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"In the name of Allah, the beneficent, the merciful."

"And verily We have raised in every nation a messenger, [proclaiming]: Serve Allah and shun false gods. Then some of them [there were] whom Allah guided, and some of them [there were] upon whom error had just hold. Do but travel in the land and see the nature of the consequence for the deniers!' (Al-Nahl, 36)"

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"An announcement by the Tawhid and Jihad Group"

"Praised by Allah, Who made His grace complete and His religion is impeccable. It is He Who approved Jihad to spread the word of Monotheism so as to stave the lure of idolatry and to preserve the religion, He Who sets glory to whom obeys Him among the believers and disgrace and humiliation to whom defies Him, even if those seem prominent in the eyes of some, and He Who had said: 'And afterward We inspired thee [Muhammad, saying]: Follow the religion of Abraham, as one by nature upright. He was not of the idolaters' (Al-Nahl, 123). We testify that there is no god save Allah alone Who has no equal, and that Muhammad is His servant and His apostle. Allah sent him a short while before the Day [of Judgment] with a sword, so that He be worshiped alone and not share that worship with another. Allah set his [Muhammad's] provision out of his spear and sent him as a glowing torch and a herald of both consolation and warning to draw [the people] to Him by his courtesy. Peace and prayer be upon him, his dynasty, his company and those who follow them in goodness, until the Day of Judgment."

"Allah created the human race and the demons, sent messengers, set laws and revealed the Book, so that He be worshiped alone and none shall divide the worship between Him and another, as He (I) had said: 'And verily We have raised in every nation a messenger, [proclaiming]: Serve Allah and shun false gods' [Al-Nahl, 36]. Thus, Allah's worship is not sound unless accompanied by keeping away from the false gods and renouncing them. This is the meaning of the Verse of Monotheism: 'There is no god save Allah'; devotion [to Allah] is not sound without animosity [towards the false gods]."

"That is apparent in the words of the Monotheism's Imam, Abraham – peace be upon him – as quoted by Him: 'See now that which ye worship, ye and your forefathers! Lo! They are [all] an enemy unto me, save the Lord of the Worlds' (Al-Shu'araa, 75-77). Allah's friend [Abraham] could not have achieved such devotion without achieving that animosity. Devotion to Allah is not sound without renunciation of any other worship subject."

“He (I) had said: ‘There is a goodly pattern for you in Abraham and those with him, when they told their folk: Lo! We are guiltless of you and all that ye worship beside Allah. We have done with you. And there hath arisen between us and you hostility and hate for ever until ye believe in Allah only’ (Al-Mumtahina, 4). In addition, He had said: ‘And when Abraham said unto his father and his folk: Lo! I am innocent of what ye worship, save Him Who did create me, for He will surely guide me’ [Al-Zukhruf, 26-27]. In other words, he [Abraham] made the devotion to Allah and the renunciation of all other worship subjects his legacy, which he passed on to the prophets and their followers who kept passing it on from one to another. What the Monotheists’ Imam conveyed to his followers [to be passed on] until the Day of Resurrection could be summarized in the verse ‘There is no god save Allah’.”

“This is the verse by which the earth and the skies came to be, with which Allah created all the living things, on which religion was established, according to which the prayer direction was set and for which the swords of Jihad were drawn. It represents Allah’s clear right in all His servants and it is the verse which protects one’s life and property in this world and saves one from the torments of the grave and the fire of Hell [in the Afterlife]; it is the certificate without which one shall not be admitted to heaven and the ladder without which one shall not reach Allah; it is the verse of Islam and the key to its land and it divides the people to happy and miserable, sanctioned and persecuted, as it also separates the land of heresy from the land of Islam and the land of grace from the land of disgrace and agony; it is the kingpin of the divine law and the Sunna and whoever dies saying it shall reach Heaven.”

“If all know this verse’s importance, they must know that certain things annul its validity, making its existence equal to its absence. Therefore the most important issues with which a Muslim must be familiar are Monotheism, so as to achieve it, and Monotheism’s invalidators, so as keep his Monotheism safe from what can extinguish it. Our Muslim Nation must know that we live in a time when all traces of Islam have been wiped out, all its milestones remove and its sanctity and laws forgotten from heart, a time when Islam is being stabbed by every libertine and atheist. Whenever such a man of futility is confronted by argument from Allah’s Book or Sunna, he turns to stabbing, slurring, defaming, cursing and swearing, clinging to [arguments of] loss and benefit, current situation, pressures and so forth and using them as shields of protection while straying from Allah’s path.”

“Out of Allah’s mercy for His Nation, He maintains in every era a group wise and sober people from among His servants, to restore religion’s commandments and to keep it safe from the evil influence of the distorters and the stabbers. They fight these lures and face the idolatry of their time, warning the people from it and taking them by their hand to the haven of Monotheism and the meadow of faith.”

“Knowing that, it is hard to perceive that some of the righteous people in our time are unable to deal with these dangerous and infectious major lures because they are too occupied in less common issues of lower severity. One stands speechless as they thoroughly extinguish any discussion in that [greater] danger’s matter, while instigating and leading bloody internal fighting among the Muslim about matters of much lower severity than the imminent lures of this era. In fact those [minor matters] are side effects of the great lures and may disappear once the latter are brought to end.”

“Among the obvious and blunt idolatry and heresy of our time is the exalting of the damned [man-set] law to the position of the loyal spirit’ revelation to the last of all prophets and messenger. It is nearly the worst kind of idolatry, which the scholars and the righteous people of our time must confront, especially in the Muslim countries.”

“In this era the faithful people and the people of Da’wa [gathering believers for Islam] are put to test by the active scholars who understand Allah’s messages, who fear Him and only Him and who are not afraid of anyone’s reprehension, gloat, animosity or machination as long as they are on His path. They lead the Nation by both Book and iron, not only by the Book and not only by

iron, as is the mistake in many Da'was. Regarding His (I) words: "We verily sent Our messengers with clear proofs, and revealed with them the Book and the Balance, that mankind may observe right measure; and He revealed iron, wherein is mighty power and uses for mankind, and that Allah may know him who helpeth Him and His messengers, though unseen. Lo! Allah is Strong, Almighty" (Al-Hadid, 25), the Sheikh of Islam, Ibn Taymiyya commented: "Religion is founded upon a book for guidance and a sword for victory; your Lord is the only guide and supported you need". If we observe our Nation's bitter situation, in which it has been stuck for centuries, we will note that it has reached its pathetic climax in these past few years: a lost Caliphate, shredded to small, weak, dishonored and backward states; humiliated people ignoring their religion's commands for the sake of their worldly matters; foreign occupation of their lands, [foreign] hegemony on their resources and exploitation of them; their enemies - Jews, Christians, atheists and their parallels among our own people who let land, property, honor, blood, and sanctity all be subject to violation - tyrannizing and scorning them."

"We look everywhere, from East to West, trying to find a trace of the Caliphate, or even a trace of any country which is ruled by Allah's Book, but our search is in vain."

"Even in those states which liberated themselves from the burden of occupation decades ago, Islam was not luckier than it was in those which remained under the scourge of imperialism. Yes, their rulers and leaders come from among them, but they are secular and faithless. They have disowned the rules of the All-Merciful, replaced them by the rules of Satan and turned their backs to the Quran. By their own hands, they gave the Muslims a taste of the worst kinds of torture and abuse and banished Islam from reign, politics, legislation, judgment, education, media, culture, family and community. Islam has become as alien to them as it was in its beginning, and blessed be the aliens."

"To escape this painful reality, all Muslims must cling to their religion and know the elements of glory, strength and endurance on this earth. Perhaps the most important of these [elements] is Jihad in Allah's path."

"Yes, Jihad in Allah's path is the summit of Islam. It is its [Islam's] flag bearer and its most loyal protector. This religion has no existence on this earth without Jihad in Allah's path and those who carry it out are the purest dwellers of this world, as are their commanders and those who put all their power into achieving victory in this world and the Afterlife and winning one of the two bounties [victory or martyrdom]."

"Allah (I) had said: 'Let those fight in the way of Allah who sell the life of this world for the other. Whoso fighteth in the way of Allah, be he slain or be he victorious, on him We shall bestow a vast reward' (Al-Nisaa, 74)."

"The [prophet's] companions – may Allah be pleased with them – and the first righteous generations who followed them knew how exalted Jihad in Allah's path was. They rolled up their sleeves and started toiling in order to achieve its high level. They were unwilling to stop, desiring to rise higher and higher. Some of them were in such a hurry to deliver themselves to Allah that they would literally drop things from their hands, and the Mujahedeen among them used to smell the scent of heaven even before being martyred and meeting their Lord."

"The Muslim Nation will have no glory and find no way to achieve stability, except by a combination of Monotheism and Jihad. One of them is inseparable from the other. Looking at the Nation's state, we find that there are tens of groups waving Islamic banners, speaking in Islam's name and announcing that they strive to serve it and support it. They all present ideologies and methodologies which are sometimes similar to each other and sometimes distinguishable, but all of those are clearly insufficient."

“Some of them are groups which are interested only in Jihad, while achieving Monotheism is not their top priority. Therefore one might find in these groups followers of the Sufism, the Asha’riyya, the Mu’tazila, the Murjia etc.”

“Other groups are interested only in Monotheism. Not only do they not declare Jihad proudly, by they are ashamed of it. They say “Its time has not come” and set conditions for it, which Allah has never validated, in a time when it is the Nation’s most urgent need.”

“From the midst of all this, emerged the Tawhid and Jihad Group, to combine the two issues, and merge the two bounties together.”

“This group calls people to worship Allah alone and to carry out Jihad in Allah’s path in order to raise the banner of Monotheism, since religion is founded upon a book for guidance and a sword for victory and your Lord is the only guide and supported you need.”

“This Group believes that Democracy, secularism, Ba’ath ideology, freemasonry, ethnic solidarity, Socialism, Capitalism, and the other modern religions are all futile. It disbelieves in them, renounces them, hates them, and warns the people from them. It also declares heretic all who embrace those modern religions, believe in them, garner followers for them and protect them from the blows of the Monotheist Mujahedeen from among the active scholars and the seekers of knowledge.”

“This group believes that Jihad in Allah’s path is the only right way to spread Islam and raise its banner of “There is no god save Allah” on this earth.”

“It strives to establish Allah’s reign on earth by knowledge and action, Da’wa and Jihad, and above all – by loyalty and devotion. We pray to Allah to help us through it, to give us endurance that will last until we meet Him and to bring peace upon the Monotheist in the [yet to be established] Islamic powerful state, in which the faithful shall have glory and the heretic and the tyrants be disgraced.”

“Finally, we wish to praise Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, and ask Him to bring peace and prayer upon Muhammad, his dynasty and his company.”

“Tawhid and Jihad Group, Jerusalem”

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