

MILESTONES

IN THE CALL TO AHLUL SUNNAH

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

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

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

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

فَإِنْ أَصْدَقُ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى وَأَحْسَنُ الْهُدَى هُدَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَشَرُّ الْأُمُورِ مُحَدَّثَاتُهَا وَكُلُّ مُحَدَّثَةٍ بَدْعَةٌ وَكُلُّ بَدْعَةٍ ضَلَالَةٌ وَكُلُّ

The following is a summarization of the excellent book *The Milestones of the Call of Ahlus-Sunnah* written by Abu Bakr Abdur-razzaq an-Nihmi. The book is invaluable in explaining the da'wah of Ahlus-Sunnah and the distinguishing signs of its methodology. To help bring forth this work to the English speaking brothers and sisters, I have gathered all the milestones the Shaikh mentioned alongside one or two evidences the Shaikh used. As well, I have attached some beneficial statements from the Salaf and Scholars that the Shaikh mentioned under each milestone.

أَسْأَلُ اللَّهَ بِأَسْمَائِهِ الْحَسَنَى وَصِفَاتِهِ الْعُلْيَا أَنْ يَجْعَلَهُ خَالصًا لَوَجْهِهِ الْكَرِيمِ

I ask Allah by his Beautiful Names and Lofty Attributes to make it sincerely for His Honorable

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Introduction

by

Shaikh Yahya ibn Ali al-Hajoori (may Allah preserve him)

All praise is due to Allah, we praise him, we seek his aid, and his forgiveness. I bear witness there is no God worthy of worship except Allah alone without a partner and I bear witness that Muhammad is his slave and Messenger.

As for what follows:

I read the treatise *Milestones of the Call of Ahlus-Sunnah* of our brother, the virtuous Shaikh, the chaste Salafi Abu Bakr Abdur-razzaq an-Nihmi (may Allah preserve him). So I found it a beneficial treatise in the clarification of the explanation of the Salafi call. A beneficial explanation. Everything of what Shaikh Abu Bakr (may Allah preserve him) mentioned about the Salafi call in this abridged treatise has no dispute in it. So may Allah reward him with good and benefit the Muslims by his dawah, his certainty, his humbleness, and his good character.

With Allah is Divine Success

Yahya ibn Ali al-Hajoori

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Milestone no. 1:

دعوة أهل السنة نسبة إلى رسول الله (ﷺ)

The Call of Ahlus-Sunnah is Ascribed to the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ)

The Prophet (ﷺ) said from the Hadith of al-'Irbaad ibn as-Saariyah (may Allah be pleased with him):

فَعَلَيْكُمْ بِسُنَّتِي

So you must keep to my Sunnah

[Reported by Sunan Abu Dawood no. 4607 and Graded Saheeh by Al-Albani in Saheeh Sunan Abi Dawood no. 4607]

The Prophet (ﷺ) said from the Hadith of Abdullah ibn 'Amr al-'As (may Allah be pleased with him):

ولكلِّ شِرَّةٍ فِتْرَةٌ، فمن كانت فِتْرَتُهُ إلى سُنَّتِي، فقد اهْتدى، ومن كانت فِتْرَتُهُ إلى غير ذلك فقد هَلَكَ

And indeed for every action there is zeal and for every zeal there is a period of slackening. So whoever's slackening is towards my Sunnah, he is guided. Whoever's slackening is to other than that, then he is destroyed

[Reported by Ahmad no. 6958 and graded Saheeh by Shaikh al-Waadi'ee in Saheeh Musnad no. 801]

Milestone no. 2:

سموا أهل السنة لاتباعهم السنة رسول الله (ﷺ)

They are called Ahlus-Sunnah due to their following the Sunnah of the Messenger (ﷺ)

Milestone no. 3:

دعوة أهل السنة هي: دعوة رسول الله (ﷺ)

The Call of Ahlus-Sunnah is: the Call of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ)

Allah says:

لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِن كَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ

Indeed Allah conferred a great favour on the believers when He sent among them a Messenger (Muhammad) from among themselves, reciting unto them His Verses (the Quran), and purifying them (from sins by their following him), and instructing them (in) the Book (the Quran) and Al-Hikmah [the wisdom and the Sunnah of the Prophet (i.e. his legal ways, statements, acts of worship, etc.)], while before that they had been in manifest error [3:164].

Allah says:

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) judge in all disputes between them, and find in themselves no resistance against your decisions, and accept (them) with full submission [4:65]

Milestone no. 4:

دعوة أهل السنة فرقت بين الحق والباطل

The Call of Ahlus-Sunnah divides Truth from Falsehood

Jabir Ibn Abdullah (may Allah be pleased with him) said:

جَاءَتْ مَلَائِكَةٌ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَهُوَ نَائِمٌ وَقَالَ بَعْضُهُمْ إِنَّهُ نَائِمٌ. وَقَالَ بَعْضُهُمْ إِنَّ الْعَيْنَ نَائِمَةٌ وَالْقَلْبَ يَقْظَانُ. فَقَالُوا إِنَّ لِمَا بَيْنَكُمْ هَذَا مَثَلًا فَاصْرُبُوا لَهُ مَثَلًا. فَقَالَ بَعْضُهُمْ إِنَّهُ نَائِمٌ. وَقَالَ بَعْضُهُمْ إِنَّ الْعَيْنَ نَائِمَةٌ وَالْقَلْبَ يَقْظَانُ. فَقَالُوا مَثَلُهُ كَمَثَلِ رَجُلٍ بَنَى دَارًا، وَجَعَلَ فِيهَا مَأْدُبَةً وَبَعَثَ دَاعِيًا، فَمَنْ أَجَابَ الدَّاعِيَ دَخَلَ الدَّارَ وَأَكَلَ مِنَ الْمَأْدُبَةِ، وَمَنْ لَمْ يُجِبِ الدَّاعِيَ لَمْ يَدْخُلِ الدَّارَ وَلَمْ يَأْكُلْ مِنَ الْمَأْدُبَةِ. فَقَالُوا أَوَّلُهَا لَهُ يَفْقَهُهَا فَقَالَ بَعْضُهُمْ إِنَّهُ نَائِمٌ. وَقَالَ بَعْضُهُمْ إِنَّ الْعَيْنَ نَائِمَةٌ وَالْقَلْبَ يَقْظَانُ. فَقَالُوا فَالِدَارُ

الْجَنَّةُ، وَالذَّاعِي مُحَمَّدٌ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَمَنْ أَطَاعَ مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ، وَمَنْ عَصَى مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَدْ عَصَى اللَّهَ، وَمُحَمَّدٌ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَزَقَّ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ

Some angels came to the Prophet (ﷺ) while he was sleeping. Some of them said, "He is sleeping." Others said, "His eyes are sleeping but his heart is awake." Then they said, "There is an example for this companion of yours." One of them said, "Then set forth an example for him."

Some of them said, "He is sleeping." The others said, "His eyes are sleeping but his heart is awake." Then they said, "His example is that of a man who has built a house and then offered therein a banquet and sent an inviter (messenger) to invite the people. So whoever accepted the invitation of the inviter, entered the house and ate of the banquet, and whoever did not accept the invitation of the inviter, did not enter the house, nor did he eat of the banquet." Then the angels said, "Interpret this example to him so that he may understand it." Some of them said, "He is sleeping." The others said, "His eyes are sleeping but his heart is awake." And then they said, "The houses stands for Paradise and the call maker is Muhammad; and whoever obeys Muhammad, obeys Allah; and whoever disobeys Muhammad, disobeys Allah. Muhammad separated the people (i.e., through his message, the good is distinguished from the bad, and the believers from the disbelievers) [Reported by al-Bukhari no. 7281]

Milestone no. 5:

وهي تهتم بالعقيدة الصحيحة

It is Concerned with the Authentic Creed

Allah says:

وَلَقَدْ أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ وَإِلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ لَئِنْ أَشْرَكْتَ لَيَحْبَطَنَّ عَمَلُكَ وَلَتَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ- بَلِ اللَّهُ فَاعْبُدْ
وَكَانَ مِنَ الشَّاكِرِينَ

And indeed it has been revealed to you (O Muhammad), as it was to those (Allah's Messengers) before you: "If you join others in worship with Allah, (then) surely (all) your deeds will be in vain, and you will certainly be among the losers" [39:65-66].

Allah says:

لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ وَقَالَ الْمَسِيحُ يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ
مَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَأْوَاهُ النَّارُ وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ

O Children of Israel! Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord." Verily, whosoever sets up partners in worship with Allah, then Allah has forbidden Paradise for him, and the Fire will be his abode. And for the Zalimun (polytheists and wrong-doers) there are no helpers [5:72]

Ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) said: When the Prophet (ﷺ) sent Mu`adh to Yemen, he said to him:

إِنَّكَ تَقْدَمُ عَلَى قَوْمٍ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ فَلْيَكُنْ أَوَّلَ مَا تَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَى أَنْ يُوحِدُوا اللَّهَ تَعَالَى فَإِذَا عَرَفُوا ذَلِكَ
فَأَخْبِرْهُمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ فَرَضَ عَلَيْهِمْ خَمْسَ صَلَوَاتٍ فِي يَوْمِهِمْ وَلَيْلَتِهِمْ، فَإِذَا صَلُّوا فَأَخْبِرْهُمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ افْتَرَضَ
عَلَيْهِمْ زَكَاةً فِي أَمْوَالِهِمْ تُؤْخَذُ مِنْ غَنِيِّهِمْ فَتُرَدُّ عَلَى فَقِيرِهِمْ، فَإِذَا أَقْرَأُوا بِذَلِكَ فَخُذْ مِنْهُمْ وَتَوَقَّ كَرَائِمَ أَمْوَالِ
النَّاسِ

"You are going to a nation from the people of the Scripture, so let the first thing to which you will invite them, be the Tauhid of Allah. If they learn that, tell them that Allah has enjoined on them, five prayers to be offered in one day and one night. And if they pray, tell them that Allah has enjoined on them Zakat of their properties and it is to be taken from the rich among them and given to the poor. And if they agree to that, then take from them Zakat but avoid the best property of the people." [Reported by al-Bukhari no. 7372 and Muslim no. 121]

Milestone no. 6:

دعوة أهل السنة تهتم بالعلم الشرعي

The Call of Ahlus-Sunnah is Concerned with Legislated knowledge

Allah says:

يَرْفَعُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ ۗ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ

Allah will exalt in degree those of you who believe, and those who have been granted knowledge.

And Allah is Well-Acquainted with what you do [58:11]

Allah says:

وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا

and say: "My Lord! Increase me in knowledge." [20:114]

Mu'awiyah (may Allah be pleased with him) said that the Prophet said (ﷺ) :

مَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ بِهِ خَيْرًا، يُفَقِّهُهُ فِي الدِّينِ

When Allah wishes good for anyone, He bestows upon him the Fiqh (comprehension) of the religion [Reported by al-Bukhari no. 71 and Muslim no. 1038]

Our Shaikh al-Waadi'ee (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: **“The chairs [i.e. of the government and positions of authority] are not equal to camel feces in my sight ”**

Milestone no. 7:

دعوة أهل السنة تربط الناس بالله لا تربطهم بالدنيا

The Call of Ahlus-Sunnah connects People to Allah and Does not Connect them to the Worldly Life

Allah says:

قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ مَالِكِ الْمُلْكِ تُؤْتِي الْمُلْكَ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتَنْزِعُ الْمُلْكَ مِمَّنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُعْزِزُ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُذِلُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ بِيَدِكَ الْخَيْرُ إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ - تُوَلِّجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَتُوَلِّجُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ وَتُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَيِّتِ وَتُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتَ مِنَ الْحَيِّ وَتَرْزُقُ مَنْ تَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ

Say (O Muhammad): "O Allah! Possessor of the kingdom, You give the kingdom to whom You will, and You take the kingdom from whom You will, and You endue with honour whom You will, and You humiliate whom You will. In Your Hand is the good. Verily, You are Able to do all things. You make the night to enter into the day, and You make the day to enter into the night (i.e. increase and decrease in the hours of the night and the day during winter and summer), You bring the living out of the dead, and You bring the dead out of the living. And You give wealth and sustenance to whom You will, without limit (measure or account) [3:26-27]

The Prophet (ﷺ) said to the woman who complained to him that she has epilepsy:

إِنْ شِئْتَ صَبَرْتِ وَلَكَ الْجَنَّةُ وَإِنْ شِئْتَ دَعَوْتُ اللَّهَ أَنْ يُعَافِيكَ ". فَقَالَتْ أَصْبِرُ. فَقَالَتْ إِنِّي أَتَكَشَّفُ فَادْعِ اللَّهَ أَنْ لَا أَتَكَشَّفَ، فَدَعَا لَهَا

'If you wish, be patient and you will have (enter) Paradise; and if you wish, I will invoke Allah to cure you.' She said, 'I will remain patient,' and added, 'but I become uncovered, so please invoke Allah for me that I may not become uncovered.' So he invoked Allah for her." [al-Bukhari no.

5752 and Muslim no. 2576]

Milestone no. 8:

دعوة أهل السنة لإصلاح للمجتمع

The Call of Ahlus-Sunnah is Reformation for the Society

Allah says:

وَأَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَبِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْجَارِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْجَارِ الْجُنُبِ وَالصَّاحِبِ بِالْجَنبِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ مَن كَانَ مُخْتَالًا فَخُورًا

Worship Allah and join none with Him in worship, and do good to parents, kinsfolk, orphans, Al-Masakin (the poor), the neighbour who is near of kin, the neighbour who is a stranger, the companion by your side, the wayfarer (you meet), and those (slaves) whom your right hands possess. Verily, Allah does not like such as are proud and boastful [4:36]

In the Hadith of Heraclius, he said to Abu Sufyan: What does he (the Prophet) order you with? He said: He tells us to:

اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَحْدَهُ، وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا، وَاتْرَكُوا مَا يَفُولُ آبَاؤُكُمْ، وَيَأْمُرْنَا بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالصِّدْقِ وَالْعَفَافِ وَالصَّلَاةِ.

Worship Allah and Allah alone and not associate any partners 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. [Reported by al-Bukhari no. 8 from Ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him)]

Milestone no. 9:

و الداعية السني يبدأ بنفسه

The Sunni Caller to Allah Starts with Himself

Allah says:

أَتَأْمُرُونَ النَّاسَ بِالْبِرِّ وَتَنْسَوْنَ أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ تَتْلُونَ الْكِتَابَ ؕ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ

Enjoin you Al-Birr (piety and righteousness and each and every act of obedience to Allah) on the people and you forget (to practise it) yourselves, while you recite the Scripture [the Taurat (Torah)]! Have you then no sense? [2:44]

Usama ibn Zaid (may Allah be pleased with him) said that the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

يُجَاءُ بِالرَّجُلِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فَيُلْقَى فِي النَّارِ، فَتَنْدَلِقُ أَقْتَابُهُ فِي النَّارِ، فَيَدُورُ كَمَا يَدُورُ الْحِمَارُ بِرَحَاهُ، فَيَجْتَمِعُ أَهْلُ النَّارِ عَلَيْهِ، فَيَقُولُونَ أَيُّ فُلَانٍ، مَا شَأْنُكَ أَلَيْسَ كُنْتَ تَأْمُرُنَا بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَى عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ قَالَ كُنْتُ أَمُرُكُمْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَلَا آتِيهِ، وَأَنْهَأُكُمْ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَآتِيهِ

A man will be brought on the Day of Resurrection and thrown in the (Hell) Fire, so that his intestines will come out, and he will go around like a donkey goes around a millstone. The people of (Hell) Fire will gather around him and say: O so-and-so! What is wrong with you? Didn't you use to order us to do good deeds and forbid us to do bad deeds? He will reply: Yes, I used to order you to do good deeds, but I did not do them myself, and I used to forbid you to do bad deeds, yet I used to do them myself [Reported by al-Bukhari no. 3268 and Muslim no. 2989].

Milestone no. 10:

دعوة أهل السنة لا يسكتون عن باطل

The Call of Ahlus-Sunnah does not Keep Silent about Falsehood

The Prophet (ﷺ) said :

إِنَّ لِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ فِتْنَةٌ وَفِتْنَةُ أُمَّتِي الْمَالُ

Indeed there is a fitnah for every Ummah, and the Fitnah for my Ummah is wealth.

[Reported by Tirmidhi no. 2336 and Graded Saheeh by Al-Albani in Saheeh Tirmidhi no. 2336]

The Prophet (ﷺ) :

مَا ذُنُوبَانِ جَائِعَانِ أَرْسِلَا فِي عَنَمٍ بِأُفْسَدَ لَهَا مِنْ حِرْصِ الْمَرْءِ عَلَى الْمَالِ وَالشَّرَفِ لِدِينِهِ

Two wolves free among sheep are no more destructive to them than a man's desire for wealth and honor is to his religion

[Reported by Tirmidhi no. 2381 and Graded Saheeh by Al-Albani in Saheeh Tirmidhi no. 2376]

Milestone no. 11:

منهج أهل السنة معصوم عن الخطأ

The Methodology of Ahlus-Sunnah is Infallible

Allah says:

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) [15:9]

Abdullah ibn Amr al-'As (may Allah be pleased with him) said:

كُنْتُ أَكْتُبُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ أَسْمَعُهُ مِنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أُرِيدُ حِفْظَهُ فَهَثَنِي قُرَيْشٌ وَقَالُوا أَتَكْتُبُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ تَسْمَعُهُ وَرَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بَشَرٌ يَتَكَلَّمُ فِي الْغَضَبِ وَالرِّضَا فَأَمْسَكْتُ عَنِ الْكِتَابِ فَذَكَرْتُ ذَلِكَ لِرَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَأَوْمَأَ بِأَصْبُعِهِ إِلَيَّ فِيهِ فَقَالَ " أَكْتُبُ فَوَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ مَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْهُ إِلَّا حَقٌّ

I used to write everything which I heard from the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ). I intended (by it) to memorise it. The Quraysh prohibited me saying: Do you write everything that you hear from him while the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) is a human being: he speaks in anger and pleasure? So I stopped writing, and mentioned it to the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ). He signalled with his finger to him mouth and said: Write, by Him in Whose hand my soul lies, only right comes out from it

[Reported by Abu Dawood no. 3647 and Ahmad (2/162). It is Saheeh]

Milestone no. 12:

دعوة أهل السنة ليست مادية

The Call of Ahlus-Sunnah is not Materialistic

Allah says:

قُلْ مَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ أَجْرٍ إِلَّا مَنْ شَاءَ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِ سَبِيلًا

Say: "No reward do I ask of you for this (that which I have bought from my Lord and its preaching, etc.), save that whosoever wills, may take a Path to his Lord [25:57]

Allah says:

وَيَا قَوْمِ لَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ مَالًا إِنْ أَجْرِيَ إِلَّا عَلَىٰ اللَّهِ

"And O my people! I ask of you no wealth for it, my reward is from none but Allah [11:29]

Sufyan ath-Thawri (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: **“Wealth is the disease of this nation and the Scholar is the doctor of this nation. So if the Scholar is affected with the disease, who will cure the people?”**[Siyar ‘Alaam an-Nubalaa (7/243)]

Milestone no. 13:

دعوة أهل السنة تحذر التشبه بالكفار ومن الغزو الفكري

The Call of Ahlus-Sunnah Warns Against Imitating the Disbelievers and from the Ideological Warfare

Allah says:

وَلَنْ تَرْضَىٰ عَنْكَ الْيَهُودُ وَلَا النَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَتَّبِعَ مِلَّتَهُمْ

Never will the Jews nor the Christians be pleased with you (O Muhammad Peace be upon him) till you follow their religion [2:120]

The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

مَنْ تَشَبَهَ بِقَوْمٍ فَهُوَ مِنْهُمْ

He who imitates any people is one of them

[Graded Saheeh by Al-Albaani in Saheeh Jami no. 6149 from Ibn ‘Umar (may Allah be pleased with him)]

The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

لَتَتَّبِعَنَّ سَنَنَ مَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ حَتَّىٰ لَوْ دَخَلُوا جُحْرًا ضَبَّ تَبِعْتُمُوهُمْ " . قُلْنَا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ الْيَهُودُ وَالنَّصَارَى
قَالَ فَمَنْ

You will follow the ways of those nations who were before you,so much so that even if they entered a hole of a mastigure, you would follow them." We said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! (Do you mean) the Jews and the Christians?" He said, "Whom else?" [Reported by Al-Bukhari no.

3457]

Milestone no. 14:

دعوة أهل السنة لا يتزلفون إلى المسئولين ويدعون الله أن يصلحهم

The Call of Ahlus-Sunnah Does not Flatter Those Who are in Charge and They Supplicate to Allah for their Rectification

Shaikh al-Waadi'ee (May Allah have mercy upon him) said: **“Knowledge has become the most pleasurable of all things to me”**.

The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

يَا عَبْدَ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنِ سَمُرَةَ لَا تَسْأَلِ الْإِمَارَةَ فَإِنَّكَ إِذَا أُعْطِيَتْهَا عَنْ مَسْأَلَةٍ وَكَلْتِ فِيهَا إِلَىٰ نَفْسِكَ وَإِنْ أُعْطِيَتْهَا عَنْ غَيْرِ مَسْأَلَةٍ أُعِنْتَ عَلَيْهَا

'Abdul al-Rahman b. Samurah, do not ask for the position of commander, for if you are given it after asking you will be left to discharge it yourself, but if you are given it without asking you will be helped to discharge it [Reported by al-Bukhari no. 6622 and Muslim no. 1605]

The Fudayl ibn 'Iyyad (may Allah have mercy upon him): **“If I had a supplication that will be answered, then I would make it for the leader. It was said to him: Oh Abu Ali, explain this for us. He said: If I made it for myself it would not be promised for me. If I make it for the leader he will be rectified. So the servants and the land will rectify because of his rectification. We were ordered to supplicate for them for rectification. We were not ordered to supplicate against them even if they oppress and transgress because their oppression and transgression is upon themselves and their rectification is for themselves and the Muslims”** [Saheeh narration. Reported by Abu Na'eem in al-Hilyah (8/91) and Ibn Abdul Barr mentioned it in *Mu'allaq* form in Jami Bayaan al-'ilm wa fadlihi no. 1110]

Milestone no. 15:

دعوة أهل السنة لا تدعو إلى التقليد

The Call of Ahlus-Sunnah Does not Call to Blind-Following

Allah says:

اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ إِلَيْكُم مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا مِن دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَذَكَّرُونَ

[Say (O Muhammad) 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! [7:3]

From the long Hadith of Baraa ibn 'Azib (may Allah be pleased with him) about the questioning of the evil person in the grave by the two Angels:

وَيَأْتِيهِ مَلَكَانِ فَيَجْلِسَانِهِ فَيَقُولَانِ : مَنْ رَبُّكَ فَيَقُولُ : هَاهُ هَاهُ هَاهُ لَا أَدْرِي . فَيَقُولَانِ لَهُ : مَا دِينُكَ فَيَقُولُ : هَاهُ هَاهُ لَا أَدْرِي . فَيَقُولَانِ : مَا هَذَا الرَّجُلُ الَّذِي بُعِثَ فِيكُمْ فَيَقُولُ : هَاهُ هَاهُ لَا أَدْرِي . فَيُنَادِي مُنَادٍ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ : أَنْ كَذَبَ فَأَفْرَشُوهُ مِنَ النَّارِ وَالْبَسُوهُ مِنَ النَّارِ، وَافْتَحُوا لَهُ بَابًا إِلَى النَّارِ " . قَالَ : " فَيَأْتِيهِ مِنْ حَرِّهَا وَسُمُومِهَا " . قَالَ : " وَيُضَيِّقُ عَلَيْهِ قَبْرَهُ حَتَّى تَخْتَلِفَ فِيهِ أَضْلَاعُهُ

“Two angels will come to him, make him sit up and ask him: Who is your Lord? He will reply: Alas, alas! I do not know. They will ask him: What is your religion? He will reply: Alas, alas! I do not know. They will ask: Who was the man who was sent on a mission among you? He will reply: Alas, alas! I do not know. Then a crier will call from Heaven: He has lied, so spread a bed for him from Hell, clothe him from Hell, and open for him a door into Hell. Then some of its heat and pestilential wind will come to him, and his grave will be compressed, so that his ribs will be crushed together [Reported by Abu Dawood no. 4753, Ahmad no. 18543 and Ibn Abi Shaybah (3/380). Graded Saheeh by Al-Albani in Saheeh Sunan Abu Dawood no. 4753]

Imam Shafi'ee (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: “**The Muslims have agreed that: if a Sunnah is clarified to someone, it is not allowed for him to leave it off for the saying of anyone else**”

Milestone no. 16:

أعداء أهل السنة يكذبون عليهم

The Enemies of Ahlus-Sunnah Lie Upon Them

Allah says:

ذُرِّسْنَا نُوْحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ فَقَالَ يَا قَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنِّ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ إِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ - قَالَ الْمَلَأُ مِنْ قَوْمِهِ إِنَّا لَنَرَاكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ - قَالَ يَا قَوْمِ لَيْسَ بِي ضَلَالَةٌ وَلَكِنِّي رَسُولٌ مِّن رَّبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ - أُبَلِّغُكُمْ رِسَالَاتِ رَبِّي وَأَنْصَحُ لَكُمْ وَأَعْلَمُ مِنَ اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

Indeed, We sent Nuh to his people and he said: "O my people! Worship Allah! You have no other god but Him. Certainly, I fear for you the torment of a Great Day!". The leaders of his people said: "Verily, we see you in plain error." Nuh(said: "O my people! There is no error in me, but I am a Messenger from the Lord of all that exists!) I convey unto you the Messages of my Lord and give sincere advice to you. And I know from Allah what you know not." [7:59-62]

The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

سَيَأْتِي عَلَى النَّاسِ سَنَوَاتٌ خَدَاعَاتٌ يُصَدِّقُ فِيهَا الْكَاذِبُ وَيُكذِّبُ فِيهَا الصَّادِقُ وَيُؤْتَمَنُ فِيهَا الْخَائِنُ وَيُخَوَّنُ فِيهَا الْأَمِينُ وَيَنْطِقُ فِيهَا الرَّوْبِيضَةُ قِيلَ وَمَا الرَّوْبِيضَةُ قَالَ الرَّجُلُ التَّافَهُ فِي أَمْرِ الْعَامَّةِ

“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 said: ‘Vile and base men who control the affairs of the people.’” [Reported by Ahmad (3/220). Our al-Waadi’ee (may Allah have mercy upon him) in Saheeh ul-Musnad mima Laysa Fi Saheehayn (1/2)]

Milestone no. 17:

أهل السنة دعاة أمن وأمان و يحذرون من التفجيرات و التلغيمات

Ahlu-Sunnah are Callers to Security and Safety and They Warn against Bombings

Allah says:

الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَلَمْ يَلْبِسُوا إِيمَانَهُمْ بِظُلْمٍ أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمُ الْأَمْنُ وَهُمْ مُهْتَدُونَ

It is those who believe (in the Oneness of Allah and worship none but Him Alone) and confuse not their belief with Zulm (wrong i.e. by worshipping others besides Allah), for them (only) there is security and they are the guided [6:82]

Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) said:

كَانَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ سَهْرَ فَلَمَّا قَدِمَ الْمَدِينَةَ قَالَ " لَيْتَ رَجُلًا مِنْ أَصْحَابِي صَالِحًا يَحْرُسُنِي اللَّيْلَةَ ". إِذْ سَمِعْنَا صَوْتَ سِلَاحٍ فَقَالَ " مَنْ هَذَا ". فَقَالَ أَنَا سَعْدُ بْنُ أَبِي وَقَّاصٍ، جِئْتُ لِأَحْرُسَكَ. وَنَامَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

The Prophet (ﷺ) was vigilant one night and when he reached Medina, he said, "Would that a pious man from my companions guard me tonight!" Suddenly we heard the clatter of arms. He said, "Who is that?" He (The newcomer) replied, " I am Sa`d bin Abi Waqqas and have come to guard you." So, the Prophet (ﷺ) slept (that night) [Reported by al-Bukhari no. 7137 and Muslim no. 1835]

Milestone no. 18:

أهل السنة لا يرون خروج على حكام ما داموا مسلمين و ان جاروا

Ahlu-Sunnah do not Believe in Revolting Against the Rulers As Long as They are Muslims, even if they Transgress

The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

مَنْ أَطَاعَنِي فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ، وَمَنْ عَصَانِي فَقَدْ عَصَى اللَّهَ، وَمَنْ يُطِعِ الْأَمِيرَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَنِي، وَمَنْ يَعْصِ الْأَمِيرَ فَقَدْ عَصَانِي،

He who obeys me, obeys Allah, and he who disobeys me, disobeys Allah. He who obeys the chief, obeys me, and he who disobeys the chief, disobeys me [Reported by al-Bukhari no. 7137 and Muslim no. 1835]

From the Hadith of Ibn ‘Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

من كره من أميره شيئاً فليصبر، فإنه من خرج من السلطان شبراً مات ميتة جاهلية

If a person notices in his ruler what he dislikes, he should show patience because he who departs from the (Muslim) community a cubit, dies like those who died in the Days of Ignorance [Reported by al-Bukhari no. 7143 and Muslim no. 1849].

Shaikhul Islaam Ibnul Taymiyyah (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: “...**And it was said: Sixty years with a transgressing ruler is more rectifying than one night without a ruler. And experience/practice clarifies that. So the obligation to have a ruler is religion and nearness to Allah because in it is the obedience to the Messenger (ﷺ). And obedience to the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) is from the best means to draw near to Allah**” [As-Siyaasatus-Shariah 461-463]

Milestone no. 19:

ومن معالم دعوة أهل السنة: الأمر بالمعروف والنهي عن المنكر

From the Milestones of the Call of Ahlus-Sunnah is: Enjoining the Good and Prohibiting the Evil

Allah says:

وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

Let there arise out of you a group of people inviting to all that is good (Islam), enjoining Al-Ma'ruf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam orders one to do) and forbidding Al-Munkar (polytheism and disbelief and all that Islam has forbidden). And it is they who are the successful [3:104]

The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

سَتَكُونُ أُمَرَاءُ فَتَعْرِفُونَ وَتُنْكِرُونَ فَمَنْ عَرَفَ بَرِيًّا وَمَنْ أَنْكَرَ سَلِمَ وَلَكِنْ مَنْ رَضِيَ وَتَابَعَ " . قَالُوا أَفَلَا نُقَاتِلُهُمْ قَالَ " لَا مَا صَلَّوْا

In the near future there will be Amirs and you will like their good deeds and dislike their bad deeds. One who sees through their bad deeds (and tries to prevent their repetition by his band or

through his speech), is absolved from blame, but one who hates their bad deeds (in the heart of his heart, being unable to prevent their recurrence by his hand or his tongue), is (also) safe (so far as God's wrath is concerned). But one who approves of their bad deeds and imitates them is spiritually ruined. People asked (the Holy Prophet): Shouldn't we fight against them? He replied:

No, as long as they say their prayers [Reported by Muslim no. 1853]

Milestone no. 20:

ومن معالم دعوة أهل السنة: التمييز عن أهل الأهواء البعد عنهم

From the Milestones of the Call of Ahlus-Sunnah is: the Distinguishment from the People of Desires and Staying Away From them

Allah says:

وَإِذَا رَأَيْتَ الَّذِينَ يَخُوضُونَ فِي آيَاتِنَا فَأَعْرِضْ عَنْهُمْ حَتَّى يَخُوضُوا فِي حَدِيثٍ غَيْرِهِ وَإِمَّا يُنسِيَنَّكَ الشَّيْطَانُ فَلَا تَقْعُدْ بَعْدَ الذِّكْرِ مَعَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ

And when you (Muhammad) see those who engage in a false conversation about Our Verses (of the Quran) by mocking at them, stay away from them till they turn to another topic. And if Shaitan (Satan) causes you to forget, then after the remembrance sit not you in the company of those people who are the Zalimun (polytheists and wrong-doers, etc.) [6:68]

Allah says:

فَذَرُهُمْ وَمَا يَفْتَرُونَ

So leave them alone with their fabrications [6:112]

Imam Qurtubi (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: “**So this indicates the obligation of avoiding the companions of disobedience if they make apparent their evil because the one who does not avoid them is pleased with their action. Being pleased with disbelief is disbelief.** Allah says:

إِنَّكُمْ إِذَا مِثْلَهُمْ

Certainly in that case you would be like them [4:140]

So whoever sits in a sitting of disobedience and does not detest them, then he is equal in sin. So it is a necessary for him to detest them if they speak about disobedience and act upon it. If he is not able to detest them, then it is necessary he stands up from them so

that he does not become from the people of this verse...if it is established avoiding the companions of disobedience as we clarified, then avoiding the people of innovation and desires is more deserving” [Summarized from Tafsir Qurtubi 5/418]

Milestone no. 21:

ومن معالم دعوة أهل السنة: ملازمة العدل مع العدو والصدىق ومع البعيد والقريب

From the Milestones of the Call of Ahlus-Sunnah is: Holding Fast to Justice with the Enemy and Friend and the one Far away and the one Near

Allah says:

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 أَن تَعْدِلُوا وَإِن تَلَوُّوا أَوْ تُعْرَضُوا 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 [4:135]

Hafidh Ibn Kathir (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: “So follow not the lusts, lest you may avoid justice;) means, let not desire, lust or the hatred you have against others, lure you into injustice in your affairs. Rather, stand for justice in all situations. Allah said;

وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ شَنَاٰنُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰ أَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا اعْدِلُوا هُوَ أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ

(And let not the enmity and hatred of others make you avoid justice. Be just: that is nearer to piety) when the Prophet sent `Abdullah bin Rawahah to collect the tax on the fruits and produce of the Jews of Khaybar, they offered him a bribe so that he would go easy on them. He said; "By Allah! I have come to you from the dearest of the creation to me (Muhammad), and you are more hated by me than an equivalent number of apes and swine. However, my love for him (the Prophet) and hatred for you shall not prevent me from being just with you." On that, they said, "This (justice) is the basis which the

heavens and earth were created. ' [Saheeh-Reported by Malik in al-Muwatta mursal form no. 832 and Ibn Sa'd in at-Tabaqat (3/398) and Ibn Ishaq in al-Maghaazi as is in Sirah Ibn Hisham (3/385). Also reported by Abu Dawood (3/451) in summarized narration from Jabir with a Hasan chain according to the conditions of Muslim]

[End of Summarization]