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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شَرِّهِ وَأَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ لَهُ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

Verily all praise is for Allaah, we seek His help and His forgiveness. We seek refuge with Allaah from the evil of our own souls [and from our bad deeds]. Whomsoever Allaah guides will never be led astray, and whomsoever Allaah leaves astray, no one can guide. I bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Allaah, [alone and without any partner] and I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

O you who believe! Fear Allaah as He should be feared, and die not except in a state of Islam (as Muslims with complete submission to Allaah).²

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا

O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who created you from a single person, and from him He created his wife, and from them both He created many men and women, and fear Allaah through Whom you demand your mutual (rights), and (do not cut the relations of) the wombs (kinship). Surely, Allaah is Ever an All-Watcher over you.³

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا

O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allaah and fear Him, and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to do righteous good deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys

² [3:102]

³ [4:1]

Allah and His Messenger he has indeed achieved a great achievement (i.e. he will be saved from the Hell-fire and made to enter Paradise).⁴

As for what follows:

Verily Allah, the Exalted, has warned the Muslims from the traditions of Jahiliyyah (the Pre-Islamic Time of Ignorance), and He clarified for them the harms of the pride and haughtiness of that time. Allah, the Exalted, said:

إِذْ جَعَلَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ الْحَمِيَّةَ حَمِيَّةَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ

When those who disbelieve had put in their hearts pride and haughtiness, the pride and haughtiness of the Time of ignorance.⁵

O how much harm occurred to the polytheists due to this pride and haughtiness - the pride and haughtiness of the Time of Ignorance. It led them to associate partners with Allah, the Exalted, and to remain upon worshipping other than Allah. From that it is learned that it is not allowed for the Muslim to practice the traditions of the Time of ignorance. The Prophet (ﷺ) said, as [it] comes in Saheeh al-Bukhari from the Hadith of Ibn ‘Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him):

أَبْغَضَ النَّاسِ إِلَى اللَّهِ ثَلَاثَةٌ: مُلْحِدٌ فِي الْحَرَمِ، وَمُبْتَغٍ فِي الْإِسْلَامِ سَنَةَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ، وَمَطْلَبٌ دَمِ امْرِئٍ بِغَيْرِ حَقٍّ لِيَهْرِيْقَ دَمَهُ

The most hated persons to Allah are three: (1) a person who deviates from the right conduct, i.e., an evil doer, in the Haram (sanctuaries of Mecca and Medina); (2) a person who seeks that the traditions of the Time of Ignorance should remain in Islam; (3) and a person who seeks to shed somebody's blood without any right.⁶

So the person who seeks that the traditions of the Time of Ignorance should remain in Islam is the most hated person to Allah, the Exalted, because Allah has placed us upon a Legislation that is perfect, encompassing, and complete. Allah said:

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion.⁷

And He said:

⁴ [33:70-71]

⁵ [48:26]

⁶ [Bukhari no. 6882]

⁷ [5:3]

ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَاكَ عَلَىٰ شَرِيعَةٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْرِ فَاتَّبِعْهَا وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ * إِنَّهُمْ لَن يُغْنُوا عَنْكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا وَإِنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ وَاللَّهُ وَلِيُّ الْمُتَّقِينَ

Then We have put you (O Muhammad) on a plain way of (Our) commandment [like the one which We commanded Our Messengers before you (i.e. legal ways and laws of the Islamic Monotheism)]. So follow you that (Islamic Monotheism and its laws), and follow not the desires of those who know not. Verily, they can avail you nothing against Allah (if He wants to punish you). Verily, the Zalimun (polytheists, wrong-doers, etc.) are Auliya' (protectors, helpers, etc.) to one another, but Allah is the Wali (Helper, Protector, etc.) of the Muttaqu).⁸

Verily from the most hated and ugliest of the traditions of the Time of Ignorance is this partisanship (الحزبية) - they have revived the traditions of the Time of Ignorance by it. Partisanship is from the traditions of the Time of ignorance; it is satanic - the first partisan (حزبي) was Iblis, may the curse of Allah be upon him. Allah, the Exalted, said

وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنِّي خَالِقٌ بَشَرًا مِّنْ صَلْصَالٍ مِّنْ حَمَإٍ مَّسْنُونٍ * فَإِذَا سَوَّيْتُهُ وَنَفَخْتُ فِيهِ مِنْ رُّوحِي فَقَعُوا لَهُ سَاجِدِينَ * فَسَجَدَ الْمَلَائِكَةُ كُلُّهُمْ أَجْمَعُونَ * إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَبَىٰ أَنْ يَكُونَ مَعَ السَّاجِدِينَ

And (remember) when your Lord said to the angels: "I am going to create a man (Adam) from sounding clay of altered black smooth mud. So, when I have fashioned him completely and breathed into him (Adam) the soul which I created for him, then fall (you) down prostrating yourselves unto him." So, the angels prostrated themselves, all of them together. Except Iblis (Satan) - he refused to be among the prostrators.⁹

And He said:

قَالَ يَا إِبْلِيسُ مَا مَنَعَكَ أَنْ تَسْجُدَ لِمَا خَلَقْتُ بِإِيْدِي أَسْتَكْبَرْتَ أَمْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الْعَالِينَ * قَالَ أَنَا خَيْرٌ مِّنْهُ خَلَقْتَنِي مِنْ نَّارٍ وَخَلَقْتَهُ مِنْ طِينٍ

(Allah) said: "O Iblis (Satan)! What prevents you from prostrating yourself to one whom I have created with Both My Hands. Are you too proud (to fall prostrate to Adam) or are you one of the high exalted?" [Iblis (Satan)] said: "I am better than he - You created me from fire and You created him from clay."¹⁰

Iblis clarified that what drove him to disbelief in Allah was disbelief by refusal and pride. He had partisanship and fanaticism to his species. Allah said [that Iblis said]:

⁸ [45:18-19]

⁹ [15:28-31]

¹⁰ 75-76]

خَلَقْتَنِي مِنْ نَارٍ وَخَلَقْتَهُ مِنْ طِينٍ

"I am better than he - You created me from fire and You created him from clay."¹¹

Whoever reflects on the speech of Allah, the Exalted, will see that nations were destroyed due to partisanship to their people, rabbis, and monks, until that partisanship and fanaticism lead them to worship those whom they were fanatic towards. As Allah, the Exalted, informed [us] about the Jews - that partisanship and fanaticism lead to them sanctifying other than Allah, the Exalted. Allah said:

اتَّخَذُوا أَحْبَارَهُمْ وَرُهْبَانَهُمْ أَرْبَابًا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَالْمَسِيحَ ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا إِلَهًا وَحِدًا لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ سُبْحَانَهُ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ

They (Jews and Christians) took their rabbis and monks to be their lords besides Allah (by obeying them in things which they made lawful or unlawful according to their own desires without being ordered by Allah), and (they also took as their Lord) Messiah, son of Maryam (Mary), while they (Jews and Christians) were commanded [in the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)] to worship none but One Ilah (God - Allah) La ilaha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He). Praise and glory be to Him, (far above is He) from having the partners they associate (with Him)."¹²

So there is the partisanship of the false-god (طَوَاغِيتٍ); look at what Allah informed [us] about the people of Nuh (may peace and blessings be upon). He called his people for nine hundred and fifty years:

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ فَلَبِثَ فِيهِمْ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ إِلَّا خَمْسِينَ عَامًا فَأَخَذَهُمُ الطُّوفَانُ وَهُمْ ظَالِمُونَ

And indeed We sent Nuh (Noah) to his people, and he stayed among them a thousand years less fifty years [inviting them to believe in the Oneness of Allah (Monotheism), and to discard the false gods and other deities], and the Deluge overtook them while they were Zalimun (wrong-doers, polytheists, disbelievers, etc.).¹³

In this long time, along with what Allah clarified of the wisdom of Nuh and his different types of Da'wah to his people: at night and day, privately and publicly, and using different methods. Except the partisan fanaticism did not allow the people of Nuh to follow that Truth which Allah sent His Messenger with. They remained as Allah mentioned about them:

¹¹ [38:76]

¹² [9:31]

¹³ [29:14]

قَالَ نُوحٌ رَبِّ إِنَّهُمْ عَصَوْنِي وَاتَّبَعُوا مَنْ لَمْ يَزِدْهُ مَالُهُ وَوَلَدَهُ إِلَّا خَسَارًا * وَمَكَرُوا مَكْرًا كَبِيرًا * وَقَالُوا لَا تَذَرُنَّ آلِهَتَكُمْ

Nuh (Noah) said: "My Lord! They have disobeyed me, and followed one whose wealth and children give him no increase but only loss. And they have plotted a mighty plot. And they have said: 'You shall not leave your gods -¹⁴

Now look at the type of fanaticism and partisanship [they had] towards rocks and idols:

وَقَالُوا لَا تَذَرُنَّ آلِهَتَكُمْ وَلَا تَذَرُنَّ وَدًّا وَلَا سُوَاعًا وَلَا يَغُوثَ وَيَعُوقَ وَنَسْرًا

"And they have said: 'You shall not leave your gods, nor shall you leave Wadd, nor Suwa', nor Yaghuth, nor Ya'uq, nor Nasr (names of the idols).¹⁵

With this prolonged Da'wah, Allah says clarifying their fanaticism and farness from the the Truth:

وَمَا آمَنَ مَعَهُ إِلَّا قَلِيلٌ

And none believed with him, except a few.¹⁶

So you learn the harms of partisanship and that partisanship leads its companion to dangerous harms - both worldly and religious. Likewise was the situation of the Prophet Salih (may peace and blessings be upon him) with his people. Allah, the Exalted, said about his people:

وَالِي تَمُودَ أَخَاهُمْ صَالِحًا قَالَ يَا قَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ هُوَ أَنْشَأَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ وَاسْتَعْمَرَكُمْ فِيهَا فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ ثُمَّ تَوْبُوا إِلَيْهِ إِنَّ رَبِّي قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبٌ * قَالُوا يَا صَالِحُ قَدْ كُنْتَ فِينَا مَرْجُوًّا قَبْلَ هَذَا أَتَنْهَانَا أَنْ نَعْبُدَ مَا يَعْبُدُ آبَاؤُنَا وَإِنَّا لَفِي شَكٍّ مِمَّا تَدْعُونَا إِلَيْهِ مُرِيبٍ

And to Thamud (people, We sent) their brother Salih (Saleh). He said: "O my people! Worship Allah, you have no other Ilah (God) but Him. He brought you forth from the earth and settled you therein, then ask forgiveness of Him and turn to Him in repentance. Certainly, my Lord is Near (to all by His Knowledge), Responsive." They said: "O Salih (Saleh)! You have been among us as a figure of good hope (and we wished for you to be our chief), till this [new thing which you have brought; that we leave our gods and worship your God (Allah) Alone]! Do you (now)

¹⁴ [71:21-23]

¹⁵ [71:23]

¹⁶ [11:40]

forbid us the worship of what our fathers have worshipped? But we are really in grave doubt as to that which you invite us to (monotheism)."¹⁷

What is it that led them to disbelief in Allah, the Exalted? Fanaticism and partisanship to what their fathers worshipped and their path. So like this, the first thing the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) called towards and nurtured his Companions (may Allah be pleased with them) upon was to stay far away from was this deadly disease. It is reported in the Saheehayn from the Hadith of Abu Sufyan Sakhr ibn Harb (may Allah be pleased with him) that when Heraclius asked him: “What does the Prophet (ﷺ) order you with?” He said:

يَقُولُ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَحْدَهُ، وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا، وَاتْرَكُوا مَا يَقُولُ آبَاؤُكُمْ، وَيَأْمُرُنَا بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالصَّدَقِ
وَالْعَفَافِ وَالصَّلَاةِ

He tells us to worship Allah and Allah alone and not to worship anything along with Him, and to renounce all that our ancestors had said. He orders us to pray, to speak the truth, to be chaste and to keep good relations with our Kith and kin.¹⁸

When the Prophet (ﷺ) migrated [to Madinah] he made brotherhood between the Muhajireen and the Ansar in order to cancel this fanaticism [that existed before], so that an Emigrant will not say: “O Emigrants” and an Ansar would say: “O Ansar”. When a man from the Emigrants kicked the behind of another man from the Ansar, some of the Emigrants said: “O Emigrants” and some of the Ansar said: “O Ansar”. So the Prophet (ﷺ) became angry because of that and said:

أبدعوى الجاهلية وأنا بين أظهركم، دعوها إنها منتنة

The call of the Time of Ignorance and I am in your ranks? Leave it for it is rotten.¹⁹

So this partisan fanaticism is rotten. Its rotten stench has spread and harmed the Muslims. Its harms have spread against the Muslims. We do not make an outcry regarding it except to notify about its religious and worldly harms, for verily it is a deadly sickness. There was a blood feud between Aws and Khazraj and the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) gave a sermon on the day of Arafah saying:

كل دماء الجاهلية تحت قدمي هذا

¹⁷ [11:61-62]

¹⁸ Bukhari (no. 7)

¹⁹ Bukhari (no 4905). and Muslim (no. 2584)

All the blood feuds in the 'Time of Ignorance are under this foot of mine.²⁰

So he cancelled these blood feuds which were in the Time of Ignorance, canceling and abolishing what occurred of fanaticism, so that a person does not come and say: "So and so killed my grandfather in the Time of Ignorance" and then feels something in himself [due to that]. So the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) cancelled it to preserve the peace in the hearts and to remove what arises of malice and hatred as is typical in the affair of partisanship and fanaticism. Look at the partisanship of the people of Prophet Shu'ayb (may peace and blessings be upon him). Allah said:

وَالِي مَدْيَنَ أَخَاهُمْ شُعَيْبًا قَالَ يَا قَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ وَلَا تَنْفُسُوا الْمِكْيَالَ وَالْمِيزَانَ إِنِّي أَرَاكُمْ بِخَيْرٍ وَإِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ مُحِيطٍ * وَيَا قَوْمِ أَوْفُوا الْمِكْيَالَ وَالْمِيزَانَ بِالْقِسْطِ وَلَا تَبْخَسُوا النَّاسَ أَشْيَاءَهُمْ وَلَا تَعْتُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ مُفْسِدِينَ * بَقِيَّتُ اللَّهِ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ وَمَا أَنَا عَلَيْكُمْ بِحَفِيظٍ * قَالُوا يَا شُعَيْبُ أَصَلَاتُكَ تَأْمُرُكَ أَنْ نَتْرُكَ مَا يَعْْبُدُ آبَاؤُنَا أَوْ أَنْ نَفْعَلَ فِي أَمْوَالِنَا مَا نَشَاءُ إِنَّكَ لَأَنْتَ الْحَلِيمُ الرَّشِيدُ

And to the Madyan (Midian) people (We sent) their brother Shu'aib. He said: "O my people! Worship Allah, you have no other Ilah (God) but Him, and give not short measure or weight, I see you in prosperity; and verily I fear for you the torment of a Day encompassing. And O my people! Give full measure and weight in justice and reduce not the things that are due to the people, and do not commit mischief in the land, causing corruption. That which is left by Allah for you (after giving the rights of the people) is better for you, if you are believers. And I am not set over you as a guardian." They said: "O Shu'aib! Does your Salat (prayer) (i.e. the prayers which you offer has spoiled your mind, so you) command that we leave off what our fathers used to worship, or that we leave off doing what we like with our property? Verily, you are the forbearer, right-minded (They said this sarcastically)"²¹

They answered this great, noble Prophet (peace be upon him) with disrespect and mockery. This was due to their partisanship to their people. Likewise, Fir'awn was haughty to his people due to this fanatic partisanship. He said:

يَا قَوْمِ أَلَيْسَ لِي مُلْكُ مِصْرَ وَهَذِهِ الْأَنْهَارُ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِي أَفَلَا تُبْصِرُونَ * أَمْ أَنَا خَيْرٌ مِنْ هَذَا الَّذِي هُوَ مَهِينٌ وَلَا يَكَادُ يُبِينُ * فَلَوْلَا أُلْقِيَ عَلَيْهِ أَسْوِرَةٌ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ أَوْ جَاءَ مَعَهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ مُقْتَرِنِينَ * فَاسْتَخَفَّ قَوْمَهُ فَاطَّاعُوهُ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا قَوْمًا فَاسِقِينَ * فَلَمَّا آسَفُونَا انْتَقَمْنَا مِنْهُمْ فَأَغْرَقْنَاهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ * فَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ سَلَافًا وَمَثَلًا لِلْآخِرِينَ

And Fir'aun (Pharaoh) proclaimed among his people, saying: "O my people! Is not mine the dominion of Egypt, and these rivers flowing underneath me. See you not then? Am I not better

²⁰ Muslim (no. 1218)

²¹ [11:84-87]

than this one [Musa (Moses)], who is Mahin [has no honour nor any respect, and is weak and despicable] and can scarcely express himself clearly? Why then are not golden bracelets bestowed on him, or angels sent along with him?" Thus he [Fir'aun (Pharaoh)] befooled and misled his people, and they obeyed him. Verily, they were ever a people who were Fasiqun (rebellious, disobedient to Allah). So when they angered Us, We punished them, and drowned them all. And We made them a precedent (as a lesson for those coming after them), and an example to later generations.²²

The partisan and the one who the partisanship was shown were all drowned by Allah, the Exalted, due to their fanaticism against the Truth and its people:

وَقَالَ الْمَلَأُ مِنْ قَوْمِ فِرْعَوْنَ أَتَنْذَرُ مُوسَى وَقَوْمَهُ لِيُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَيَذُرِكَ وَالْهَتَكَ قَالَ سَنُقَتِّلُ أَبْنَاءَهُمْ
وَنَسْتَحْيِي نِسَاءَهُمْ وَإِنَّا فَوْقَهُمْ قَاهِرُونَ * قَالَ مُوسَى لِقَوْمِهِ اسْتَعِينُوا بِاللَّهِ وَاصْبِرُوا إِنَّ الْأَرْضَ لِلَّهِ
يُورِثُهَا مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ

The chiefs of Fir'aun's (Pharaoh) people said: "Will you leave Musa (Moses) and his people to spread mischief in the land, and to abandon you and your gods?" He said: "We will kill their sons, and let live their women, and we have indeed irresistible power over them." Musa (Moses) said to his people: "Seek help in Allah and be patient. Verily, the earth is Allah's. He gives it as a heritage to whom He will of His slaves, and the (blessed) end is for the Muttaqun. They said: "We (Children of Israel) had suffered troubles before you came to us, and since you have come to us." He said: "It may be that your Lord will destroy your enemy and make you successors on the earth, so that He may see how you act?"²³

Look at how they were fanatic and he made them fanatic. They were partisans and he made them partisans. [He said to them]: "And to abandon you and your gods?" and to avoid the Religion of Allah, the Exalted, due to partisanship and fanaticism. Allah dispraised the hypocrites and revealed an entire Surah about them: Suratul-Munafiqoon. In that Surah, Allah, the Exalted, said about the partisanship of these filthy ones from Ibn Salul and his group:

قُولُونَ لِنَنْ رَجَعْنَا إِلَى الْمَدِينَةِ لِيُخْرِجَنَا الْأَعَزُّ مِنْهَا الْأَذَلَّ وَلِلَّهِ الْعِزَّةُ وَلِرَسُولِهِ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَلَكِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ
لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

They (hypocrites) say: "If we return to Al-Madinah, indeed the more honourable ('Abdullah bin Ubai bin Salul, the chief of hypocrites at Al-Madinah) will expel therefrom the meaner (i.e. Allah's Messenger)." But honour, power and glory belong to Allah, His Messenger (Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم)), and to the believers, but the hypocrites know not.²⁴

²² [43:51-56]

²³ [7:127-129]

²⁴ [63:8]

Allah extinguished their insight due to their fanaticism. They belittled the Prophet (ﷺ) and those who were with him of the Companions and virtuous ones. Fanaticism does not know good nor detest evil. It does not know the virtue of the one who possesses virtue. Only the one who is with them is one who is near and the one who is far away from them is the one who is warned from.

[A person who follows the Quran and Sunnah] is hated among them and belittled due to venerating Allah. From what is included in partisanship is the call to tribalism of the Time of Ignorance. The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

من قاتل لعصبية

Whoever fights due to tribalism

Or he (ﷺ) said:

لحمية فليس من أمتي

Due to haughtiness, then he is not from my Ummah

In one version:

مات ميتة جاهلية

He dies a death of the Time of Ignorance.²⁵

He (ﷺ) said as is established from the Hadith of ‘Amr ibn ‘Uqaysh (may Allah be pleased with him):

كَانَ لَهُ رَبًّا فِي الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ فَكَرِهَ أَنْ يُسَلَّمَ حَتَّى يَأْخُذَهُ فَجَاءَ يَوْمَ أُحُدٍ . فَقَالَ : أَيَّنَ بَنُو عَمِّي قَالُوا : بِأُحُدٍ . قَالَ : أَيَّنَ فُلَانٌ قَالُوا : بِأُحُدٍ . قَالَ : أَيَّنَ فُلَانٌ قَالُوا : بِأُحُدٍ . فَلَبَسَ لِأُمَّتِهِ وَرَكِبَ فَرَسَهُ ثُمَّ تَوَجَّهَ قِبَلَهُمْ ، فَلَمَّا رَأَاهُ الْمُسْلِمُونَ قَالُوا : إِلَيْكَ عَنَّا يَا عَمْرُو . قَالَ : إِنِّي قَدْ آمَنْتُ . فَقَاتَلَ حَتَّى جُرِحَ ، فَحُمِلَ إِلَى أَهْلِهِ جَرِيحًا ، فَجَاءَهُ سَعْدُ بْنُ مُعَاذٍ فَقَالَ لِأُخْتِهِ : سَلِيهِ حَمِيَّةً لِقَوْمِكَ أَوْ غَضَبًا لَهُمْ أَمْ غَضَبًا لِلَّهِ فَقَالَ : بَلْ غَضَبًا لِلَّهِ وَلِرَسُولِهِ فَمَاتَ . فَدَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ

Amr ibn Uqaysh had given usurious loans in the Time of Ignorance, so he disliked to embrace Islam until he took them. He came on the day of Uhud and asked: Where are my cousins? They (the people) replied: At Uhud. He asked: Where is so-and-so? They said: At Uhud. He asked: Where is so-and-so? They said: At Uhud. He then put on his coat of mail and rode his horse; he then proceeded towards them. When the Muslims saw him, they said: Keep away, Amir. He said:

²⁵ Something similar was reported by Muslim (no. 1848) and others

I have become a believer. He fought until he was wounded. He was then taken to his family wounded. Sa'd ibn Mu'adh came to his sister: Ask him (whether he fought) out of partisanship, out of anger for them, or out of anger for Allah. He said: Out of anger of Allah and His Apostle (ﷺ). He then died and entered Paradise.²⁶

Our point of reference is that the one who fights the disbelievers and polytheists [during a battle] and he does not fight for Allah, the Exalted, then it is for fanaticism and partisanship. So that fighting is harmful to him and he will be the first of those whom the Hellfire will be enflamed on the Day of Judgement.

In the Hadith from the Prophet (ﷺ):

أول من تسعر بهم النار يوم القيامة... ورجل قاتل فيوتى به يوم القيامة فيعرفه نعمه فيعرفها، فيقول: ماذا عملت فيها؟ فيقول: قاتلت فيك، فيقال: كذب، إنما قاتلت ليقال: شجاع، ثم يسحب على وجهه في النار

The first of those whom the Hellfire will be enflamed on the Day of Judgement is....a man who fought. He will be brought on the Day of Judgement and he will be told about his favors and he will acknowledge them. Then it will be said: What did you do? He will say: I fought for your sake. It will be said: You lied. You fought for bravery [i.e. so the people can say you are brave]. Then he will be thrown upon his face into the Hellfire.²⁷

This is because his action was not for Allah, the Exalted.

من قاتل لتكون كلمة الله هي العليا، فهو في سبيل الله

The one who fights for Allah's word to become Superior, is striving in Allah's Cause.²⁸

So beware. Even if someone points his weapon at a disbeliever in war, but it is done so out of fanaticism and partisanship to his people and it is not for Allah and His Messenger (ﷺ), and for the Religion, then he is destroyed due to that. So be the supporters of Allah. Allah, the Exalted, said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا أَنْصَارَ اللَّهِ كَمَا قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ لِلْحَوَارِيِّينَ مَنْ أَنْصَارِي إِلَى اللَّهِ قَالَ
الْحَوَارِيُّونَ نَحْنُ أَنْصَارُ اللَّهِ فَأَمْنَتْ طَائِفَةٌ مِنْ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ وَكَفَرَتْ طَائِفَةٌ فَأَيَّدْنَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا عَلَىٰ عَدُوِّهِمْ
فَأَصْبَحُوا ظَاهِرِينَ

²⁶ Saheeh Sunan Abi Dawood (no. 2537)

²⁷ Muslim (no. 1905) and others

²⁸ Bukhari (no. 123) and Muslim (no. 1904)

O you who believe! Be you helpers (in the Cause) of Allah as said 'Iesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary), to Al-Hawariun (the disciples): "Who are my helpers (in the Cause) of Allah?" Al-Hawarien (the disciples) said: "We are Allah's helpers (i.e. we will strive in His Cause)." Then a group of the Children of Israel believed and a group disbelieved. So We gave power to those who believed against their enemies, and they became the uppermost.²⁹

Allah, the Exalted, said:

أَلَا إِنَّ حِزْبَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

Verily, it is the Party of Allah that will be the successful.³⁰

There is no [other party] other than the party of Allah except [that] it is supported by desires and division.

From the harms of fanatic partisanship is the splitting and tearing up of the Muslims. Our Lord, the Exalted, said:

إِنَّ هَذِهِ أُمَّتُكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَأَنَا رَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُونِ

Truly! This, your Ummah [Sharia or Religion (Islamic Monotheism)] is one Religion, and I am your Lord, therefore worship Me (Alone).³¹

This nation is upon one religion. Their Book is one, their Qiblah is one, their Messenger (ﷺ) is one, and their call is one. They have the Book and Sunnah. Partisanship has destroyed them and made them into various schools of thought. It has placed hatred and malice in their hearts for the one who holds fast to the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ). It is reported in the Saheehayn from the Hadith of Hudhaifah (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

تعرض الفتن على القلوب كعرض الحصير عوداً عوداً، فأیما قلب أشربها نكتت فيه نكتة سوداء، وأي قلب أنكرها نكتت فيه نكتة بيضاء، حتى تصير القلوب على قلبين، أبيض مثل الصفاء لا تضره فتنة ما دامت السموات والأرض، والآخر أسود مرباد لا يعرف معروفاً ولا ينكر منكراً إلا ما أشرب من هواه

Temptations will be presented to men's hearts as a reed mat is woven stick by stick, and any heart which is impregnated by them will have a black mark put into it, but any heart which 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 which will not be harmed by any turmoil or temptation, so

²⁹ [61:14]

³⁰ [58:22]

³¹ [21:92]

long as the heavens and the earth endure; and the other black and dust-coloured like a vessel which is upset, not recognizing what is good or rejecting what is abominable, but being impregnated with passion.³²

Verily the fanatic partisanship is that which the Jews remained upon after knowing the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) as they know their children. Allah, the Exalted, said:

وَكَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ يَسْتَفْتِحُونَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ مَا عَرَفُوا كَفَرُوا بِهِ فَلَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ

Although aforetime they had invoked Allah (for the coming of Muhammad (ﷺ)) in order to gain victory over those who disbelieved, then when there came to them that which they had recognised, they disbelieved in it. So let the Curse of Allah be on the disbelievers.³³

When the Prophet (ﷺ) said to the Jews: “I ask you by Allah, do you find me mentioned in the Torah as a Messenger of Allah?” They said: “We find someone like you; however, we thought he would be from us.” The stubbornness of partisanship and fanaticism made them disbelieve in Allah, the Exalted. They did not obey and follow the Truth. From the harms of partisanship is the absence of justice and fairness. There is no justice with partisanship ever. You will find him - the partisan - controlling his authority, status, and office, in order to support his party, sect, and those who are with him from his kind. This is following desires and not following the Truth. Allah, the Exalted, said:

وَلَا تَتَّبِعِ الْهَوَى فَيُضِلَّكَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَبْضُلُونَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ بِمَا نَسُوا يَوْمَ الْحِسَابِ

And follow not your desire for it will mislead you from the Path of Allah. Verily! Those who wander astray from the Path of Allah (shall) have a severe torment, because they forgot the Day of Reckoning.³⁴

And the Exalted said:

فَرَأَيْتَ مَنْ اتَّخَذَ إِلَهَهُ هَوَاهُ وَأَضَلَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى عِلْمٍ وَخَتَمَ عَلَى سَمْعِهِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَجَعَلَ عَلَى بَصَرِهِ غِشَاوَةً فَمَنْ يَهْدِيهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ اللَّهِ أَفَلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ

Have you seen him who takes his own lust (vain desires) as his ilah (god), and Allah knowing (him as such), left him astray, and sealed his hearing and his heart, and put a cover on his sight. Who then will guide him after Allah? Will you not then remember?³⁵

³² Muslim (no. 144)

³³ [2:89]

³⁴ [38:26]

³⁵ [45:23]

What is the matter with the Muslims nowadays? Allah ordered them to be one nation, then they became one thousand nations in opposition to what Allah, the Exalted, commanded. Allah, the Exalted, said:

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا

And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allah (i.e. this Quran), and be not divided among yourselves.³⁶

The partisans say: “divide.” Allah says:

وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ

Help you one another in Al-Birr and At-Taqwa (virtue, righteousness and piety); but do not help one another in sin and transgression.³⁷

The outward actions of the partisans say: “Work with the one who supports you from the Jews, Christians, Buddhists, Hindus, and Socialists.” Allah says:

إِنَّ هَذِهِ أُمَّةٌ أُمَّةٌ وَاحِدَةٌ

Truly! This, your Ummah [Sharia or Religion (Islamic Monotheism)] is one Religion.³⁸

The outward actions of the partisans say: “[Be] one thousand religions or two thousand or three thousand or more or less.” Everyone gives his effort to the one who is with him. He does not know the level of the one who holds fast to the Book and Sunnah. Instead, [he] detests him and [sees him] as misguided [and] upon falsehood. Partisanship cancels the correct allegiance and dis-allegiance and tears apart the Muslims:

وَلَا تَكُونُوا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ * مِنَ الَّذِينَ فَرَّقُوا دِينَهُمْ وَكَانُوا شِيعًا كُلُّ حِزْبٍ بِمَا لَدَيْهِمْ فَرِحُونَ

And be not of Al-Mushrikun (the disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah, polytheists, idolaters, etc.). Of those who split up their Religion (i.e. who left the true Islamic Monotheism), and became sects, [i.e. they invented new things in the Religion (Bid'ah), and followed their vain desires], each sect rejoicing in that which is with it.³⁹

³⁶ [3:103]

³⁷ [5:2]

³⁸ [21:92]

³⁹ [30:31-32]

So upon this, O Servants of Allah, they blind-follow the Jews and Christians and abandon what Allah commanded them. They show hostility to the one who says: “this is prohibited” and the one who advises them with leniency and mercy. This is due to what they have in terms of the Masaajid [only] for the one who is from their party. You prevent yourselves and others from the one who says: “Allah said and His Messenger (ﷺ) said”? What is this restriction upon the *Salafis*?

وَمَا نَقَمُوا مِنْهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ

They had nothing against them, except that they believed in Allah, the All-Mighty, Worthy of all Praise!⁴⁰

What is this restriction upon the *Salafis* and they are ones who say: “Allah said and His Messenger (ﷺ) said”? The *Sufi* has hostility towards them and partisanship to his ideology of *Tassawuf* and the *Raafidi* also shows hostility to them and has partisanship to his ideology of *Rafadh*. The *Ikhwaani* also shows hostility to them due to his partisanship to *Ikhawaaniyyah* and his ideology. This is true for the remainder of the sects. They have hostility towards the *Salafis* and all of that is due to the them saying; “Allah said and the Messenger (ﷺ) said”.

So fear Allah, O Servants of Allah. Where is the allegiance to the Truth:

وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتُ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ يَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَيُطِيعُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ أُولَئِكَ سَيَرْحَمُهُمُ اللَّهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ

The believers, men and women, are Auliya' (helpers, supporters, friends, protectors) of one another, they enjoin (on the people) Al-Ma'ruf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam orders one to do), and forbid (people) from Al-Munkar (i.e. polytheism and disbelief of all kinds, and all that Islam has forbidden); they perform As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat) and give the Zakat, and obey Allah and His Messenger (ﷺ). Allah will have His Mercy on them. Surely Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise.⁴¹

Are you turning away from these praises and desire to turn away from this good due to fanaticism and due to supporting so and so?

إِذْ تَبَرَّأَ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا مِنَ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا وَرَأَوْا الْعَذَابَ وَتَقَطَّعَتْ بِهِمُ الْأَسْبَابُ * وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا لَوْ أَنْ لَنَا كَرَّةٌ فَنَتَّبَرَأَ مِنْهُمْ كَمَا تَبَرَّأُوا مِنَّا كَذَلِكَ يُرِيهِمُ اللَّهُ أَعْمَالَهُمْ حَسَرَاتٍ عَلَيْهِمْ وَمَا هُمْ بِخَارِجِينَ مِنَ النَّارِ

When those who were followed, disown (declare themselves innocent of) those who followed (them), and they see the torment, then all their relations will be cut off from them. And those

⁴⁰ [85:8]

⁴¹ [9:71]

who followed will say: "If only we had one more chance to return (to the worldly life), we would disown (declare ourselves as innocent from) them as they have disowned (declared themselves as innocent from) us." Thus Allah will show them their deeds as regrets for them. And they will never get out of the Fire.⁴²

Like this Allah, the Exalted, said. So take heed, O Muslim, and upon you is allegiance to Allah, His Book, His Messenger (ﷺ), and the Believers.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَنْ يَرْتَدَّ مِنْكُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِ فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِي اللَّهَ بِقَوْمٍ يُحِبُّهُمْ وَيُحِبُّونَهُ

O you who believe! Whoever from among you turns back from his Religion (Islam), Allah will bring a people whom He will love and they will love Him.⁴³

What are the attributes of those who are loved by Allah? He said:

أَدْلَّةٍ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Humble towards the believers.⁴⁴

Partisanship cancels this aspect - the aspect of loving for Allah's sake. [They do not do this] except for those whom are in their ranks and in their party.

أَعَزَّةٍ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ يُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا يَخَافُونَ لَوْمَةَ لَائِمٍ

Stern towards the disbelievers, fighting in the Way of Allah, and never afraid of the blame of the blamers. That is the Grace of Allah which He bestows on whom He wills. And Allah is All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-Knower.⁴⁵

And Allah says:

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ إِلَّا تَفْعَلُوهُ تَكُنْ فِتْنَةٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَفَسَادٌ كَبِيرٌ

And those who disbelieve are allies to one another, (and) if you (Muslims of the whole world collectively) do not do so (i.e. become allies, as one united block with one Khalifah - chief Muslim ruler for the whole Muslim world to make victorious Allah's Religion of Islamic Monotheism), there will be Fitnah (wars, battles, polytheism, etc.) and oppression on earth, and a great mischief and corruption (appearance of polytheism).⁴⁶

⁴² [2:166-167]

⁴³ [5:54]

⁴⁴ [5:54]

⁴⁵ [5:54]

⁴⁶ [8:73]

Verily we have seen, by Allah, this great mischief and corruption. The *Ikhwaani* who is an employee, if he interacts with the Sunni, he turns away. Likewise the *Raafidi* employee, if a partisan comes to deal with him or he interacts with an *Ikhwaani* or *Sunni* or other than him from those whom he is not pleased with, he turns away. Likewise the *Sufi* - if someone comes to interact with him who is not from those with him, he turns away. Everyone of them serves his ideology and they do not serve the Religion of Truth with a correct service the way Allah, the Exalted, wants it. They do not even serve the people as they want and this person is at times a government employee. If the ideology of partisanship enters a government, it corrupts it. The ruler will not be like how Allah wants him to be. The ruler will be like how his party wants him to be except for those whom Allah, the Exalted, has mercy [upon]. So partisanship is against what Allah wants for His servants. It is reported in the Saheehayn on the authority of Nu'man ibn Bashir (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

مثل المؤمنين في توادهم، وتراحمهم، وتعاطفهم كمثل الجسد، إذا اشتكى منه عضو تداعى له سائر
الجسد بالسهر والحمى

The believers in their mutual kindness, compassion, and sympathy are just like one body. When one of the limbs suffers, the whole body responds to it with wakefulness and fever.⁴⁷

[The Prophet (ﷺ)] said:

مَنْ نَفَسَ عَنْ مُؤْمِنٍ كُرْبَةً مِنْ كُرْبِ الدُّنْيَا، نَفَسَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ كُرْبَةً مِنْ كُرْبِ يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ

“If anyone relieves a Muslim believer from one of the hardships of this worldly life, Allah will relieve him of one of the hardships of the Day of Resurrection.”⁴⁸

Partisanship is against that in that they only relieve the hardship of their party and member of their party, not for the remaining Muslims but only for their party.

وَمَنْ سَتَرَ مُسْلِمًا سَتَرَهُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَاللَّهُ فِي عَوْنِ الْعَبْدِ مَا كَانَ الْعَبْدُ فِي عَوْنِ أَخِيهِ

And he who conceals (the faults) of a Muslim, Allah would conceal his faults in the world and in the Hereafter. Allah aids a servant so long as the servant aids his brother.⁴⁹

Allah, the Exalted, said:

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

⁴⁷ Bukhari (no. 6011) and Muslim (no.2586)

⁴⁸ Muslim (no. 2699)

⁴⁹ Muslim (no. 2699)

The believers are nothing else than brothers (in Islamic Religion). So make reconciliation between your brothers, and fear Allah, that you may receive mercy.⁵⁰

And the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

الْمُؤْمِنُ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ كَالْبُنْيَانِ يَشُدُّ بَعْضُهُ بَعْضًا

A believer to another believer is like a building whose different parts enforce each other.⁵¹

All of these aspects are weak and feeble with the partisans. It is almost extinct among them. A great deficiency occurs in this aspect from those who are partisans. What was the reason for the death of of Abu Talib [upon disbelief]? Every student heard the Hadith that Abu Talib died upon disbelief in Allah due to fanatic partisanship to the polytheistic Quraish. Rather many of the Quraish died upon Shirk due to fanaticism to their idols:

أَجَعَلَ الْأَلِهَةَ إِلَهًا وَاحِدًا إِنَّ هَذَا لَشَيْءٌ عَجَابٌ * وَأَنْطَلَقَ الْمَلَأُ مِنْهُ

"Has he made the aliha (gods) (all) into One Ilah (God - Allah). Verily, this is a curious thing!" And the leaders among them went⁵²

They went about to their rocks and idols:

وَأَنْطَلَقَ الْمَلَأُ مِنْهُمْ أَنْ امْشُوا وَاصْبِرُوا عَلَىٰ آلِهَتِكُمْ إِنَّ هَذَا لَشَيْءٌ يُرَادُ - مَا سَمِعْنَا بِهَذَا فِي الْمِلَّةِ الْأَخْرَةِ إِنَّ هَذَا إِلَّا اخْتِلَاقٌ

And the leaders among them went about (saying): "Go on, and remain constant to your aliha (gods)! Verily, This is a thing designed (against you)!"⁵³

They denied the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) and they considered [that what was revealed to him were] fabricated statements due to their fanaticism to these rocks - partisanship to rocks. The Prophet (ﷺ) said to Abu Talib:

يا عم، قل: لا إله إلا الله، كلمة أحاج بها لك عند الله

⁵⁰ [49:10]

⁵¹ Bukhari (no. 2446) and Muslim (no. 2585)

⁵² [38:5-6]

⁵³ [38:6]

O uncle, say: None has the right to be worshipped except Allah, so that I may argue for your case with it before Allah⁵⁴

So Abu Jahl ibn Hisham came and ignited the fanaticism and partisanship. He said to him:

أترغب عن ملة عبد المطلب

Will you refuse the religion of Abdul-Muttalib?⁵⁵

It was the last statement of Abu Talib. He died upon fanaticism and he was from the people of the Hellfire, as al-Mussayib ibn Hazm (may Allah be pleased with him) reported in the Saheehayn:

كان آخر كلامه أن مات على ملة عبد المطلب وأبى أن يقول لا إله إلا الله

The last statement of Abi Talib was that he was on the religion of `Abdul Muttalib and refused to say: "None has the right to be worshiped except for Allah"⁵⁶

The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

هو في ضحضاح من النار

He is in a shallow place of Fire⁵⁷

Also the Prophet of Allah Ibrahim (may peace and blessings be upon him) put forth a great effort in giving Da'wah to his father with leniency and kindness:

إِذْ قَالَ لِأَبِيهِ يَا أَبَتِ لِمَ تَعْبُدُ مَا لَا يَسْمَعُ وَلَا يُبْصِرُ وَلَا يُغْنِي عَنْكَ شَيْئًا * يَا أَبَتِ إِنِّي قَدْ جَاءَنِي مِنَ الْعِلْمِ مَا لَمْ يَأْتِكَ فَاتَّبِعْنِي أَهْدِكَ صِرَاطًا سَوِيًّا * يَا أَبَتِ لَا تَعْبُدِ الشَّيْطَانَ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ كَانَ لِلرَّحْمَنِ عَصِيًّا * يَا أَبَتِ إِنِّي أَخَافُ أَنْ يَمَسَّكَ عَذَابٌ مِنَ الرَّحْمَنِ فَتَكُونَ لِلشَّيْطَانِ وَلِيًّا * قَالَ أَرَأَيْتَ أَنْتَ عَنْ آلِهَتِي يَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ

When he said to his father: "O my father! Why do you worship that which hears not, sees not and cannot avail you in anything? O my father! Verily! There has come to me of knowledge that which came not unto you. So follow me. I will guide you to a Straight Path. O my father! Worship not Shaitan (Satan). Verily! Shaitan (Satan) has been a rebel against the Most Beneficent (Allah). O my father! Verily! I fear lest a torment from the Most Beneficent (Allah) overtake you,

⁵⁴ Bukhari (no. 4675) and Muslim (no. 24)

⁵⁵ Bukhari (no. 4675)

⁵⁶ Bukhari (no. 4675) and Muslim (no. 24)

⁵⁷ Bukhari (no. 3883) and Muslim (no. 210)

so that you become a companion of Shaitan (Satan) (in the Hell-fire). He (the father) said: "Do you reject my gods, O Ibrahim (Abraham)? If you stop not (this), I will indeed stone you. So get away from me safely before I punish you."⁵⁸

His father responded with a fanatic answer, bigoted to his gods, while Ibrahim called him to Allah, the Exalted. So his father answered saying:

لَئِنْ لَمْ تَنْتَه لَأَرْجُمَنَّكَ وَاهْجُرْنِي مَلِيًّا * قَالَ سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكَ سَأَسْتَغْفِرُ لَكَ رَبِّي إِنَّهُ كَانَ بِي حَفِيًّا * وَأَعْتَرْتُكُمْ
وَمَا تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَأَدْعُوا رَبِّي عَسَىٰ أَلَّا أَكُونَ بِدُعَاءِ رَبِّي شَقِيًّا

He (the father) said: "Do you reject my gods, O Ibrahim (Abraham)? If you stop not (this), I will indeed stone you. So get away from me safely before I punish you." Ibrahim (Abraham) said: "Peace be on you! I will ask Forgiveness of my Lord for you. Verily! He is unto me, Ever Most Gracious. And I shall turn away from you and from those whom you invoke besides Allah. And I shall call on my Lord; and I hope that I shall not be unblest in my invocation to my Lord."⁵⁹

Allah prohibited our Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) from seeking forgiveness for the hypocrites and then He said:

وَمَا كَانَ اسْتِغْفَارُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لِأَبِيهِ إِلَّا عَنْ مَوْعِدَةٍ وَعَدَّهَا إِيَّاهُ فَلَمَّا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ أَنَّهُ عَدُوٌّ لِلَّهِ تَبَرَّأَ مِنْهُ إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ
لَأَوَّاهٌ حَلِيمٌ

And [Ibrahim's (Abraham)] invoking (of Allah) for his father's forgiveness was only because of a promise he [Ibrahim (Abraham)] had made to him (his father). But when it became clear to him [Ibrahim (Abraham)] that he (his father) is an enemy to Allah, he dissociated himself from him.

Verily Ibrahim (Abraham) was Al-Awwah (has fifteen different meanings but the correct one seems to be that he used to invoke Allah with humility, glorify Him and remember Him much), and was forbearing⁶⁰

So his father remained upon fanaticism to his idols after seeing the Truth. Many from the Children of Israel supported falsehood and continued upon it out of stubbornness, fanaticism, and partisanship towards what they were already upon.

Partisanship is a tradition from the traditions of the Time of Ignorance. Allah said:

وَكَذَلِكَ مَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ فِي قَرْيَةٍ مِنْ نَذِيرٍ إِلَّا قَالَ مُتْرَفُوهَا إِنَّا وَجَدْنَا آبَاءَنَا عَلَىٰ أُمَّةٍ وَإِنَّا عَلَىٰ آثَارِهِمْ
مُقْتَدُونَ

⁵⁸ [19:42-46]

⁵⁹ [19:46-48]

⁶⁰ [9:114]

And similarly, We sent not a warner before you (O Muhammad (ﷺ)) to any town (people) but the luxurious ones among them said: "We found our fathers following a certain way and religion, and we will indeed follow their footsteps."⁶¹

Allah, the Exalted, said:

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يُجَادِلُ فِي اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَلَا هُدًى وَلَا كِتَابٍ مُنِيرٍ

And among men is he who disputes about Allah, without knowledge or guidance, or a Book giving light (from Allah).⁶²

And He said:

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ قَالُوا بَلْ نَتَّبِعُ مَا وَجَدْنَا عَلَيْهِ آبَاءَنَا أَوْلَوْا كَانِ الشَّيْطَانُ يَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَى عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ

And when it is said to them: "Follow that which Allah has sent down", they say: "Nay, we shall follow that which we found our fathers (following)." (Would they do so) even if Shaitan (Satan) invites them to the torment of the Fire?⁶³

They blind-followed them even though they were in this situation. Allah, the Exalted, said:

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ قَالُوا بَلْ نَتَّبِعُ مَا أَلْفَيْنَا عَلَيْهِ آبَاءَنَا أَوْلَوْا كَانِ آبَاؤُهُمْ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ شَيْئاً وَلَا يَهْتَدُونَ

When it is said to them: "Follow what Allah has sent down." They say: "Nay! We shall follow what we found our fathers following." (Would they do that!) Even though their fathers did not understand anything nor were they guided?⁶⁴

So whatever [the situation is] they continue upon fanatic partisanship to their people which is what led to rejecting the Truth and being far removed from it. So O group of Muslims, make yourselves upright and call upon Allah to assist you to devote yourselves to the Truth and supports its people and avoid fanaticism and partisanship which has destroyed nations. It is a satanic tradition of the Time of Ignorance which was practiced by the Jews. It restricts allegiance and dis-allegiance, and the aspect of loving for the sake of Allah is weakened.

⁶¹ [43:23]

⁶² [22:8]

⁶³ [31:21]

⁶⁴ [2:170]

The believer loves to love for Allah's sake and to hate for Allah's sake. Loving for the sake of Allah and hating for the sake of Allah is from the firmest of handholds. However, a partisan, if you say to him: "Where is this person from?" He will say: "This person is from such and such party" and he will look at him from the corner of his eye and not give him any status due to him not being from his party. As well, he will join the Christians or people who oppose Allah and His Messenger (ﷺ):

لَا تَجِدُ قَوْمًا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ يُوَادُّونَ مَنْ حَادَّ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَوْ كَانُوا آبَاءَهُمْ أَوْ أَبْنَاءَهُمْ أَوْ إِخْوَانَهُمْ أَوْ عَشِيرَتَهُمْ

You (O Muhammad (ﷺ)) will not find any people who believe in Allah and the Last Day, making friendship with those who oppose Allah and His Messenger (Muhammad (ﷺ)), even though they were their fathers, or their sons, or their brothers, or their kindred (people).⁶⁵

Partisanship cancels the virtue of the virtuous ones. Our Lord, the Exalted, said:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ

O mankind! We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know one another. Verily, the most honourable of you. . .

Which party [is the most honorable]?

إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتَقَاتُمْ

Verily, the most honourable of you with Allah is that (believer) who has At-Taqwa.⁶⁶

And the Exalted said:

وَهُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ مِنَ الْمَاءِ بَشَرًا فَجَعَلَهُ نَسَبًا وَصِهْرًا وَكَانَ رَبُّكَ قَدِيرًا

And it is He Who has created man from water, and has appointed for him kindred by blood, and kindred by marriage. And your Lord is Ever All-Powerful to do what He wills.⁶⁷

Allah, the Exalted, said:

وَالْعَصْرِ - إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ - إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَّاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَّاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ

⁶⁵ [58:22]

⁶⁶ [43:13]

⁶⁷ [25:54]

By Al-'Asr (the time). Verily! Man is in loss. Except those who believe (in Islamic Monotheism) and do righteous good deeds, and recommend one another to the Truth (i.e. order one another to perform all kinds of good deeds (Al-Ma'ruf) which Allah has ordained, and abstain from all kinds of sins and evil deeds (Al-Munkar) which Allah has forbidden), and recommend one another to patience (for the sufferings, harms, and injuries which one may encounter in Allah's Cause during preaching His religion of Islamic Monotheism or Jihad, etc.).⁶⁸

What is understood from that is that whoever believes in Allah and does righteous deeds, then he is free from failure and it is not allowed to belittle him. It is not allowed to venerate one who is a failure in the Religion. Allah says:

وَلَقَدْ كَرَّمْنَا بَنِي آدَمَ وَحَمَلْنَاهُمْ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَرَزَقْنَاهُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَفَضَّلْنَاهُمْ عَلَى كَثِيرٍ مِمَّنْ خَلَقْنَا تَفْضِيلًا

And indeed We have honoured the Children of Adam, and We have carried them on land and sea, and have provided them with At-Taiyibat (lawful good things), and have preferred them above many of those whom We have created with a marked preference.⁶⁹

This is a specific virtue for the one who is upon Taqwa.

And He said:

وَالَّذِينَ وَالزَّيْتُونَ * وَطُورِ سِينِينَ * وَهَذَا الْبَلَدِ الْأَمِينِ * لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي أَحْسَنِ تَقْوِيمٍ * ثُمَّ رَدَدْنَاهُ أَسْفَلَ سَافِلِينَ * إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَلَهُمْ أَجْرٌ غَيْرُ مَمْنُونٍ

By the fig, and the olive, by Mount Sinai, and by this city of security (Makkah). Verily, We created man of the best stature (mould), then We reduced him to the lowest of the low, save those who believe (in Islamic Monotheism) and do righteous deeds, then they shall have a reward without end (Paradise).⁷⁰

So how can you belittle the one whom Allah will give a great reward? Allah venerated him and you belittle him!

Partisanship is a cause for hostility towards the allies of Allah. The Prophet (ﷺ) said in what he reported from his Lord, the Exalted:

⁶⁸ [103:1-3]

⁶⁹ [17:70]

⁷⁰ [95:1-6]

من عاد لي ولياً فقد آذنته بالحرب، ولا يزال عبدي يتقرب إلي بالنوافل حتى أحبه، فإذا أحببته كنت سمعه الذي يسمع به، وبصره الذي يبصر به، ويده التي يبطش بها، ورجله التي يمشي بها، ولئن سألتني لأعطينه، ولئن استعاذني لأعيذنه

Whosoever shows enmity to a wali (friend) of Mine, then I have declared war against him. And My servant does not draw near to Me with anything more loved to Me than the religious duties I have obligated upon him. And My servant continues to draw near to me with nafil (supererogatory) deeds until I Love him. When I Love him, I am his hearing with which he hears, and his sight with which he sees, and his hand with which he strikes, and his foot with which he walks. Were he to ask [something] of Me, I would surely give it to him, and were he to seek refuge with Me, I would surely grant him refuge.⁷¹

You actually have hostility to Allah, the Exalted. There is no capability for you, O my brother. No one has the ability to wage war with the one whom Allah will defend:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُدَافِعُ عَنِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ خَوَّانٍ كَفُورٍ

Truly, Allah defends those who believe. Verily! Allah likes not any treacherous ingrate to Allah [those who disobey Allah but obey Shaitan (Satan)].⁷²

Whether this partisanship is to fanaticism, tribalism, or nationalism. Look at the partisanship of the schools of jurisprudence and how one belittles the other. It was reported from some of them that: “A man will emerge in this nation called Muhammad ibn Idrees who is more harmful to them than Iblis and Abu Haneefah is the lamp of my Ummah”, and it is a fabricated lie upon the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ). They have come up with a Hadith which is a lie upon the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) in order to make the people stay away from Shafi’ee (may Allah have mercy upon him) and in order to make Abu Haneefah (may Allah have mercy upon him) beloved to them.

Another said:

أنا شافعي ما حييت وإن أمت فوصيتي للناس أن يتشفعوا

I am a Shafi’ee as long as I am alive and when I die
And my advice to the People is to become Shafi’ee⁷³

Why did al-Bunshanji (may Allah have mercy upon him) not advise the people to follow the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Messenger (ﷺ)? He advised to follow this Imam. This is

⁷¹ Bukhari (no. 6502)

⁷² [22:38]

⁷³ Siyar ‘Alaam an-Nubala (10/73) in the biography of Abu Abdullah al-Bunshanji

fanaticism to his school of jurisprudence. Imam ash-Shafi'ee (may Allah have mercy upon him) said:

إذا قلت قولاً يخالف الحديث، فاعلموا أنني راجع عنه في حياتي وبعد مماتي

If I say a statement that opposes a Hadith, then know I take it back in my life and after my death.⁷⁴

He said to a man who asked him about a Hadith saying: “Do you act upon it?” He said:

أترى على وسطي زناراً، أترني في كنيسة، أقول: ثبت الحديث، وتقول: أتعلم به؟ يا قوم إذا ثبت الحديث فهو مذهبي

Do you see me with a belt upon my waist [which is worn by the disbelievers]? Or do you see me in a church? I say: the Hadith is established and you say: Do I act upon it? O people, if a Hadith is established then it is my mathhab (school of thought).⁷⁵

As well as other great statements which are recorded besides it by Abu Haatim [Ar-Raazi] and Bayhaqi (may Allah be pleased with them) regarding the compliance of Imam Shafi'ee to the Truth and encouraging the people to follow the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Messenger (ﷺ).

اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ قَلِيلًا مَا تَذَكَّرُونَ

[Say (O Muhammad (ﷺ)) to these idolaters (pagan Arabs) of your folk]: Follow what has been sent down unto you from your Lord (the Quran and Prophet Muhammad's Sunnah), and follow not any Auliya' (protectors and helpers, etc. who order you to associate partners in worship with Allah), besides Him (Allah). Little do you remember!⁷⁶

And He says:

فَلْيَحْذَرِ الَّذِينَ يُخَالِفُونَ عَنْ أَمْرِهِ أَنْ تُصِيبَهُمْ فِتْنَةٌ أَوْ يُصِيبَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

And let those who oppose the Messenger's (Muhammad (ﷺ)) commandment (i.e. his Sunnah - legal ways, orders, acts of worship, statements, etc.) (among the sects) beware, lest some Fitnah

⁷⁴ These narrations have also been mentioned by Imam al-Albani (may Allah have mercy upon him) in the introduction of his book *the Prophet's Prayer Described*. He referenced it to the following sources: “Abu Nu'aim (9/107), Harawi (47/1), Ibn al-Qayyim in *I'laam al-Muwaqqi'een* (2/363) & Fulaani (p. 104)” [The Prophet's Prayer Described pg. 52]

⁷⁵ Hilya al-Awliya (9/106), Manaqib ash-Shafi'ee of Bayhaqi (1/474), and others

⁷⁶ [7:3]

(disbelief, trials, afflictions, earthquakes, killing, overpowered by a tyrant, etc.) befall them or a painful torment be inflicted on them.⁷⁷

It has occurred from some of them that the Maliki would not pray behind a Shafi'ee and a Shafi'ee would not pray behind a Hanafi. Like this, there were four *Mibrabs*⁷⁸ in the Masjid al-Haram. Everyone would pray in his Mihrab. The Shafi'ee school would have a mihrab, the Maliki school would have a mihrab, the Hanafi school would have a mihrab, and the Hanbali school would have a mihrab; a number of Mihrabs and one would not pray behind the other. They would boycott one another and migrate from the other.

A Hanafi similarly said:

فلعنة ربنا عداد رمل على من خالف قول أبي حنيفة

So let the curse of my Lord in accordance to the amount of sand [on the earth]
Be upon the one who opposes the statement of Abu Hanifah⁷⁹

The students of knowledge know that Abu Hanifah (may Allah have mercy upon him) was the furthest of people from evidence and that he was a Companion of opinion. He was not known except for opinion and his school at that time in Kufa was a school of opinion.

Abu Isma'eel al-Harawi (may Allah have mercy upon him) said:

أنا حنبلي ما حييت وإن أمت فوصيتي للناس أن يتحنبلوا

I am a Hanbali as long as I live and when I die
So my advice to the people is to become Hanbali⁸⁰

Some of them said:

لولا مالك لكان الدين هالك

If it was not for Imam Malik
The Religion would have been destroyed

Allah, the Exalted, said:

⁷⁷ [24:63]

⁷⁸ Prayer places

⁷⁹ Radd al-Muhtaar of Ibn 'Abideen (1/61)

⁸⁰ Tadhkiratul-Huffadh of Imam Dhahabi (3/250)

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ

Verily We: It is We Who have sent down the Dhikr (i.e. the Quran) and surely, We will guard it (from corruption).⁸¹

So the Book and the Sunnah, O nation of Muhammad (ﷺ), unites us and [also] the understanding of the Righteous Pious Predecessors (may Allah be pleased with them). The understanding of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) is the understanding of the Salaf. He said:

نعم السلف أنا لك

How excellent a Predecessor I am to you.⁸²

And the understanding of Abu Bakr, Umar, ‘Uthman, and ‘Ali (may Allah be pleased with them). They are our Salaf (Pious Predecessors) and [also] those who follow their way.

It is established from the Prophet (ﷺ) that he said:

افتترقت اليهود على إحدى وسبعين فرقة، وافتترقت النصارى على ثنتين وسبعين فرقة، وستفترق هذه الأمة على ثلاثة وسبعين فرقة كلها في النار إلا واحدة، قالوا: من هي يا رسول الله؟ قال: من كان مثل ما أنا عليه اليوم وأصحابي

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. All of them in the Hellfire except one. They said: "Who are they O Messenger of Allah?"

He said: "The one who is upon what I am upon today and my Companions."⁸³

None refuses this good except a fool from the foolish ones. He prevents guidance for himself. This fanatic partisanship cancels what Allah wants from unity, brotherhood, and love - this fanatic nationalism, partisan nationalism, and nationalistic ideology. Look at what a nationalist said to one of them:

لا تسألوا عن ملتي عن مذهبي
أنا بعثي إشتراكي عربي

Do not ask about my religion and my school of thought
I am a nationalist, communist, Arab

And he said:

⁸¹ [15:9]

⁸² Bukhari (no. 6285) and Muslim (no. 2450)

⁸³ Silsilatus-Saheeha (no.1492)

رضيت بالبعث ربا لا شريك له
وبالعروبة ديناً ما له ثان

I am pleased with nationalism as a Lord without a partner
And with Arabism as a religion, which does not have a second [i.e. comparative]

O people, do you not see the fitnah in this partisanship from creating grudges, restriction of the heart, hostility, and hatred which Shaytan wants?

إن تفرقكم هذا من الشيطان، إن تفرقكم هذا من الشيطان

Verily this scattering of yours [in this valleys] is only from the devil. Verily this scattering of yours [in this valleys] is only from the devil.⁸⁴

So Allah commanded to hold fast to the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) as mercy upon us. The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) encouraged that in his Sunnan. He said:

إن الله يأمركم بثلاث، وينهاكم عن ثلاث: يأمركم أن تعبدوه ولا تشركوا به شيئاً، وأن تعصموا بحبل الله جميعاً ولا تفرقوا، وأن تناصحوا من ولاه أمركم

Allah is pleased with you about three things and He is angry with you about three things. He is pleased that you worship Him, not associating anything with Him, that you all take hold of the rope of Allah and that you give good counsel to those that Allah has put in authority over you.

The addition about advising the rulers is in Musnad Ahmad.⁸⁵

وينهاكم عن قيل وقال، وكثرة السؤال وإضاعة المال

And He prohibited for you he said and she said, excessive questions, and wasting money.⁸⁶ So adhere to the command of Allah and the command of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ). We have seen and you have seen trouble, misery, hatred, malice, division, and fitnah between the Muslims. As Allah informed us:

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ إِلَّا تَفْعَلُوهُ تَكُنْ فِتْنَةٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَفَسَادٌ كَبِيرٌ

And those who disbelieve are allies to one another, (and) if you (Muslims of the whole world collectively) do not do so (i.e. become allies, as one united block with one Khalifah - chief

⁸⁴ Saheeh Sunan Abi Dawood (no. 2628)

⁸⁵ Musnad Ahmad (no. 8444)

⁸⁶ al-Bukhari (no. 2408) and Muslim (no. 593)

Muslim ruler for the whole Muslim world to make victorious Allah's Religion of Islamic Monotheism), there will be Fitnah (wars, battles, polytheism, etc.) and oppression on earth, and a great mischief and corruption (appearance of polytheism).⁸⁷

If you are not allies to one another, there will be a great mischief and corruption on the earth. So a person should be cautious and he should not follow Iblis, nor the people of the Time of Ignorance, like Azar and Abu Talib. He should not weaken his aspect of allegiance and dis-allegiance. For verily that will indicate the weakness of his Iman and it is obligatory upon a Muslim to fear Allah.

[Look] at what occurred in the story of Genghis Khan, Hulagu, and the domination of the Tatars over the Muslims - [it] was not except due to the fanaticism of the Raafidah; the partisanship of the Raafidah to their false Jewish⁸⁸ ideology. For verily the origin of their ideology is Judaic. So like this, they aided the disbelievers and they returned to their ideology against the Muslims. Shaikhul-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: "I did not dispute with an opponent [from the Jews and Christians] regarding their Lord, except that [I found] the Rafidah were against Islam [and in support of them]."⁸⁹ This is by Allah, sincere advice with Allah, His Messenger (ﷺ), and the believers to fear Allah and get rid of this partisanship. Get rid of this deadly sin. Whoever is afflicted with partisanship, he does not consider partisanship injustice.

Allah, the Exalted, said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ

Verily, Allah enjoins Al-Adl (i.e. justice and worshipping none but Allah Alone - Islamic Monotheism) and Al-Ihsan [i.e. to be patient in performing your duties to Allah, totally for Allah's sake and in accordance with the Sunnah (legal ways) of the Prophet (ﷺ) in a perfect manner], and giving (help) to kith and kin (i.e. all that Allah has ordered you to give them e.g., wealth, visiting, looking after them, or any other kind of help, etc.): and forbids Al-Fahsha' (i.e. all evil deeds, e.g. illegal sexual acts, disobedience of parents, polytheism, to tell lies, to give false witness, to kill a life without right, etc.), and Al-Munkar (i.e. all that is prohibited by Islamic law: polytheism of every kind, disbelief and every kind of evil deeds, etc.)⁹⁰

And He said:

وَإِذَا قُلْتُمْ فَاعْدُوا وَلَوْ كَانَ ذَا قُرْبَىٰ وَبِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ أَوْفُوا

⁸⁷ [8:73]

⁸⁸ The founder of the Raafidah was Abdullah ibn Saba, a former Jew

⁸⁹ Minhaaj as-Sunnah of Shaikhul-Islam (1/20)

⁹⁰ [16:90]

And whenever you give your word (i.e. judge between men or give evidence, etc.), say the truth even if a near relative is concerned.⁹¹

And He said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ بِالْقِسْطِ شُهَدَاءَ لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِكُمْ أَوِ الْوَالِدِينَ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ إِن يَكُنْ غَنِيًّا
أَوْ فَقِيرًا فَاللَّهُ أَوْلَىٰ بِهِمَا فَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا الْهَوَىٰ أَنْ تَعْدُوا وَإِنْ تَلَّوْا أَوْ تَعْرَضُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ
خَبِيرًا

O you who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even though it be against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, be he rich or poor, Allah is a Better Protector to both (than you). So follow not the lusts (of your hearts), lest you may avoid justice, and if you distort your witness or refuse to give it, verily, Allah is Ever Well-Acquainted with what you do.⁹²

وما من يد إلا يد الله فوقها ولا ظالم إلا سيلى بظالم

There is no hand except the Hand of Allah is above it
And no oppressor except he will be obliterated by another

Some of the *Sufis* or deviants, if they see a person seeking knowledge - knowledge of the Book Allah and the Sunnah of the Messenger (ﷺ) - they will prevent him. Allah, the Exalted, said:

وَتَذُقُوا السُّوءَ بِمَا صَدَدْتُمْ عَنِ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَكُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ

And you may have to taste the evil (punishment in this world) of having hindered (men) from the Path of Allah (i.e. Belief in the Oneness of Allah and His Messenger, Muhammad (ﷺ)), and yours will be a great torment (i.e. the Fire of Hell in the Hereafter).⁹³

Do you not fear this Verse and this threat, O partisan to your ideology or party? Allah says:

فَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ كَذَّبَ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَصَدَفَ عَنْهَا سَنَجْزِي الَّذِينَ يَصْدِفُونَ عَنْ آيَاتِنَا سُوءَ الْعَذَابِ بِمَا كَانُوا
يَصْدِفُونَ

Who then does more wrong than one who rejects the Ayat (proofs, evidences, Verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allah and turns away therefrom? We shall requite those who turn away from Our Ayat with an evil torment, because of their turning away (from them).⁹⁴

⁹¹ [6:152]

⁹² [4:135]

⁹³ [16:94]

⁹⁴ [6:157]

By Allah they do not spite Ahlus-Sunnah an atom's weight; you oppose the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Messenger (ﷺ), the one upon the methodology of the Sunnah - the Salafi. There is no resentment towards such a person. However, it was desires which carried Ma'moon to imprison Imam Ahmad (may Allah have mercy upon him) and harm him and the Muslims by killing, displacement, and other than that [of harm] which afflicted the companions of the methodology of the Truth. So know that fanatical partisanship drives its companion to injustice, even if he manifests that he is not a fanatic, and that he is a person who gets along with all the people, etc., so know that the hidden reality which is with him pushes him to injustice and to [even] wrong his companion(s) and oppress those in his ranks.

When Ibn Abi Du'aad overcame Ma'moon with the ideology of Jahmiyyah, Ma'moon compelled the entire nation [to accept] the statement that the Quran was created. Whoever did not say that it was created was either imprisoned or killed. A great trial occurred in that time and none were firm in that time except Imam Ahmad and the likes of Imam Ahmad (may Allah have mercy upon him). Until Ali ibn Madeeni (may Allah have mercy upon him) said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَفِظَ هَذَا الدِّينَ بِاثْنَيْنِ، حَفِظَهُ اللَّهُ بِأَبِي بَكْرٍ فِي الرِّدَّةِ، وَبِالإِمَامِ أَحْمَدَ فِي المِحْنَةِ

Verily Allah preserved this Religion through two people. Allah preserved it through Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) at the time of the apostasy and Imam Ahmad (may Allah have mercy upon him) at the time of the trial [regarding the Quran].⁹⁵

None will be firm in front of falsehood and evil except the one who is dedicated to the Truth and returns the people to the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Messenger (ﷺ). He, the Exalted, said:

فَإِنْ تَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا

(And) if you differ in anything amongst yourselves, refer it to Allah and His Messenger, if you believe in Allah and in the Last Day. That is better and more suitable for final determination.⁹⁶

Due to partisanship, this person calls to his ideology and that person calls to his ideology which leads to failure and the weakness of the Muslims. Allah, the Exalted, said:

وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا فَتَفْشَلُوا وَتَذْهَبَ رِيحُكُمْ

And do not dispute (with one another) lest you lose courage and your strength depart.⁹⁷

⁹⁵ Tareekh al-Baghdaad (1/418), Manaqeeb Imam Ahmad by Ibn Jawzi (pg. 148)

⁹⁶ [4:59]

⁹⁷ [8:46]

So partisanship weakens the strength, removes the courage, removes the might [of the Muslims], and it is an affair desired by the Jews and the Christians. Despite that, you see one uttering and drawing his speech saying: “We want a calm dialogue and we want an ongoing debate with the people.” It is obligatory upon you, O my brother, to repent to Allah, the Exalted, now for what you are upon of predicament and fitnah. Then after that if there occurs a differing in understanding regarding something, then you can request that [calm dialogue] and you have the right to request it. There is a specific tape [that has been recorded] relating to the claim of those who call for debate or calm dialogue. They are the furthest people from correct understanding that is based on the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Messenger (ﷺ). This is in according to the statement of Allah:

وَمَا اخْتَلَفْتُمْ فِيهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَحُكْمُهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ

And in whatsoever you differ, the decision thereof is with Allah (He is the ruling Judge).⁹⁸

And:

فَإِنْ تَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ

(And) if you differ in anything amongst yourselves, refer it to Allah and His Messenger, if you believe in Allah and in the Last Day.⁹⁹

We say this speech heartbroken about what has happened to the Muslims from division and distance from the true Salafi methodology. By Allah, none refuses the Salafi methodology except for a person who opposes [the Book, the Sunnah, and the way of the Companions]. Allah, the Exalted, said:

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

And whoever contradicts and opposes the Messenger (Muhammad (ﷺ)) after the right path has been shown clearly to him, and follows other than the believers' way. We shall keep him in the path he has chosen, and burn him in Hell - what an evil destination.¹⁰⁰

I request from a person who opposes this speech to bring a clear evidence that the path of the believers is other than the path of the Companions. For the path of the believers is the Book of Allah, the Sunnah of His Messenger (ﷺ), and the understanding of the Companions and those who follow them. The understanding of the believers is the pinnacle for the believers. Is not

⁹⁸ [42:10]

⁹⁹ [4:59]

¹⁰⁰ [4:115]

what sufficed them sufficient for us? And that we become one nation and that a believer loves for himself what he loves for his brother as the Prophet (ﷺ) commanded? He denied the completion of Iman for the one who does not achieve that:

لا يؤمن أحدكم حتى يحب لأخيه ما يحب لنفسه

None of you truly believes until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself.¹⁰¹

Then you see those who oppose saying: “These people do not want to unite.”

O my brothers, do they not fear Allah from distorting the reality? They do not fear Allah. You are not capable of [establishing] this methodology which is [spacious] for everyone. Allah, the Exalted, commanded His Prophet (ﷺ) to invite the People of the Book to one just word:

قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ تَعَالَوْا إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ أَلَّا نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ وَلَا نُشْرِكَ بِهِ شَيْئًا

Say (O Muhammad (ﷺ)): "O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians): Come to a word that is just between us and you, that we worship none but Allah, and that we associate no partners with Him.

The *Sufis* associate partners with Allah. How can you be with them? Likewise the *Raafidah*:

وَلَا يَتَّخِذُ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا أَرْبَابًا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ

And that none of us shall take others as lords besides Allah.¹⁰²

Likewise we are commanded altogether to be upon the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ):

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ يَزْعُمُونَ أَنَّهُمْ آمَنُوا بِمَا نُزِّلَ إِلَيْكَ وَمَا نُزِّلَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَتَحَاكَمُوا إِلَى الطَّاغُوتِ وَقَدْ أُمِرُوا أَنْ يَكْفُرُوا بِهِ وَيُرِيدُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَنْ يُضِلَّهُمْ ضَلَالًا بَعِيدًا

Have you seen those (hypocrites) who claim that they believe in that which has been sent down to you, and that which was sent down before you, and they wish to go for judgement (in their disputes) to the Taghut (false judges, etc.) while they have been ordered to reject them. But Shaitan (Satan) wishes to lead them far astray.¹⁰³

And He said:

¹⁰¹ Bukhari (no. 13) and Muslim (no. 45)

¹⁰² [3:64]

¹⁰³ [4:60]

وقال: فَلَا وَرَبِّكَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ حَتَّىٰ يُحَكِّمُوكَ فِيمَا شَجَرَ بَيْنَهُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَجِدُوا فِي أَنفُسِهِمْ حَرَجًا مِّمَّا قَضَيْتَ
وَيُسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

But no, by your Lord, they can have no Faith, until they make you (O Muhammad (ﷺ)) judge in all disputes between them, and find in themselves no resistance against your decisions, and accept (them) with full submission.¹⁰⁴

The Book and Sunnah is sufficient for everyone. Whoever turns away or prevents the Truth, then it is obligatory to turn away and prevent him. In this Book is our happiness:

شَرَعَ لَكُمْ مِنَ الدِّينِ مَا وَصَّىٰ بِهِ نُوحًا وَالَّذِي أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ وَمَا وَصَّيْنَا بِهِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ أَنْ
أَقِيمُوا الدِّينَ وَلَا تَتَفَرَّقُوا فِيهِ

He (Allah) has ordained for you the same Religion (Islam) which He ordained for Nuh (Noah), and that which We have inspired in you (O Muhammad (ﷺ)), and that which We ordained for Ibrahim (Abraham), Musa (Moses) and 'Iesa (Jesus), saying you should establish Religion (i.e. to do what it orders you to do practically), and make no divisions in it (Religion) (i.e. various sects in Religion).¹⁰⁵

By Allah, I advise all the Muslims not to divide the Religion of Allah and that they hold fast to the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Messenger (ﷺ). We do not call to our statements and opinions. This is oppression. If we called you to our opinions, we would oppress you and if you call us to your opinions as well, it would be an oppression. However, we call everyone to the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Messenger (ﷺ). In it is safety, good, and guidance. Allah, the Exalted, said:

وَأَنَّ هَذَا صِرَاطِي مُسْتَقِيمًا فَاتَّبِعُوهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا السُّبُلَ فَتَفَرَّقَ بِكُمْ عَن سَبِيلِهِ ذَلِكُمْ وَصَّكُم بِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُوا

And verily, this is my Straight Path, so follow it, and follow not (other) paths, for they will separate you away from His Path. This He has ordained for you that you may become Al-Muttaqun.¹⁰⁶

Perhaps in shaa Allah [there will be] a sequel [to this work] that will further clarify the harms of partisanship and fanaticism against this *Salafi* Da'wah from the past generations until this generation, and in all times. All the generations complain about these harms which split the Muslims, divide their ranks, and shake that which is between them. It made everyone exploit his station, position, and honor. A person exploits [these things] in order to support his ideology,

¹⁰⁴ [4:65]

¹⁰⁵ [42:13]

¹⁰⁶ [6:153]

party, people, tribe, and kinship, and in order to destroy and oppress others, belittle others, or to not recognize their level. The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

ومن تعزى بعزاء الجاهلية فأعضوه بهن أبيه، ولا تكنو

Whoever consoles someone with the consolation used in the Time of Ignorance, then let him bite his father's private part and let him not use a euphemism [for it].¹⁰⁷

The meaning of that is to belittle him. And he (ﷺ) said:

لِيَدَعَنَّ رِجَالٌ فَخْرَهُمْ بِأَقْوَامٍ إِنَّمَا هُمْ فَحَمٌ مِنْ فَحَمٍ جَهَنَّمَ أَوْ لِيَكُونَنَّ أَهْوَنَ عَلَى اللَّهِ مِنَ الْجِعْلَانِ الَّتِي تَدْفَعُ
بِأَنْفِهَا التُّنَنَ

Let the people cease to boast about their ancestors. They are merely fuel in Jahannam, or they will certainly be of less account with Allah than the beetle which rolls dung with its nose.¹⁰⁸

So do not boast to one who is upright with what you have nor what you have grown tired regarding. These [possessions] are fading. You, O one who is responsible, may Allah facilitate for me and you, whether you are a ruler or minister today, will be under the dust tomorrow and the worms will consume you. So it is obligatory for you to consider the standing in front of Allah for accountability and not let this position overcome you or this office make you be against the one who did not elect you or is not with you. For the affair is an affair of the Religion and we do not call to the disbelieving Democracy which the disbelievers call to from the Jews and Christians. We say to you [that] they call you towards saying: “Everyone [does] that which he thinks.” However, we call you to the Book and the Sunnah.

For verily the Book and Sunnah have been guaranteed by Allah, the Exalted, to contain the happiness for mankind, the happiness for the spouses, for the neighbor, for the ruler and the citizen, for the animals, for the insects, and the remaining creation; all of them. [This is] if the Muslims act upon the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Messenger (ﷺ). Allah says:

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

And whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers.¹⁰⁹

And the Exalted said in His Noble Book:

¹⁰⁷ Saheeh Musnad (no. 11)

¹⁰⁸ [Saheeh Sunan Abi Dawood no. 5116]

¹⁰⁹ [3:85]

أَفَمَنْ يَهْدِي إِلَى الْحَقِّ أَحَقُّ أَنْ يُتَّبَعَ أَمَّنْ لَا يَهْدِي إِلَّا أَنْ يُهْدَى

Is then He, Who gives guidance to the Truth, more worthy to be followed, or he who finds not guidance (himself) unless he is guided?¹¹⁰

And the Exalted said:

قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْهِ مَا حُمِّلَ وَعَلَيْكُمْ مَا حُمِّلْتُمْ وَإِنْ تُطِيعُوهُ تَهْتَدُوا وَمَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ

Say: "Obey Allah and obey the Messenger, but if you turn away, he (i.e. the Messenger Muhammad (ﷺ)) is only responsible for the duty placed on him (i.e. to convey Allah's Message) and you for that placed on you. If you obey him, you shall be on the right guidance. The Messenger's duty is only to convey (the message) in a clear way (i.e. to preach in a plain way)."¹¹¹

And all Praise is due to Allah

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¹¹⁰ [10:35]

¹¹¹ [24:54]

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