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APPRECIATING THE WORSHIP OF ANIMAL SACRIFICE

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَىٰ الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ
الْمُشْرِكُونَ،

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ،

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ
بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَىٰ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Let us all increase our devotion towards Allah the Almighty by performing all that He has decreed and abstaining from all that He has prohibited. Hopefully, we will be blessed in this world and in the Hereafter.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In a few days we will be celebrating *Eid Al-Adha* and performing animal sacrifice. Allah the Almighty decreed the act of sacrifice to emphasize the importance of sacrificing energy, time and property for the sake of the religion of Allah the Almighty. The *sharia* cannot be upheld without our sacrifice in terms of energy, thoughts, or possessions. Let us learn from the great sacrifice of Prophet Ibrahim (may Allah be pleased with him) who was willing to obey the command of Allah the Almighty to slaughter his beloved son Prophet Ismail (may Allah be pleased with him) even though he was later replaced with a goat. The same goes for the willingness of Prophet Ismail (may Allah be pleased with him) to be slaughtered by his father, to uphold the command of Allah the Almighty.

This event also teaches us that sacrifice must be done by everyone regardless of age or gender. We must be ready to sacrifice anything for the sake of upholding our belief in Allah and the implementation of the *sharia* of Allah the Almighty. This lesson of the great sacrifice by the Prophet Ibrahim, his wife and his son (may Allah be pleased with them) is mentioned in the Quran in Chapter 37 (*Surah As-Saffat*) verses (*ayat*) 103 to 107:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

فَلَمَّا أَسْلَمَا وَتَلَّهُ لِلْجَبِينِ وَنَدَيْنَهُ أَنْ يَا بَرَاهِيمُ قَدْ صَدَّقْتَ الرُّعْيَا إِنَّا كَذَلِكَ
نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ إِنَّ هَذَا لَهُوَ الْبَلَاءُ الْمُبِينُ وَفَدَيْنَهُ بِذَبْحٍ عَظِيمٍ



Which means: *“When they had both submitted to God, and he had laid his son down on the side of his face, We called out to him, ‘Abraham, you have fulfilled the dream.’ This is how We reward those who do good- it was a test to prove [their true characters]- We ransomed his son with a momentous sacrifice,”*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are encouraged to slaughter sacrificial animals within four days, starting on the first day of *Eid Al-Adha*, the tenth of *Zulhijjah*, until the thirteenth of *Zulhijjah*. Sacrifice is a worship that demands complete obedience to the command of Allah the Almighty. In general, the definition of sacrificial worship is slaughtering certain livestock to draw closer to Allah the Almighty as He has said in the Quran in Chapter 108 (*Surah Al-Kawthar*) verse (*ayat*) 2;

فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَأَنْحَرْ

Which means: *“so pray to your Lord and make your sacrifice to Him alone—
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The main focus of animal sacrifice is to see the extent of our sincerity and piety as servants. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him [PBUH]) said in a *hadith* narrated by Imam At-Tirmizi which means:

“On the day of sacrifice, no one does a deed more pleasing to Allah than the shedding of blood. The sacrifice will come on the day of resurrection with its horns,



its hairs and its hoofs, and the blood finds acceptance with Allah before it falls on the ground, so be glad about it.”

Animal sacrifice is a *sunnah muakkad* (a highly demanded act of worship) because it was always performed by the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Islam utilizes animal sacrifice as a way to guarantee the welfare of the poor and needy by allocating part of the sacrificial meat for them. Sacrificial worship also positively affects the relationship among community members by strengthening the relationship between relatives and fellow Muslims. This proves the mercy of Allah the Almighty to humans regardless of rank, status, age, or race.

Sacrifice teaches us to give something with the best value to our loved ones. This can be proven by the requirement that the animal to be sacrificed must have no bodily defects, whether temporary or permanent. The Prophet (PBUH) said in a *hadith* narrated by Imam At-Tirmizi which means:

“There are four types of sacrificial animals, which are not permitted: A one-eyed animal which has obviously lost the sight of one eye, a sick animal, a lame animal which obviously limps, and an old animal which has no marrow.”

This *hadith* shows that Islam requires us to give something valuable and good to those we love. However, this matter is not taken seriously by some of us, when we prefer to keep valuable items for ourselves and the worthless ones are given to others, especially the poor.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



Every act of worship decreed by Allah the Almighty to his servant is a command to evaluate the extent of our obedience as a servant. Prophet Ibrahim (may Allah be pleased with him) chose obedience to Allah the Almighty over his love for his own child; a great sacrifice of a father and son who obeyed the command of Allah the Almighty.

In conclusion, sacrificial worship is done by slaughtering animals within four days, starting on *Eid Al-Adha* until the thirteenth of *Zulhijjah*. It is a symbol to encourage us to sacrifice to uphold our beloved religion. Sacrificial worship can strengthen our *ukhuwah* (brotherhood) and bring joy to the community and the poor. Allah the Almighty reminds us in the Quran in Chapter 22 (Surah Al-Hajj) verse (ayat) 37:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

لَنْ يَنَالَ اللَّهَ لُحُومُهَا وَلَا دِمَاؤُهَا وَلَكِنْ يَنَالُهُ التَّقْوَىٰ مِنْكُمْ

Which means: *It is neither their meat nor their blood that reaches Allah but your piety*

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ
الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ



الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ
الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.