wake up, we read the Dua:

أَصْبَحْنَا عَلَىٰ فِطْرَةِ الْإِسْلَامِ ، وَ كَلِمَةِ الْإِحْلَاصِ ، وَ دِينِ نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ ،  
وَ مِلَّةِ أَبِينَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ ، حَنِيفًا مُسْلِمًا وَ مَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ

*We witness the morning on the fitrah (natural way) of Islam, and the word of Ikhlāas (Sincerity) and the Dien of our Nabi Muhammad (Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam) and the ‘milla’ (way) of our father, Ibraheem (Alaihis Salaam) – Haneef (pure from Shirk) and Muslim.*

When we carry out the great Ibaadah of Qurbani, we again free ourselves of Shirk.

إِنِّي وَجَّهْتُ وَجْهِيَ لِلَّذِي فَطَرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ عَلَىٰ مِلَّةِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ حَنِيفًا  
وَ مَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ  
إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَبِذَلِكَ  
أُمِرْتُ وَأَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

اللَّهُمَّ مِنْكَ وَلَكَ عَن مُحَمَّدٍ وَأُمَّتِهِ بِاسْمِ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

*Verily I have turned my face to Him Who has created the heavens and the earth, upon the creed of Ibraheem (Alaihis Salaam) – Haneef (free from Shirk) and I am not from the polytheists. My Salaah, my rights of sacrifice, my life and death are all for Allah, Rabb of the worlds. He has no partner.*

*With this, I have been commanded and I am among the Muslims. O Allah, from You and to You, from Muhammad Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam and his Ummah. In the name of Allah, and Allah is Most Great.*

It should be impossible for even an ordinary Muslim to subscribe to interfaith – because it is so clearly false. It cannot be reconciled with Islam in any way – yet interfaith is being validated and sanctioned by liberal scholars.

When intoxicated by the love of dunya and love for name and fame, it becomes extremely easy to sacrifice one’s principles and ethics; even one’s religion. These scholars have become slaves of the governments. Their alliance may be very lucrative in this world but it will prove to be a miserable pact in the next world – unless sincere Taubah is made.

May Allah Ta’ala guide us and protect us.



## DA'WAH AND INTERFAITH

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We live in a time where we face a tsunami of fitan and a great onslaught on our Imaan. Sadly, we find so many learned people have been persuaded to jump onto the interfaith bandwagon and they present spurious and worthless arguments in its favour.

Some mix Da'wah with interfaith. These are two different invitations. Da'wah is inviting others to Islam – to the perfection, purity and beauty of Islam. On the other hand, interfaith is joining with other 'religions' on equal terms – which is Kufr.

We should be wary not to moderate Da'wah with the call of interfaith – by combining two very different ideas and calling them the same thing. Doing so will lead a person far off the path of Islam.

During the time of Rasulallah *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam* the efforts made to address the Kuffaar, engage in discussion with them and answer their questions was on the basis of Da'wah and never interfaith. The superiority of Islam was always focal. At no stage was anyone given

the platform in the Masjid to laud the virtues of his religion, to offer prayers according to his faith or praise his idols or gods. ...Because Islam is meant to dominate, overcome and conquer all religious systems, not accommodate them.

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ ۚ  
وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ ۝

**“HE IT IS WHO SENT HIS MESSENGER WITH GUIDANCE AND THE RELIGION OF TRUTH (ISLAM), THAT HE MIGHT CAUSE IT TO PREVAIL OVER ALL RELIGIONS, THOUGH THE POLYTHEISTS MAY DETEST IT.”**

[SURAH AT-TAUBAH 9 : 33]

Yes, in our interaction with non-Muslims, we show good character, fulfil the rights of employers, employees, neighbours and others. We interact with them as per the requirements of Islam. We should take these as opportunities to present the beautiful teachings of Islam.

Moreover, it is acceptable to debate them in the matter of religion and expose the falsehood they stand on. However, there is no concession to join with them in candlelit vigils, in readings from their scriptures, bowing to their idols, visiting their places of worship, etc. – happy that all unite in harmony.

Allah Ta'ala warns us that the Kuffaar – the Jews, Christians, idol-worshippers and hypocrites – conceal within their hearts, great animosity for the Believers:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا بِطَانَةَ مَنْ دُونَكُمْ لَا يَأْلُونَكُمْ خَبَالًا ۖ  
 وَدُّوا مَا عَنِتُّمْ ۗ قَدْ بَدَتِ الْبَغْضَاءُ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ ۖ وَمَا تُخْفِي صُدُورُهُمْ أَكْبَرُ ۗ  
 قَدْ بَيَّنَّا لَكُمْ الْآيَاتِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ۝

**“O YOU WHO BELIEVE! TAKE NOT AS (YOUR) BITANAH (ADVISORS, CONSULTANTS, PROTECTORS, HELPERS, FRIENDS, ETC.) THOSE OUTSIDE YOUR RELIGION (PAGANS, JEWS, CHRISTIANS AND HYPOCRITES) SINCE THEY WILL NOT FAIL TO DO THEIR BEST TO CORRUPT YOU. THEY DESIRE TO HARM YOU SEVERELY. HATRED HAS ALREADY APPEARED FROM THEIR MOUTHS, BUT WHAT THEIR HEARTS CONCEAL IS FAR WORSE. INDEED, WE HAVE MADE PLAIN TO YOU THE AYAAT (PROOFS, EVIDENCES, VERSES) IF YOU UNDERSTAND.”**

[SURAH AAL-IMRAAN 3 : 118]

Hadhrat Mufti Muhammad Shafi (*Rahmatullahi alayh*) explained in his Tafsir, Ma'ariful Qur'aan, that while Islam gives instructions to treat non-Muslims with good conduct and justice, we are also given mandatory instructions so that we, the Ummah as well as the hallmarks and features of Islam remain protected.



Boundaries have been set and we are not allowed to go beyond these boundaries lest we open doors that will endanger us. Interfaith is such a door that has been opened and which threatens our Imaan. It is falsehood and destruction for the one who follows it.

Rasulullah *Sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam* said: **“I have left you with two matters. You will never go astray as long as you hold fast to them: the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Nabi.”** ...Islam is clear. It is our salvation. Do not unwittingly sacrifice the hereafter by following blindly anything and everything that comes into vogue. The majority on the face of the earth have rejected Allah Ta'ala; they are astray. They, being the majority, should not influence us to follow their ways and destroy ourselves:

وَإِنْ تُطِيعُوا أَكْثَرَ مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ لِيُضِلُّوكَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ط إِنَّ يَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا الظَّنَّ  
وَإِنْ هُمْ إِلَّا يَخْرُصُونَ

**“IF YOU OBEY THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE ON EARTH, THEY WILL TAKE YOU ASTRAY FROM ALLAH’S PATH. THEY FOLLOW NOTHING BUT CONJECTURE AND DO NOTHING BUT LIE”.**

[SURAH AN’AAM 6 : 116]

May Allah Ta'ala guide and protect us all from all fitan.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

## LEADERS WHO MISGUIDE

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On the day of Qiyamah, those who followed the wrong people will complain to Allah Ta’ala:

وَقَالُوا رَبَّنَا إِنَّا أَطَعْنَا سَادَتَنَا وَكُبْرَاءَنَا فَأَضَلُّونَا السَّبِيلًا ۝

**“AND THEY WILL SAY: ‘OUR LORD! VERILY, WE OBEYED OUR CHIEFS AND OUR GREAT ONES, AND THEY MISLED US FROM THE (RIGHT) WAY.”**

[SURAH AHZAAB 33: 67]

And of course, on the day of Qiyamah everything will become very clear. They will realise those whom they followed and obeyed – their leaders, chiefs and elders – were people who misled them and took them in the wrong direction. On that Day, when it will be too late and they find themselves going into Jahannam, into its severe punishment, they will make *badd* Dua for their leaders:

رَبَّنَا آتِهِمْ ضِعْفَيْنِ مِنَ الْعَذَابِ وَالْعَنْهُمْ لَعْنًا كَبِيرًا ۝

**“OUR LORD, GIVE THEM DOUBLE THE PUNISHMENT, AND SEND A CURSE ON THEM, AN ENORMOUS CURSE.”**

[SURAH AL- AHZAAB 33: 68]

...O Allah, increase their punishment; double it and pour Your curses upon them, over and over.

These are realities which the Qur'aan Sharief explains. It will happen. May Allah Ta'ala save us all. ...We must take lesson that we have to be very careful and vigilant as to whom we are following. We must not be amongst those who follow the wrong people, nor must we be of those who mislead the people, directing to the wrong and towards Jahannum.

This applies to all of us. As the husband for our wives: Are we leading them in the wrong direction? Are we influencing or coercing them to do the wrong deeds? As the parents and the fathers of our families: Are we leading our families in the wrong direction?

We must not think this refers to other people. We ourselves must be wary not to follow the wrong people. We must also not lead others towards the wrong.

In the Qur'aan Sharief, these same people who followed their leaders will argue with them:

وَأَقْبَلَ بَعْضُهُمْ عَلَىٰ بَعْضٍ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ ۚ قَالُوا إِنَّا كُنْتُمْ تَأْتُونَنَا عَنِ الْيَمِينِ ۖ  
قَالُوا بَلْ لَمْ تَكُونُوا مُؤْمِنِينَ ۗ وَمَا كَانَ لَنَا عَلَيْكُمْ مِن سُلْطَانٍ ۚ بَلْ كُنْتُمْ قَوْمًا  
طَٰغِينَ ۖ فَحَقَّ عَلَيْنَا قَوْلُ رَبِّنَا ۚ إِنَّا لَذَٰئِقُونَ ۖ  
فَأَعْوَبْنَا كُنْتُمْ إِنَّا كُنَّا غَاوِينَ ۖ

“AND THEY WILL TURN ON ONE ANOTHER ACCUSINGLY. THEY WILL SAY: “YOU CAME TO US FROM A POSITION OF POWER [I.E., ORDERED US WITH POLYTHEISM / STOPPED US FROM THE TRUTH].”

THEY WILL REPLY: “NO! IT WAS YOU WHO WOULD NOT BELIEVE - WE HAD NO AUTHORITY OVER YOU - AND YOU WERE ALREADY EXCEEDING ALL LIMITS. OUR LORD’S SENTENCE ON US IS JUST AND WE MUST ALL TASTE THE PUNISHMENT. WE LED YOU ASTRAY AS WE OURSELVES WERE ASTRAY.”

[SURAH AS-SAFFAAT 37:27-32]

The laypeople ... the public ... awaam ... will blame their leaders but in vain. May Allah Ta’ala save us from that situation.

Shaytaan too will present his argument:

وَقَالَ الشَّيْطَانُ لَمَّا قُضِيَ الْأَمْرُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَعَدَكُمْ وَعَدَ الْحَقِّ وَوَعَدْتُكُمْ  
فَأَخْلَفْتُكُمْ ۖ وَمَا كَانَ لِي عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ سُلْطَانٍ إِلَّا أَنْ دَعَوْتُكُمْ فَاسْتَجَبْتُمْ لِي ۚ  
فَلَا تُلْهُمُونِي وَلَوْلُمْؤَا أَنفُسِكُمْ ۖ مَا أَنَا بِمُصْرِخِكُمْ وَمَا أَنْتُمْ بِمُصْرِخِيَّ ۗ إِنِّي  
كَفَرْتُ بِمَا أَشْرَكْتُمُونِ مِنْ قَبْلُ ۗ إِنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ۝

**“AND SHAYTAAN WILL SAY WHEN THE MATTER HAS BEEN CONCLUDED, ‘INDEED, ALLAH HAD PROMISED YOU THE PROMISE OF TRUTH. AND I PROMISED YOU, BUT I BETRAYED YOU. BUT I HAD NO AUTHORITY OVER YOU EXCEPT THAT I INVITED YOU AND YOU RESPONDED TO ME. SO DO NOT BLAME ME; BUT BLAME YOURSELVES. I CANNOT BE CALLED TO YOUR AID, NOR CAN YOU BE CALLED TO MY AID. INDEED, I DENY YOUR ASSOCIATION OF ME (WITH ALLAH) BEFORE. INDEED, FOR THE WRONGDOERS IS A PAINFUL PUNISHMENT.’”**

[SURAH IBRAHEEM 14: 22]

Regarding all of the above, we are facing a fitnah of a different kind - with many scholars and Imams misleading the masses instead of guiding them in the direction of salvation.

Today, we find scholars who are endorsing interfaith, usury, LGBTQ and other vices. Haraam is made Halaal. These scholars sugar-coat poison and serve it to the Ummah. Following them will lead to evils which can easily invalidate and nullify a person’s Imaan. As such, there is a need to caution, inform and advise so that we can be selective on who we take as our leaders.

## THE MOST SEVERELY PUNISHED

Rasulullah *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam* said:

أَشَدُّ النَّاسِ عَذَابًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ رَجُلٌ قَتَلَهُ نَبِيٌّ أَوْ قَتَلَ نَبِيًّا وَإِمَامٌ ضَلَالَةٍ  
وَمُمَثِّلٌ مِنَ الْمُمَثِّلِينَ

**“The people punished most severely on the Day of Resurrection are a man who was killed by a Nabi or who killed a Nabi, an Imam of misguidance, and a sculptor of graven images.”<sup>17</sup>**

This Hadith mentions three categories of people who will be punished most severely on the Day of Qiyamah.

- **A person killed by a Nabi of Allah Ta’ala.**

All the Ambiyaa (*Alaihimus Salaam*) are embodiments of mercy and kindness. How wretched must be the person and how evil his actions must be that a Messenger of Allah Ta’ala has to kill him?!

- **Or a person who killed a Nabi.**

A Nabi is an embodiment of Mercy and Kindness, through and through! He only wants good for everyone, in every way, everywhere! How wretched must be the one who kills such a noble soul?!

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<sup>17</sup> Musnad Ahmad

- **An Imam who misguides his people**

In this same category of wicked, contemptible people are those leaders who misguide their followers, leading them in the direction of wrong and evil, to the displeasure of Allah Ta'ala and to the Fire of Jahannam!!

In another Hadith, Rasulullah *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam* said: **“What I fear most for my nation is misguiding leaders...”**<sup>18</sup>

These are leaders, scholars and Imams who misinform the people and distort the teachings of Dien for a paltry sliver of dunya.

The last category mentioned in the Hadith are:

- **The ones who sculpt images or make pictures (of animate objects)!!!**

In another Hadith, it is stated: **“The people who will receive the severest punishment from Allah will be the picture makers.”**<sup>19</sup>

What serious matters and how important to guard against these evils! No matter what excuses we make and

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<sup>18</sup> Sunan Ibn Majah

<sup>19</sup> Sahih Al-Bukhari

what explanations we give, these are such sins which draw terrible and severe punishment!!!

### INTERFAITH SCHOLARS

There is a saying and it is a reality also: *“If you lie down with the dogs, you will wake up with fleas.”* ...That is, keeping the company of wrongdoers will have harmful consequences. Often, their misdeeds and crimes are infectious and the person falls into transgression. Moreover, you are known by the company you keep.

Presently, we find scholars who are bedfellows with the Shi'as, Christians and Jews, and they have joined the interfaith club, participating in Christian vigils, visiting temples, synagogues, etc. They misrepresent the teachings of the Qur'aan and Sunnah, persuading the people towards this great fitnah of interfaith; advocating that all should join with Christians, Jews and others in the name of unity - *Na'uz Billah*. These scholars should think as to what their position will be in the hereafter. Their actions, speech and conduct belie the knowledge they have. They have become leaders who mislead and misguide.

Of course, there is still an opportunity to sincerely repent. However, if they remain collaborators and



“clubmates” with the enemies of Islam, then this affiliation will cause them to rise up with such people on the Day of Qiyamah. ...On that day, those who had rejected Allah Ta’ala – the Christians, Jews, Hindus and others will become eternal companions in Jahannum. May Allah Ta’ala protect us.

Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said: **“Whoever is pleased with the action of a nation, then he is a partner to their action.”**<sup>20</sup>

Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* also said:

الْمَرْءُ مَعَ مَنْ أَحَبَّ

“A person is with whom he loves.”

It is mentioned in another Hadith: **“...And a person does not love a nation except that he will be raised with them (on the Day of Qiyamah).”**<sup>21</sup>

That is, you will be with whom you love and who you want to be with. If friendship and love is with Christians, Jews, Shi’as and Hindus, what a bad condition and what disgrace there will be on the Day of Qiyamah. How grievous the outcome of this association and friendship.

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<sup>20</sup> Kanz-ul-Ummaal

<sup>21</sup> Al Mu’jamul Awsat

## CONCEALING THE TRUTH

Taking into account all that is unfolding, we find that often the truth is concealed or altered by such scholars. Their similarity is like the Jewish scholars who altered the Words of Allah Ta'ala, deceiving and misleading their people.

وَإِنَّ مِنْهُمْ لَفَرِيقًا يَلُونُ أَلْسِنَتَهُمْ بِالْكِتَابِ لِتَحْسَبُوهُ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَمَا هُوَ مِنَ  
الْكِتَابِ ۚ وَيَقُولُونَ هُوَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ وَمَا هُوَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ ۚ وَيَقُولُونَ  
عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكَذِبَ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ ۝

**“AND INDEED, THERE IS AMONG THEM A PARTY WHO ALTER THE SCRIPTURE WITH THEIR TONGUES SO YOU MAY THINK IT IS FROM THE SCRIPTURE, BUT IT IS NOT FROM THE SCRIPTURE. AND THEY SAY: ‘THIS IS FROM ALLAH,’ BUT IT IS NOT FROM ALLAH. AND THEY TELL LIES ABOUT ALLAH WHILE THEY KNOW.”**

[SURAH AAL- IMRAAN 3: 78]

Allah Ta'ala also says:

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

**“INDEED, THEY WHO CONCEAL WHAT ALLAH HAS SENT DOWN OF THE BOOK AND EXCHANGE IT FOR A SMALL PRICE - THEY CONSUME NOTHING INTO THEIR BELLIES EXCEPT THE 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.”**

أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ اشْتَرُوا الضَّلَالََةَ بِالْهُدَى وَالْعَذَابَ بِالْمَغْفِرَةِ ۚ فَمَا أَصْبَرَهُمْ عَلَى النَّارِ ۝  
 ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ نَزَّلَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ ۖ وَإِنَّ الَّذِينَ اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ لَفِي شِقَاقٍ بَعِيدٍ ۝

**“THOSE ARE THEY WHO HAVE PURCHASED MISGUIDANCE AT THE PRICE OF GUIDANCE, AND TORMENT AT THE PRICE OF FORGIVENESS. HOW PATIENT THEY ARE FOR THE FIRE!”**

[SURAH AL-BAQARAH 2 : 174/5]

In the Tafsier of these Aayaat, we learn that there were Jewish scholars who fell into corruption and would issue incorrect rulings in favour of those who bribed them. They would go to the extent of even changing the verses of the Taurah to appease such people.

Hadhrat Mufti Muhammad Shafi Sahib (*Rahmatullahi ‘alayh*) mentioned in his Tafsier, *Ma’ariful Qur’aan*, that in this Ayah, there is a warning for the Ulama of the Ummah of Rasulallah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam*. They should be wary not to fall into the same evil – concealing

the Commandments of Allah Ta'ala for material gain or other worldly motives.

Those who conceal the truth or alter Allah Ta'ala's Commandments for a few miserable pennies of this world are, in fact, consuming the fire. Allah Ta'ala mentions the consequences:

- He will not speak to them on the Day of Qiyamah.
- He will not purify them, that is by His Forgiveness.
- They will have to contend with a painful punishment.

This, because these scholars opted for misguidance and punishment over guidance and forgiveness. Allah Ta'ala describes them as persistent and bold in their pursuit for Jahannum.

We should thus be very alert as to who we follow and in which direction we are going. May Allah Ta'ala guide us and protect us and keep us steadfast on our Dien.

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## TYPES OF KUFR

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*From the Tafsier Lessons of  
Hadhrat Moulana Abdul Hamid Is'haq Sahib (DB)*

The Arabic word 'Kufr' refers to covering up and concealing something. In the terminology of Shari'ah, this means concealing the truth by not believing in Allah Ta'ala and Rasulullah Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam. Kufr is the opposite of Imaan – which is to believe in Allah Ta'ala and His Rasul Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam.

Hadhrat Maulana Idris Kandehlawi (*Rahmatullahi 'alayh*) had given a very detailed and beneficial explanation of the different types of Kufr, taken from the teachings of Imam Ghazali (*Rahmatullahi 'alayh*) and Imam Raazi (*Rahmatullahi 'alayh*).

Five types of Kufr were discussed by Hadhrat Maulana Idris Kandehlawi (*Rahmatullahi 'alayh*) which leave us with much to introspect regarding the spiritual condition of our own hearts. Each one of us needs to reflect where we stand, correct ourselves and make Dua for the protection of our Imaan; otherwise, it is very easy to lose one's Imaan. The Hadith mentions that a time will

come when “...a man will be a Believer in the morning but a disbeliever by the evening, and a Believer in the evening but a disbeliever in the morning...”<sup>22</sup>

We should understand that in the Qabr there is only Imaan and Kufr. If a person leaves this world with Imaan, he has secured everything; if he leaves with Kufr, then the consequences are most severe.

### 1.) KUFUR-E-TAKZEEB (REJECTION)

This Kufr is where a person falsifies and disbelieves in the essentials of Dien. Imaan-e-Mufassal covers all the essentials; seven fundamental beliefs in:

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| 1. Allah Ta’ala   | 6. Taqdeer       |
| 2. His Angels     | (Predestination) |
| 3. His Books      | 7. Resurrection  |
| 4. His Messengers | (after death).   |
| 5. The Last Day   |                  |

If a person disbelieves in any one of these, he has committed Kufr. Very sadly, there are those who perform Salaah but they say that certain beliefs do not make sense to them and they cannot accept it. ...This is Kufr. Our

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<sup>22</sup> Sahih Muslim

Imaan is on everything that Rasulullah *Sallallaahu alayhi wasallam* conveyed to us.

Imam Raazi (*Rahmatullah 'alayh*) had given a comprehensive definition of Imaan: It entails acceptance with the heart and to attest with the tongue (i.e. *Tasdeeq bil Qalb wa Iqraar bil lisaan*). A person should make known that he is a Muslim. ...Of course, if the person is mute, this will not be possible. However, he could acknowledge in writing or in some other way. A person may also be under persecution and forced to say words of Kufr. He will be regarded a Believer so long as his heart is firm on Imaan.

When a person is interested in accepting Islam, we should explain to him Imaan-e-Mujmal and Mufassal. If the person accepts these beliefs, we should not delay in having him recite the Kalima. He should be made to say the Shahadah immediately.

## **2.) KUFR OF ISTIKBAAR (PRIDE)**

This is the Kufr of pride which shaytaan is guilty of. It is disbelief stemming from pride and arrogance even though the truth is known.

Shaytaan believed in Allah Ta'ala, saw Allah Ta'ala; lived amidst the angels, lived in Jannah and saw what is 'ghaib'

(the unseen world). His yaqeen is greater than ours but his Kufr is due to his pride. He refused to fulfil the Command of Allah Ta'ala to prostrate to Hadhrat Aadam (*Alaihis Salaam*). This rejection was because of his pride. He even argued his stance, saying that he was better than Hadhrat Aadam (*Alaihis Salaam*).

...The Sajdah, which was required from him, was not in the worship of Hadhrat Aadam (*Alaihis Salaam*); it was the fulfilment of Allah Ta'ala Command.

Then, there were the Jews of Madina Munawwarah. They recognised Rasulullah *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam* as they would recognise their own sons. They, in fact, made Hijrah to Madina Munawwarah and settled there because they were expecting the arrival of Rasulullah *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam*. Since he was not from amongst them, their pride and jealousy prevented them from accepting. Not only did they reject, they were the cause of a great mischief. Allah Ta'ala mentions:

فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ مَا عَرَفُوا كَفَرُوا بِهِ

**“...WHEN THERE CAME TO THEM THAT WHICH THEY  
RECOGNIZED, THEY DISBELIEVED IN IT...”**

[SURAH AL-BAQARAH 2 : 89]



الَّذِينَ آتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يَعْرِفُونَهُ كَمَا يَعْرِفُونَ أَبْنَاءَهُمْ ط

**“...THOSE TO WHOM WE GAVE THE SCRIPTURE KNOW HIM AS  
THEY KNOW THEIR OWN SONS...”**

[SURAH AL-BAQARAH 2 : 146]

The same pride was evident in the Mushrikeen of Makkah Mukarramah. They too rejected the message of Rasulullah Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam although they gave him the noble titles of Al-Ameen and As-Sawdiq.

We learn that pride is such a dangerous quality that it does not allow a person to accept what is the truth.

In our times, there are many who, due to their pride, say: *“Why must I listen to the Ulama?”/ “Who are they to tell me what to do?”* ... This pride prevents us from listening to the truth and accepting it.

If any Aalim is saying and doing the wrong thing, then indeed, one should not listen. However, there are the Ulama-e-Haq who are teaching Dien correctly; teaching what is Qur’aan Sharief and Ahadith. If, on this basis, we say: *“Why must I listen?”* then this is indirectly saying: *“Why must I listen to the message of Allah Ta’ala and His Rasul Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam?”* ...How dangerous a statement!

If we belittle and mock the Ulama-e-Haq due to our pride and thinking of ourselves as superior because of worldly wealth and position or worldly/secular education, then we should keep in mind that this was the condition of the munafiqeen (hypocrites) who considered themselves superior and regarded the Sahaba-e-Kiraam (*Radhiyallahu 'anhum*) as foolish, and belittled them – *Na'uzu Billah*.

قَالُوا أَتُؤْمِنُ كَمَا آمَنَ السُّفَهَاءُ

**“THEY SAID: ‘SHOULD WE BELIEVE AS THE FOOLISH HAVE BELIEVED?’”**

[SURAH AL-BAQARAH 2 : 13]

They considered the Sahaba-e-Kiraam (*Radhiyallahu 'anhum*) as people who were simple and with little knowledge; they saw them as gullible and merely going along with what they were told. The munafiqeen saw themselves as knowing more. Allah Ta'ala responded and labelled them foolish and ignorant:

أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ هُمُ السُّفَهَاءُ وَلَكِنْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ۝

**“UNQUESTIONABLY, IT IS THEY (THE MUNAFIQUEEN) WHO ARE THE FOOLISH, BUT THEY KNOW [IT] NOT.”**

[SURAH AL-BAQARAH 2 : 13]

May Allah Ta'ala purify us of these spiritual diseases.

### 3.) KUFRAH-E-I'RAADH (TURNING AWAY)

This is a type of Kufr where a person turns away from the truth; he ignores it or avoids the truth and shows no interest in learning the truth. The majority on the face of the earth have not accepted Imaan and Islam. They have turned their faces away from Islam. This is Kufr.

Islam is known by all. Islam and Muslims are often the focus in the media. Though the media portrays and propagates tremendous negativity of Islam, many non-Muslims choose to research and find out more. They purchase English copies of the Qur'aan Sharief, seeking to know more. Alhamdulillah, many then accept Islam. Moreover, the Azaan is called throughout the world, five times a day. Whether they like it or not, it is an invitation to Islam. Similarly, the Sunnah dressing of the Muslim is a means of Da'wah without any speech.

#### THE CHILD

A person may ask: *“When a child is born in a Christian home, Jewish home or Hindu home, the child is innocent. What wrong did he do?”*

The Hadith mentions that every child is born on Fitrah, that is with a natural inclination to Islam. Although the

parents may bring him up in another religion, what is required is for him or her to seek out the truth.

We find with our little children of 3 and 4 years of age; they don't stop asking questions. Everything is, "*Why this?*", "*Why that?*", "*Why...?*"

If we have to ask them: "*Why did you do this?*"

They reply: "*Because...*" They have no answer but they want answers all the time. This shows us that it is a natural quality of a human being to ask. It is the natural learning process.

In fact, the child is like a blank slate and when he asks, we have the perfect opportunity to embed in his heart and mind, Imaan and Islam; the love of Allah Ta'ala and His Rasul *Sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam*. We should take advantage of this time in their lives because they are like sponges which will absorb anything. Let it be that they absorb Dien and only good.

We too should be asking. Asking shows our interest and will lead us to the Ma'rifat of Allah Ta'ala. ...Who took out the sun today? Who created me? Who created the beautiful colours of the flowers, etc.? Who created the fruit and vegetables? ...Everything points to a Creator. If

behind the cell-phone, car, etc. we all acknowledge that there is a manufacturer, then behind this entire universe, there must be a Creator!

Ignorance is no excuse. In Islam, it is a punishable crime. Allah Ta'ala tells us that if we don't know, ask the people who know; ask the Ulama-e-Haq.

### A REVERT

Recently, we met a person who accepted Islam. He was a staunch, practising Christian who believed in the trinity. It was then brought to his attention that Isa (*Alaihis Salaam*), whom they call Jesus Christ, is not the son of God and cannot be worshipped. He thought to himself: *Over a billion people are following Christianity and worshipping Jesus Christ. How can so many be doing something wrong? If we are wrong, why doesn't God send a reformer?*

This brother then had a dream in which he saw a vision of Allah Ta'ala and he also saw Hazrat Isa (*Alaihis Salaam*). However, Hazrat Isa (*Alaihis Salaam*) turned away from him (because of his wrong beliefs). He then asked Allah Ta'ala: *"We were born as Christians. If our worship of Jesus Christ is wrong, why don't You make it known to us so that we follow the right way."*

In the dream, Allah Ta'ala replied: *“There is enough proof in the world of Tauheed<sup>23</sup>. It is up to you to look for it.”*

He discussed this with a friend who informed him that Muslims believe that Isa (*Alaihis Salaam*) is a Messenger of Allah Ta'ala; not the son of God and not to be worshipped. These are Islamic teachings and beliefs. Alhamdulillah, this became a means of his coming into Islam.

Allah Ta'ala has granted us Aql (intelligence). The onus is on the individual to seek the truth. We too should search for the Truth and not wait for it to come to us. It is our duty to seek it – like how we seek a treatment for an illness or how we seek our sustenance. Far more important than finding a cure or seeking sustenance is seeking Allah Ta'ala – knowing Allah Ta'ala, knowing His Commandments and practising upon them.

...One brother from America requested an 'Aalim to attend his Hifz graduation. He is 90 years old. At this age, he has completed the memorisation of the Qur'aan Sharief. Another brother qualified as an 'Aalim at the age of 72 and he has now commenced his Hifz. They have the interest. What about us? We have so many small excuses not to learn; not to find out. We are unmindful ... yet

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<sup>23</sup> Tauheed: The Oneness of Allah Ta'ala

Allah Ta'ala has established the means everywhere. There are Madaaris and other Dieni Institutions and Dieni works whereby we can easily learn and improve.

From another angle, Allah Ta'ala's bounties are unlimited yet we don't pay attention to the bounties of Allah Ta'ala. We turn away from them. We do not acknowledge them and show appreciation to Allah Ta'ala. This is also a kind of 'I'raadh' which we are guilty of. One is Imaan which is 'inherited' – but because of our lack of appreciation, there is weakness in our Imaan. Another person appreciates and he works and builds on his Imaan. Similarly, we are showered with bounties in every form, at all times, but we are oblivious and do not think of expressing gratitude. Allah Ta'ala mentions:

وَقَلِيلٌ مِّنْ عِبَادِيَ الشَّاكِرُونَ

“...AND FEW OF MY SERVANTS ARE GRATEFUL.”

[SURAH SABA 34 : 13]

#### 4.) KUFR-E-SHAK (DOUBT)

There is either doubt or conviction. Wasaawis (whisperings) from shaytaan is something different and does not fall in this category. It is easy to expel the whisperings of shaytaan, by turning to Allah Ta'ala and

seeking His protection. However, in Islam, there is no room for doubt. We must have solid faith and certitude. Allah Ta'ala mentions:

لَقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُونَ ۝

“...FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE CERTAIN (IN THEIR FAITH)”

وَفِي الْأَرْضِ آيَاتٌ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۝

“AND IN THE EARTH ARE SIGNS FOR THE ONES HAVING  
CERTITUDE.”

[SURAH AZ-ZAARIYAAT 51:20]

This conviction is not only on the Aakhirah but on all matters of Dien. ...To doubt: *Is there Allah? Is there Jannah? Is there Jahannum?* – indicates that there is no yaqeen; no Imaan.

In these times, we find that many non-Muslims influence us by telling us that if there is a God why are there wars in this world; why the starvation, why are thousands becoming orphans, etc.? This then leads to some questioning and doubting and even giving up Islam. May Allah Ta'ala protect us.

Where can we understand the decisions of Allah Ta'ala? ...He knows why He does what He does. Of course, Allah Ta'ala has explained so much to us in the Qur'aan Sharief,



which makes clear His Infinite Wisdom. However, we cannot be questioning Allah Ta'ala. Sometimes, we behave as if we are the chief-advisors of Allah Ta'ala when we express our opinions and say that certain things should have happened, should not have happened, etc.

Taqdeer is one of the basic beliefs of a Muslim. We believe that whatever comes our way is meant to be. There should be no 'ifs' and 'buts'. What is written, will happen. ...It is another issue when someone knowingly does the wrong thing and he thereafter blames Taqdeer.

We must know Allah Ta'ala as He is. Our yaqeen is more than what we see. To develop this yaqeen, we require the suhbat (company) of those who have it. Allah Ta'ala instructs us to keep the company of His friends. In their company, our Imaan will build up to certainty and conviction. Insha-Allah, in this, we will attain the noble stage of Ihsaan – being conscious of Allah Ta'ala at all times. A continuous effort has to be made on our Imaan.

From another perspective, in these times, many of us have conviction in university degrees, in our jobs, etc. We think that without these, we won't survive. Yet, so many who have degrees, do not have jobs. And many who have no schooling and education are multi-millionaires. ...Allah Ta'ala is the Giver of sustenance.

## 5.) KUFR OF NIFAAQ (HYPOCRISY)

This form of Kufr is when a person lives like a Muslim but does not believe in Islam. Allah Ta'ala mentions regarding the munafiqeen (hypocrites):

إِذَا جَاءَكَ الْمُنْفِقُونَ قَالُوا نَشْهَدُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُهُ ط  
وَاللَّهُ يَشْهَدُ إِنَّ الْمُنْفِقِينَ لَكَاذِبُونَ ۖ

**“WHEN THE HYPOCRITES COME TO YOU, [O MUHAMMAD SALLALLAAHU ‘ALAYHI WASALLAM], THEY SAY, ‘WE TESTIFY THAT YOU ARE THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH.’ AND ALLAH KNOWS THAT YOU ARE HIS MESSENGER, AND ALLAH TESTIFIES THAT THE HYPOCRITES ARE LIARS.”**

They would bear witness but they did not believe. What they said with their tongues was not in their hearts. They are the most dangerous group amongst us. ... Like snakes in the grass; hidden in our midst.

In this day and age as well, we have munafiqeen; those who proclaim to be champions of Islam but they are not. Many excel in their outward practices of Islam but they are not Muslims. ...Shias, Qadianis and other deviant groups also practise Islam. However, it is null and void in the Court of Allah Ta'ala because their beliefs are Kufr.

Our Shaykh, Hadhrat Moulana Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar Sahib (*Rahmatullahi 'alayh*) once mentioned to us: *“In the United Kingdom, there are people who are so particular on the practices of Islam; they get up for Tahajjud, engage in Zikrullah and other Ibaadaat...”*

Listening to Hadhrat, I said: *“Subhanallah.”*

Hadhrat said: *“Do you know who they are? ...These people are Christian missionaries who are well trained in Islamic teachings and practices for no other reason but to go and destroy the Imaan of the Muslims – in the third world countries where poverty and ignorance are rife.”*

Although their A'maal seem very enviable but there is Kufur at heart. ...A sister, who was a Christian missionary worker, explained how they were trained in Islam and learnt the Kalima and other aspects of Dien; to work amongst the Muslims to win them over to Christianity. Allah Ta'ala made that learning a means of guidance and she accepted Islam.

### **SULTAN NURUDDIN (RA)**

There is a famous incident of Sultan Nuruddin (*Rahmatullahi 'alayh*). He was a very just and pious ruler. One night, after performing the Tahajjud Salaah, he fell

off to sleep and dreamt of Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* who pointed towards two people of squint-eye, and said: “Protect me from these two.”

The Sultan had the same dream three times consecutively and was very concerned and disturbed. He, with a group of men, travelled speedily to Madina Munawwarah. As the story goes, after inviting all of the people of Madina Munawwarah to a feast, he searched for those two men whom he had seen in the dream but could not find them.

When he was informed that there were two men who were great worshippers and great ascetics and resided near Jannatul Baqi, he called for them. After some questioning, he ordered that they be kept in custody while their residence was inspected. Finally, the truth was exposed, that they were not Muslims. They submitted that they were actually Christians who had come to Madina Munawwarah disguised as Hajis. A Christian King promised them great wealth if they steal the Mubarak body of Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam*. That is what they were working towards while staying in Madina Munawwarah; digging a tunnel to the Mubarak grave to achieve their objective.

They were Christians yet were described as people who fasted by day, spent generously on the poor and needy and who stood in prayer at night. There were A'maal but there was no Imaan in the heart.

Ibnu Abi Mulayka (*Rahmatullahi 'alayh*) who was a Tabi'e, said: *"I met no less than thirty Sahabah (Radhiyallahu 'anhum) and each of them feared nifaaq (hypocrisy) within themselves."*

Hadhrat Hasan Basri (*Rahmatullahi 'alayh*) would say in respect to nifaaq: *"No one fears it but a Believer and no one feels safe from it but a hypocrite."*

May Allah Ta'ala reward Hadhrat Maulana Idris Kandehlawi (*Rahmatullahi 'alayh*). I benefited a lot and Insha-Allah, it benefits all.

Rasulullah *Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wasallam*:

“Fitān (trials and tribulations) will be exposed to the hearts of people like a reed mat woven, stick by stick.

Any heart which absorbs them will have a black mark put in it, but any heart that rejects them will have a white mark put in it.

The result is that there will become two types of hearts:

One, white like a white stone (marble) which will not be harmed by any trial or temptation, so long as the heavens and the earth endure.

And the other, black and rusty like a vessel which is overturned, not recognizing what is good or rejecting what is evil, but being absorbed in its desires (and its fulfilment).”

~ Sahih Muslim

“Recite Surah Kahf daily, or at least the first and last ten Aayaat; on Jumu’ah, the entire Surah. When it is protection against the fitnah of Dajjaal, it will definitely be a protection from all these fitan which we are dealing with.”

~ Hadhrat Moulana Abdul Hamid Is’haq Sahib  
(Damaat Barakaatuhu)