

## THE DANGERS OF DISUNITY

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ  
سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ  
وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَاطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ، وَلَا تَنَزَعُوا فَنَفْسَلُوا وَتَذَهَبَ رِيحُكُمْ وَأَصْبِرُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾  
أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ أَوْصِيَكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and avoiding all that He prohibits. May we achieve success in this world and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters,

A good society is one in which each person in the community lives in peace and harmony despite having to share their lives with non-Muslims. This is because

humans are the best of creatures created by Allah the Almighty compared with other creatures. Allah says in chapter 17(Surah al-Isra') verse 70:

وَلَقَدْ كَرَّمْنَا بَنِي آدَمَ وَحَمَلْنَاهُمْ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَرَزَقْنَاهُمْ مِّنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَفَضَّلْنَاهُمْ عَلَى كَثِيرٍ

مِمَّنْ خَلَقْنَا تَفْضِيلًا ﴿٧٠﴾

**Which means:** *And We have certainly honored the children of Adam and carried them on the land and sea and provided for them of the good things and preferred them over much of what We have created, with [definite] preference.*

The result of disunity is disarray of a nation. Thus, the Muslim community in this country in particular should be united and avoid things that can disrupt the unity of Muslims. This was commanded by Allah the Almighty in chapter 3 ( Surah Ali Imran) verse 103:

وَأَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا ۗ وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمُ

بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا وَكُنْتُمْ عَلَى شَفَا حُفْرَةٍ مِّنَ النَّارِ فَأَنْقَذَكُمْ مِنْهَا كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٠٣﴾

**Which means:** *And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided.*

Allah the Almighty praises brotherhood and avoidance of disunity among the Muslim community. Obedience to Allah and His Messengers is the key to unity. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) also warned Muslims not to be divided as mentioned in a hadith narrated by Imam Ahmad:

لَا تَخْتَلِفُوا فَإِنَّ مَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ اخْتَلَفُوا فَهَلَكُوا

**Which means:** *Do not be disunited because those before you were destroyed because of disunity*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Disunity in the Muslim community arose from those who have questioned certain islamic practices (*khilafiah*) which were based on the al-quran and hadith such as reciting then yassin on Friday nights, performing *tahlil*, reciting the *talqin*, mass recitation of *dzikir* after prayers, disputing certain islamic festivals and prayers held to welcome the new islamic year as well as when it ends.

Another example that depicts disunity in our society is the action of those who reject the views of the four islamic sect and instead take their own views such as putting hands on their chest when doing the *qiyam* in prayers. Although this particular practise is based on the hadith, it is however, not the proven (*dalil*) belief of the four islamic sects. ***Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaah*** (Adherents to the Sunnah) according to the fiqh law, means that its followers must not violate the four sects. Initially, they questioned the above practices, then they declare that it is deviant and eventually they justify the death penalty of the practitioners.

It is the views of this group that causes disunity in our society and other Islamic countries. They chose to believe their own fatwas (pertaining to the Islamic law) and reject those that are issued by the religious authorities. Followers of ISIS / Daesh have been arrested for being Islamic extremist..

In order to avoid disunity in the community, it is important for us to enforce the fatwas issued by religious authorities that prohibit us from engaging in violence such as joining the Daesh which is clearly not the type of jihad recommended by Islam.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 4 (surah al-Nisa) verse 59:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأَطِيعُوا أُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ فَإِن تَنَزَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ

إِن كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا ﴿٥٩﴾

**Which means:** *O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you. And if you disagree over anything, refer it to Allah and the Messenger, if you should believe in Allah and the Last Day. That is the best [way] and best in result.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

In conclusion, Islam is a religion that greatly emphasizes peace and unity. It strongly prohibits disunity in society, especially those that are caused by different

political affiliation. Let us love and respect each other as well as create a nation of 'Baladatun Toyyibatun Wa Rabbun Ghafur ".

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 34(surah Saba') verse 15:

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كُلُوا مِنْ رِزْقِ رَبِّكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ، بَلَدَةٌ طَيِّبَةٌ وَرَبٌّ غَفُورٌ ﴿١٥﴾

**Which means:** "Eat from the provisions of your Lord and be grateful to Him. A good land [have you], and a forgiving Lord."

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ  
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي  
هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ  
وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.