



Friday Sermon

HAZRAT MUHYI-UD-DIN AL-KHALIFATULLAH

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(Summary of Sermon)

After greeting all his disciples (and all Muslims) worldwide with the greeting of peace Hadhrat Khalifatullah (atba) read the Tashahhud, Ta'uz, Surah Al Fatiha, and then he delivered his sermon on the subject of *“Islam & Unity”*

ISLAM & UNITY

The Holy Messenger and transmitter of Islam, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) and all his divinely-sent deputies in his Ummah till the Day of Judgement have the sacred duty to guide humanity as a whole towards *Tawheed*, i.e. Unity of Allah (Almighty God) and for that, human brotherhood is vital. If the body of the *Ummah* (i.e. the Muhammadan Ummah); nay, not only that, if the human body as a whole is divided, then that division will always cause fissures in faith and shall not be produce the excellent reunification of all souls on earth for the worship of one sole God, the Creator of the heavens and earth, the very Source of all life.

Human brotherhood in Islam is that which sees to it that Islam is not biased in base sectarianism, pre-judicial superiority or wilfully divisive. It should crystal-clear that semantically Islam means peace. Islam connotes surrender to the Will of Almighty Allah, peace with the Almighty, peace with one's self, peace with other's self, peace with humanity at large.

There exists presently a deliberately machiavelic distortion of the true and holy significance of Islam. It results from second or third rate if not hearsay knowledge and it stems also from wrongdoings committed in the name of Islam. Western ideology has purposely fabricated its own image of Islam and is diffusing that image worldwide, thus creating a psychosis (a disrupted and deep fear) about Islam and Muslims. This perverted image of Islam has unfortunately been corroborated by 'extremists'; term coined by the same western prejudice to tarnish the sound image of Islam.

Our world today forgoes peace because it is obsessed with superiority complex, ethnic manipulations, materialistic quest, pantheism, territorial claims, and egoistic tendencies.

Islam teaches us to practice humanitarianism. We are all human beings who belong to only one class and one group. We belong essentially to the family of human beings without any discrimination whatsoever. Almighty God has never used any discrimination in the act of creation. If we look at babies at a maternity we shall not be able to discriminate. Such is the Will of Allah in the Holy Quran: **O mankind! Fear your Lord Who created you from a single being and from it created his mate and from them both has spread abroad a multitude of men and women.** (4: 2).

Procreation, demographic explosion finds its origin in the first man, Adam and the first woman, Eve. Biologically there is no difference in human beings. Men and women emanate from the same world.

The Holy Quran keeps repeating this plain truth: **O mankind, We created you from a male and a female and made you into nations, and tribes, that you may know each other.** (49: 14).

Human conception does not suffer from any discrimination in the eyes of Allah. How can man now invent superiority? Islam favours the concepts of human equality. It is the sacred duty of each human being to labour in favour of equality. In Islam there is no degree of superiority or inferiority, no disparity or segregation at prayer congregation between the rich and the poor. At prayer, the Muslim is on a par with his brothers. And the divinely commanded system of Zakat shows economic solidarity with a view to redressing economic inequality.

Islam preaches the unity of Allah. It has never called on open conflicts amongst believers. All previous revelations are accepted by Islam because they emanate from Allah. Interpretations may divide believers but the Holy Quran clearly states: **Say, We believe in Allah and that which was revealed unto us and that which was revealed unto Abraham, and Ishmael, and Isaac, and Jacob, and the tribes, and that which Moses and Jesus received, and that which the prophets received from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them and unto Him (Allah) we submit.** (2: 137).

Islam has never taught ethnic or religious discord. On the contrary, we are being summoned to accept previous revelations and previous prophets. There must be an inter-religious dialogue which will preserve peace and clear doubts and differences. The Holy Quran requests us to live in fraternal harmony as is testified by the following: **The believers are but a single brotherhood, so make peace and reconciliation between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy.** (49: 11).

Islam is undoubtedly a non-violent religion. Agitators imbued in violent action or terrorist acts are egged on by selfish motives which have fortunately nothing to do with Islam. These violent instigators are indulged basically in political manoeuvres using merely the shield of Islam to tarnish its virtues. They cannot be called Muslims because they do not practice what Islam orders them to perform namely: **If anyone desires a religion other than Islam (submission to Allah), never will it be accepted of him.** (3: 86).

In fact Islam does not tolerate terrorism whatever form it may be packed. The concept of human fraternity would be undermined. It would be futile for the non-Muslim to allow himself to be blinded by the systematic process of disinformation. Islam is clearly anti-violent. Almighty Allah warns those who utilise violence about divine justice which will be administered to them. Anyone who disturbs public peace, threatens public order, takes the law in his own hands, damages public property, openly commits acts of vandalism etc. is being warned about Divine Justice: **The blame is only against those who oppress men and insolently transgress beyond bounds through the land, defying right and justice: For such there is a painful punishment.** (42: 43).

As regards conquests, conversions it must be born in mind that Islam does not compel towards faith as it must come from the very heart of the Muslim. It has unjustly been thought that Islam recommends fighting and that Muslim Faith is directed by aggressive pursuits. The Holy Quran states: **Fight in the cause of Allah those who fight you, but do not transgress limits for Allah does not love transgressors.** (2: 191).

Islam recognises the right of the individual in his freedom of faith and is not inclined to force him towards conversion by force! **Unto you your religion and unto me my religion.** (109: 7).

May Allah enable mankind to meditate on His words of Truth contained in the Holy Quran and explained by the special deputies of Allah who acts as teachers and guides to bring them close to Allah and to a better understanding of their relation with Him who created them and bestowed upon them His mercy, provisions, shelter and love. Love one another for the sake of Allah and be compassionate, and Allah shall love you and use you as a vehicle to guide other people to Allah and to live in harmony, both in this world and the next. *Insha-Allah*. In this era, I have been commissioned by Almighty Allah to give you His message, to warn you (from anti-Islam practices and about His divine wrath and punishment also) and to guide you to Him. Should you listen to me and follow my lead, you shall have felicity in both the worlds but should you cast the message aside and break relations and mock the signs and revelations of Allah, then Allah suffices for His chosen messenger, His Khalifatullah and His truth servants.

May Allah open the heart of humanity to recognise His light and guide them to it. *Ameen*. **In Allah we place our Trust and to Him the Return.**