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“The Month of Ramadhan in which was revealed the Qur’an, a guidance for mankind and clear proofs for the guidance and the criterion (between right and wrong)...” (Qur’an 2:185)

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From the Publisher

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As-salaamu-alaikum. Indeed, all praise is for Allaah; we praise Him, and we seek His help and we seek His forgiveness.

And we seek refuge in Allaah(Azza wa Jal) from the wickedness of ourselves and from our evil deeds.

Whoever Allaah guides, none can misguide him and whoever He misguides (leaves to go astray) none can guide him.

And I testify that there is no deity who has the right to be worshipped except Allaah alone, and there are no partners for Him.

And I testify that Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is His slave and Messenger.

O you who believe! Fear Allâh (by doing all that He has ordered and by abstaining from all that He has forbidden) as He should be feared. [Obey Him, be thankful to Him, and remember Him always], and die not except in a state of Islâm [as Muslims (with complete submission to Allâh)]. (Aal ‘Imraan 3:102)

O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who created you from a single person (Adam), and from him (Adam) He created his wife [Hawwa (Eve)], and from them both He created many men and women; and fear Allâh through Whom you demand (your mutual rights), and (do not cut the relations of) the wombs (kinship). Surely, Allâh is Ever an All-Watcher over you. (An-Nisaa’ 4:1)

O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allâh and fear Him and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to do righteous charitable deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allâh and His Messenger (SAW) he has indeed achieved a great achievement (i.e. he will be saved from the Hell-fire and will be admitted to Paradise). (Al-Ahzaab 33:70-71)

To proceed: Indeed, the most truthful Speech is the Book of Allaah,

And the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad (Peace be upon him).

And the worst affairs are the newly invented matters (in Deen).

Every newly invented matter is a religious innovation,

And every religious innovation is misguidance,

And every misguidance is in the Hellfire.

The blessed month of Ramadhaan is only a few days away as we all prepare for a month of fasting. If you don’t already know, Allah said:

“Fasting is Mine and it is I who give reward for it” in the Forty Hadith Qudsi (hadith 10). An extensive explanation can be found at:

<https://alchishti.wordpress.com/2006/09/30/fasting-is-for-me-the-meaning-of-the-hadith-qudsi/>

I hope everyone fasted an extended number of days in Shabaan, and will do many good deeds including reading the Qur’aan during Ramadhan. Also, please don’t forget to make up any days missed and to do an additional 6 days during Shawwal, to correct any mistakes we make inside of Ramadhaan.

Also, remember that Ramadhaan is not just abstaining from food, but to abstain from looking at things we should not see (like movies), and hearing things that we should not hear (like music), and walking to places that we should not walk (like strip joints and drug houses) and etc..

May Allaah (The Almighty) bless everyone’s fasting. Please know that we are working constantly to improve our website and magazine, and to also provide Muslims and non-Muslims a means to learn about Allaah and His Messengers. I pray that Allah (The Mighty and Majestic) uses my work to spread the Word of Allaah, and blesses all of those who read and support the Los Angeles Special Bulletin magazine and websites to enter Paradise. Ameen.

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Support the Da'wah

By Shafeeq A. Qaasim

In the name of Allah(ﷻ) the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. We should all try to increase our knowledge of the Almighty Creator—Allah(ﷻ). We get some knowledge/information about our deen from our parents and friends. We get most of our knowledge/information from the Imam and Muslim teachers at the Masjid we attend. However, unfortunately, there is a lot of misinformation that we get from the educational system, media and social media. Da'wah is important because we have to disseminate the truth to “eliminate the falsehood”. **Da'wah is how we do it.**

According to many scholars in this field the term Da'wah applies to conveying the message of Islam to non-Muslims and Muslims, and inviting them to Allah. Non-practicing and lost Muslims need to be reeducated and motivated to become better Muslims; they believe they already know Allah (ﷻ) and have been given the concept of TAWHEED. Some objectives of Da'wah are as follows:

- (a) Conveying the message of Islam to non-Muslims and inviting them to Allah (ﷻ)
- (b) Making efforts to remove misinformation about Islam and Muslims from textbooks, reference material and media.
- (c) Making efforts for the integration of new Muslims into the Muslim community.
- (d) Developing material resources, recruiting manpower (volunteers) and providing training for Da'wah workers.

One must realize that the goal of Da'wah to non-Muslims is not to convert them, in fact do not expect it, but the goal is to inform them and educate them. That is our only duty. Da'wah with the intention of conversion might make you too aggressive and might make you come on too strong, hence scaring them away.

Is Da'wah a duty on every Muslim?

Yes, it is a duty assigned by Allah.

In the Qur'an Allah(ﷻ) has placed the responsibility on the Muslim Ummah to convey the message of Islam to mankind. Allah (ﷻ) says in Surah Al-Baqarah: **"Thus We have appointed you a just nation (model community and Ummah), that you may be witnesses against mankind, and that the Messenger may be a witness over you". (Al-Qur'an 2:143)**

We find numerous verses in the Qur'an on the same topic. Here witnessing means to convey the message of Islam, i.e. to call people towards Allah (*da'aa ilallah* as in the Qur'an 41:33). **"And who is better in speech than he who says My Lord is Allah(ﷻ) and then stands firm and invites men to Allah's religion, and does righteous deeds, and says: "I am one of the Muslims".**

Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) completed his assignment in his lifetime by conveying the message to the entire Arabian Peninsula and sending letters to the heads of surrounding countries. In his Khutbah of his farewell hajj he passed on the responsibility to every Muslim when he said, **"Those who are present should convey (my message) to those who are not". (Bukhari).**

He did not allow us to wait until we are a perfect Islamic society before beginning to convey the message. Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) did not wait until a few converts grew up to develop an Islamic society nor did he want us to wait. He said as given in Bukhari, **"Convey for me (to the people) even it be single ayah (verse)".**

No one as an individual or as a community can delay until perfection is achieved; as soon as you have some knowledge of Islam you have a duty to convey it to those unfortunate people who know little or nothing about Islam and invite them to it.

The emphasis is on the transmission of the message of Islam to other human beings. We, the Muslims,

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Al Qawaaid al-'Arbaa' (Part 3): **The Four Foundations of Shirk**

By Sheikh Abdul Wahhab who died in 1206 AH (after Hijrah)

Bismillahir Rahmaanir Raheem

As-salaamu-alaikum. Indeed all praise is due to Allaah, we praise Him and we seek His help and we seek His forgiveness. And, we seek refuge in Allaah from the wickedness and evil in ourselves and from our evil deeds. Amaab'ad;

Allah the Almighty said, ***“And I (Allah) created not the jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me (alone)” (Qur’an 51:56).***

We continue with part 3 and the “Third Foundation” from the treatise called “The Four Foundations of Shirk” by Shaikh Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahhab. Allah's Messenger came to a people who differed in their object of worship; some worshiped the Angels while others worshiped the Prophets and pious, also there were those who worshiped stones and trees and some worshiped the sun and the moon, but the Prophet did not differentiate between them. The proof is the Saying of Allah, ***“Fight them until there is no more Fitnah (i.e., Shirk) until the religion (worship) will all be for Allah Alone.” [Soorah al-Anfal (8):39]***

The proof of the sun and the moon is, ***“From among His signs are the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. Do not prostrate to the sun or the moon...” [Soorah Fussilat(41):37]***

The proof of the Angels is the Saying of Allah, ***“Nor would he order you to take Angels and Prophets for lords (god). Would he order you to disbelieve after you have submitted to Allaah's Will?” [Soorahaali-Imran(3):80]***

The proof of the Prophets is the Saying of Allaah, ***“When Allah will say (on the Day of Resurrection), 'O Eesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary)! Did you say unto men, 'Worship me and my mother as two gods besides Allah?' He will say, 'Glory be to You! It was not for me to say what I had no right (to say). Had I said such a thing, You would surely have known it. You know what is in my inner-self though I do not know what is in Yours, truly, You, only You, are the All-Knower of all that is hidden and unseen.'” [Soorah al-Maidah(5):116]***

The proof of the Saliheen (righteous) is the saying of Allah, ***“Those whom they call upon desire (for themselves) means of access to their Lord (Allah), as to which of them should be the nearest and they hope for His Mercy and fear His Torment.” [Soorahal-Isra(17):57]***

The proof of stones and trees is the Saying of Allah, ***“Have you considered al-Laah and al-Uzza. And Manaah, and the other third?” [Soorahan-Najm(53):19-20]***

The hadeeth of Abu Waaqid al-Laythee who said, 'We departed with the Prophet to Hunain and we had recently left Kufr. The mushrikeen used to have a tree which they used to devote themselves to and hang their weapons upon, they used to call it, 'Dhaat Anwaat. [Next issue we continue with the conclusion of the 3rd Foundation and move into the 4th in part 4, insha Allah.](#)

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Sheikh Dr. 'Abdullah Bukhari:

Unity & Coming Together Upon the Truth (Part 3)

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From the principles of Ahlus-Sunnah,
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He began this talk on one of the fundamental principles of the *AhluS-Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah*. That fundamental principle being *Al - Ijtima'*, their coming together and being together in harmony.

He began by saying, "In the Name of Allaah. All Praise is for Allaah and that we seek Allaah's forgiveness, and we ask Allaah's refuge from the evils of ourselves and our evil deeds. I mention that whomever Allaah guides, then none can misguide that person, and whoever Allaah misguides, then none can guide that person. And mentioning that none has a right to be worshiped except Allaah (alone). And that Muhammad (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) is the Messenger of Allaah bearing witness to that. And he said indeed the truest of speech is the speech of Allaah, and that the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) and that the worst of all affairs, are the affairs that are newly introduced into the religion, and that every affair newly introduced into the religion is an innovation, and that every innovation is misguidance.

And he said, "Oh brothers, I praise Allaah, the one other than whom there is no lord. And other than whom none has the right to be worshipped. That he has granted us this gathering and this lecture. And I ask Allaah that he causes us to be from those people who are guided and those who are guides for others, and that we are not people who are misguided (Ameen).

This issue we begin part 3 from where we left off in the previous January 2019 issue "By the Pen" issue. Imaam al-Baghawi in his book *Sharhul Sunnah*, explaining this phrase, "He who lives long amongst you will see great disagreement." This was an indication from him (the Prophet sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) that there was going to appear innovations (Bida' and Ahwaa), deviant sects in accordance with people's desires and this is why he commanded that the people should adhere to his Sunnah and the Sunnah of the

rightly guided Khulafaa'. This is an indication that innovations were going to appear in this Ummah. So the appearance of innovations and innovating sects is something guaranteed. So therefore he (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) warned us in that regard. He drew our attention to that fact and warned us about this splitting and commanded us with the cure for that. Adherence to his Sunnah and the Sunnah of his Companions. So indeed splitting and differing comes along with the appearance of innovations, as was indicated in this Hadith. Whereas the person who is upon the Sunnah is a person who is gathered in unity and harmony with the people, upon the truth. This gathering and this unity can only be attained when it is upon the basis of the Rope of Allah. So what remains there is that we explain what is meant by the Rope of Allah.

So we need to know what is the rope of Allah? The people of knowledge have clarified this. From them is what Ibn Qaasim Al-Sallaam said, explaining the ayat, "It means following the Qur'an and leaving Furqah (splitting and forming sects)." Likewise the great scholar Abdul-Barr said in his book *At-Tamheed* explaining the Hadith of Abu Huraira, "This Hadith contains an insightment upon clinging together to the Rope of Allah. That the people should cling together unitedly and upon harmony. And with regard to the rope of Allah, then there are two sayings of the scholars of the past about what the Rope of Allah is.

Firstly that the rope of Allah is the Qur'aan and secondly that the Rope of Allah is the Jamaa'ah (the united body of the Muslims upon the Truth). And there is no united body of muslims except with a ruler over them. In my view these two meanings are very close to each other." Sheikul Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah says in his book *Minhajus-Sunnah*, "The rope of Allah has been explained in different ways, to mean his Book and also to mean his Religion. It has been explained as being Islaam and Ikhlaaas (sincerity and purity upon the worship of Allah), the commands of Allah (obedience), and the Jamaa'ah. All of these sayings have been conveyed and transmitted down from the companions and the Tabi'een. All of them are correct because the Qur'an enjoins us with the religion of Allah and likewise contains his commands. And the Qur'an is Allah's Testimony. It is obedience to him and all of that will only be attained in the Jamaa'ah." The reality of all of that is Ikhlaaas (purity and sincerity

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Los Angeles Islamic Chamber of Commerce

By Shafeeq A. Qaasim

Bismillahir Rahmaanir Raheem. As-salaamu-alaikum to all the Muslim businesses, organizations, and readers. The Los Angeles Islamic Chamber of Commerce (LAICOC) is new to Los Angeles and is engaging in organizing and bringing together Muslim Businesses and Muslim Organizations in the Los Angeles and Southern California area during 2019, insha Allah. What better time of the year to launch a new professional Muslim organization than now? Allah(swt) and His Messenger(Peace be upon him) wants us to engage in halal and successful businesses. There are many narrations describing Prophet Muhammad(Peace be upon him) and his Companions doing business all around the world, even over 1400 years ago.

The Qur'an speaks about trade in Surah Fatir Ayahs 19-30. Allah says *"Not alike are the blind (disbelievers in Islâmic Monotheism) and the seeing (believers in Islâmic Monotheism). (19) Nor are (alike) the darkness (disbelief) and the light (Belief in Islâmic Monotheism). (20) Nor are (alike) the shade and the sun's heat. (21) Nor are (alike) the living (i.e. the believers) and the dead (i.e. the disbelievers). Verily, Allâh makes whom He wills to hear, but you cannot make hear those who are in the graves. (22) You (O Muhammad Peace be upon him) are only a warner (i.e. your duty is to convey Allâh's Message to mankind, but the guidance is in Allâh's hands). (23) Verily! We have sent you with the truth, a bearer of glad tidings, and a warner. And there never was a nation but a warner had passed among them. (24) And if they belie you, those before them also belied. Their Messengers came to them with clear signs, and with the Scriptures, and the book giving light. (25) Then I took hold of those who disbelieved, and how terrible was My denial (punishment)! (26) See you not that Allâh sends down water (rain) from the sky, and We produce therewith fruits of*

varying colours, and among the mountains are streaks white and red, of varying colours and (others) very black (27) And likewise of men and Ad-Dawâbb (moving (living) creatures, beasts), and cattle, of various colours. It is only those who have knowledge among His slaves that fear Allâh. Verily, Allâh is All-Mighty, Oft-Forgiving. (28) Verily, those who recite the Book of Allâh (this Qur'ân), and perform As-Salât (Iqâmat-as-Salât), and spend (in charity) out of what We have provided for them, secretly and openly, they hope for a (sure) trade-gain that will never perish. (29) That He may pay them their wages in full, and give them (even) more, out of His Grace. Verily! He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Ready to appreciate (good deeds and to recompense)."(30)

All wealth belongs to Allah. The word *Tijaarah* mentioned in ayah 29 is referring to trade, transactions, and commerce, and appears about 9 times in the Qur'an. Allah(swt) wants us to be successful and gives us guidance and commandments to follow. We are trading what we desire in this world for the gains of the Jannah(hereafter), a place that will never perish. He also says, *"Allâh wishes to make clear (what is lawful and what is unlawful) to you, and to show you the ways of those before you, and accept your repentance, and Allâh is All-Knower, All-Wise. (26) Allâh wishes to accept your repentance, but those who follow their lusts, wish that you (believers) should deviate tremendously away (from the Right Path). (27) Allâh wishes to lighten (the burden) for you; and man was created weak (cannot be patient to leave sexual intercourse with woman). (28) O you who believe! Eat not up your property among yourselves unjustly except it be a trade amongst you, by mutual consent. And do not kill yourselves (nor kill one another). Surely, Allâh is Most Merciful to you. (29) And whoever commits that through aggression and injustice, We shall cast him into the*

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A Few Fasting Tips in Ramadhan

By Shaikh Ahson Syed

In The Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah, and may His Peace and Blessings be upon His Messenger. The month of Ramadhan is an annually recurring opportunity to gain countless blessings from Allah. One of the prescribed acts of worship during this great month is the obligation of fasting during the day. It is important for every Muslim to be aware of the rules and regulations of this great act of worship, to ensure that it is being performed correctly. With this objective in mind, what follows is a brief explanation of the rulings regarding fasting during the month of Ramadhan.

The beginning of the month of Ramadhan can be established in three ways:

1. Sighting of the crescent of Ramadhan
2. Testimony of the crescent being sighted from a reliable Muslim, who is of sound mind and postpubescent
3. Completion of 30 days of Shabaan

Once the beginning of the month has been established, fasting from Fajr to Maghrib is obligatory upon every postpubescent Muslim of sound mind, who is physically able to handle the fast.

Whose fasting is invalid?

Fasting of a non-Muslim is invalid

Fasting of a 'majnoon' (person not of sound mind) is invalid

Fasting of a woman on her menstrual cycle is invalid

Fasting of a woman during postpartum bleeding (up to 40 days) is invalid

The fasting of a prepubescent child who is able to understand what he or she is doing is valid, although not obligatory. A person who is ill or travelling is not obliged to fast during his sickness or travel, but he must make up the missed fasts later. However, if he chooses to fast during his illness or travel, the fast is valid. Women who are on their menstrual cycles or postpartum bleeding (up to 40 days) are forbidden from fasting, and they must make up the fasts they missed later.

Suhoor (pre-fast meal)

It is from the Sunnah to have a meal before Fajr, before starting the fast. The Messenger of Allah (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) informed us that there is blessing in the pre-fast meal. The pre-fast meal should not be taken too early, rather it should be delayed as much as possible. Suhoor time ends when the time for Fajr begins.

Iftar (breaking the fast)

The fast should be broken immediately after the sun sets. It is from the Sunnah to hasten to break the fast, and not to delay it. If possible, one should break his fast with

fresh dates. If no fresh dates are available, then one should break his fast with dry dates. If no dry dates are available, one should break his fast with water.

Actions which invalidate the fast:

Sexual intercourse

This is the most serious of the actions which invalidate the fast. If a person whose fasting is obligatory, engages in sexual intercourse during the day of Ramadan, he or she must make up that day of fasting, and in addition must offer an expiation for this action. The expiation is to free a slave, and if that is not possible, then to fast 60 consecutive days, and if that is not possible, then to feed 60 poor people each, half a saa' of food.

1. If one breaks his fast in ways other than sexual intercourse, this necessitates making up the day, but there is no expiation.

2. Ejaculation while awake

If someone kisses his spouse, or touches her in an intimate way, or looks at her with desire to the point of ejaculation, this breaks the fast and necessitates making up the day. There is no expiation in this case. Ejaculation during sleep (nocturnal emission) does not break the fast.

3. Eating and drinking

Eating food or drinking liquid invalidates the fast and necessitates making the day up. However, if someone ate or drank out of forgetfulness, then he must immediately stop when he remembers, and the fast is valid and does not need to be made up.

4. Injections that provide nutrition

Injections that provide nourishment to the body invalidate the fast. However, not nourishing injections, such as vaccinations, do not break the fast.

5. Hijamah (cupping)

Hijamah, or cupping, is the practice of removing non-efficient blood from the body. This is an action that invalidates the fast. By analogy, donating blood also breaks the fast, because a large amount of blood is removed. However, removing a small amount of blood for a blood test does not invalidate the fast, because the amount of blood loss is minor. Also, unintentional bleeding, from an injury, tooth loss, or nosebleed, does not invalidate the fast.

6. Intentional vomiting

If a person intentionally induces vomiting, this invalidates the fast and necessitates making up the day. However, if a person is overcome by nausea and vomits involuntarily, then his fast is valid and he does not need to make the day up.

Making up fasts

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are not responsible to convert people by force or coercion, as Allah (ﷻ) has clearly forbidden such tactics (**The Qur'an 2:256**). All human beings on earth have an Allah(ﷻ) given freedom to submit to Him (Allah alone) or submit to *taghut* (the worship of idols).

Remember, da'wah has great rewards. Whoever guides someone towards good, will receive the reward of the one who acts upon it. (**Muslim**). This means, if a person is converted through the da'wah you give him/her, you get rewards for all the prayers he/she does or all the fasts that he/she does, etc.

Allah(ﷻ) says **“And those who disbelieve are allies of one another, and if you (Muslims of the whole world collectively) do not do so [i.e become allies, as one united block] to make victorious Allah’s religion, there will be fitnah and oppression on the earth, and a great mischief and corruption (appearance of polytheism)”**. (Surah Anfal 8:73)

This is serious business. Allah(ﷻ) then says, **“And a declaration from Allah and His Messenger to Mankind on the Greatest Day (the 10th of Dhul Hijjah—the 12th month of the Islamic calendar) that Allah is free from all obligations to the disbelievers and so is His Messenger. So, if you (disbelievers) repent, it is better for you, but if you turn away, then know that you cannot escape (from the punishment of Allah(ﷻ)). And give tidings (O Muhammad) of a painful torment to those who disbelieve”**. (Surat at-Taubah 9:3)

Allah(ﷻ) warns us not to take our parents as supporters and helpers if they disbelieve. He says, **“O you who believe! Take not as Auliya (supporters and helpers) your fathers and brothers if they prefer disbelief to Belief. And, whoever of you who does so, then he is one of the Zalimun (wrong doers)”** (Surah At-Taubah v. 23)

Allah(ﷻ) goes on to say **“Fight against those who (1) believe not in Allah, (2) nor in the Last Day, (3) nor forbid that which has been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger (Peace be upon him), (4) and those who acknowledge not the religion of Truth (Islam) among the people of the Scriptures (Jews**

and Christians), until they pay the Jizyah (Islamic tax) with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued”. (Surah at-Taubah 9:29).

In conclusion, it is incumbent on each of you to support the Da'wah. A good place to start is right here with the Los Angeles Special Bulletin and the subsidiaries (i.e. www.lasb.org, abubakrstore.com, www.laicoc.org) insha Allah.

As-salaamu-alaikum.

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If a person needs to make up fasts, it is better to make them up as soon as possible, but it is permissible to delay them as long as the next Ramadan has not yet come. It is sinful to delay making up fasts past the next Ramadan, unless a person has a valid excuse (like a difficult pregnancy, breastfeeding with fear that fasting would deplete milk, etc..).

Permanent illness

A person who suffers from a permanent illness that prevents him from fasting is exempted from the obligation of fasting. Instead of fasting, this person must feed a poor person for each day of fasting he misses.

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By Shafeeq Qaasim

Bismillahir Rahmannir Raheem. All praise is due to Allaah, we seek His help and His forgiveness. From Allaah we came and to Allaah we shall return. (To proceed).

Indeed the most truthful Speech is the Book of Allaah, and the best guidance is guidance of Prophet Muhammad (May Allah Peace and Blessings be upon him), and the worst affairs are the newly invented matters (in Deen), and every newly invented matter is a religious innovation, and every religious innovation is misguidance, and every misguidance is in the Hellfire.

Allaah says, ***“Then by the Lord of the heaven and the earth, it is the truth (i.e. what has been promised to you), just as it is the truth that you can speak”*** (Adh-Dhariyat 51:23).

Prophet Muhammad taught us to “Hold on to truth, for being truthful leads to righteousness, and righteousness leads to Paradise. Verily, a man will keep saying the truth and striving for truth, until he is written before Allah as very truthful (Siddiq). Beware of lying, for lying leads to sin, and sin leads to the Fire. Verily, the man will keep lying and striving for falsehood until he is written before Allah as a great liar.” (Bukhari and Muslim).

I cannot help but express to everyone how grateful I am that Allaah has blessed me to live through pain and turmoil into my 70th year of living. He also blessed me to grow and learn about Islam. This is a great thing because many of us are upon misguidance. We are born and taught by our parents and family, and through our environment we learn much. Unfortunately, much of what we learn are untruths and we must unlearn them if we want to be successful in this world and the next.

To be a Muslim is to submit our will to the Will of Allaah. We bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped but Allaah alone in truth, and that Muhammad is the Last and Final Messenger of Allaah. We do this while staying away from shirk and polytheism. Allaah (the Almighty) sent us guidance in His Book (the Qur’an), and in it He told us ***“And whatsoever the Messenger (saw) gives you, take it, and whatever he forbids, abstain (from it)”***. ((Al-Hashr 59:7). So, we know from the Qur’an and the Sunnah of the prophet that Muslim men are required to pray five times every day in the Masjid. Also, that we must fast during Ramadhan and here it is in 2019 once again. Alhamdulillah, we have lived to see another year and to seek Allah’s Blessings and Forgiveness.

There is no better place in Los Angeles to worship Allaah, during Ramadhan or at any time, than King Fahad Mosque. It has been open for worship since July 17, 1998. It is the only mosque in North America completely built with Saudi support and was executed at the personal expense of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques “King Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz”. (From the Facts and Figures Booklet July 17, 1998). I was blessed to be on security with Brother Muhammad War in the beginning and during the inauguration. We both worked with our late brother Tajuddin Shu’aib under the supervision of the Sheikh Al Islam Ibn Taymiyah Foundation. One of the primary objectives of the foundation was and is to “Propagate Islam in the light of the Glorious Qur’an and the Traditions of Prophet Muhammad (saw) in keeping with the method of the righteous predecessors (the Salaf)” (The inaugural booklet July 17, 1998).

Today, this work continues under the guidance and teachings of the Imam Shaikh Ahson Syed. Shaikh Ahson Syed was born and raised in Southern California. He completed memorization of the Quran in 1997, and then went on to study the Arabic language and Islamic Shariah at Umm Al-Qura University in Makkah, Saudi Arabia. During his stay in Saudi Arabia, along with his formal studies in the university, he benefited from sitting in the gatherings of some of the greatest scholars of our time, including Shaikh Abdul

Aziz ibn Baz, Shaikh Muhammad ibn Salih Al-Uthaymeen, Shaikh Muhammad Al-Mukhtar Al-Shinqeeti, and others (May Allah preserve those who are living and have mercy upon those who have passed away). Shaikh Ahson is currently the Imam and Religious Director of King Fahad Mosque in Culver City, where he gives regular lessons in Tafsir, Seerah and Fiqh. He also visits other masjid from time to time as a guest khateeb. I am overwhelmed with joy, blessings, and excitement to be honored to write and speak about King Fahad Mosque. We are not afraid of being Salafi, because it differentiates us from those who are not. Just as truth is clear from falsehood, Salafiyah is distinct in that it adheres to the Qur’an and the Sunnah as understood and practiced by the Right-

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eous Predecessors, the Salaf as-Salih. We practice and follow it “exactly” just as Allaah and His Messenger has commanded us to do. Allah says, **“And the foremost to embrace Islâm of the Muhâjirûn (those who migrated from Makkah to Al-Madinah) and the Ansâr (the citizens of Al-Madinah who helped and gave aid to the Muhâjirûn) and also those who followed them exactly (in Faith). Allâh is well-pleased with them as they are well-pleased with Him. He has prepared for them Gardens under which rivers flow (Paradise), to dwell therein forever. That is the supreme success”**. (Surah At-Taubah 9:100).

According to the Sunnah: “Abdullah ibn Mas’ud reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, **“The best people are those of my generation, then those who come after them, then those who come after them...”** (Source: Şaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 6065, Şaḥīḥ Muslim 2533)

So now you can see that being Salafi is an honor bestowed on the Believers based on the Qur’an and the Sunnah. King Fahad Mosque is indeed the best Salafi Masjid in Los Angeles. It is open for all 5 daily prayers, including during Ramadhan and also has an extensive Islamic education program.

Allaah said, **“...This day, those who disbelieved have given up all hope of your religion; so fear them not, but fear Me. This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islâm as your religion. But as for him who is forced by severe hunger, with no inclination to sin (such can eat these before mentioned meats, i.e. dead animals and flesh of swine), then surely, Allâh is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.”** (Surah Maidah 5:3).

Thus, King Fahad Mosque offers:

1. Lisanaul Quran Class with Ustadha Zakia is still taking place Alhamdulillah. It’s not too late to join, we will be revising from Chapter 1 to Chapter 6 again In Shaa Allah this class takes place Friday at 6:30pm in the upstairs classroom. So, if you want to start now please feel free to join the class.

2. Hayya Naqra' Mommy and Me Club every Monday at 10:30am at the Masjid.

3. Family Night has moved to 1st Friday of every Month, with organized activities for the kids In Shaa Allah.

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4. Daily Khatira (short talk) after Fajr and before Isha by Shaikh Ahson Syed.

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Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, **“Whoever rejects lawful obedience to the leader and divides the community and dies in this state will have died upon ignorance. Whoever fights under the banner of one who is blind, raging for the sake of tribalism, or calling to tribalism, or supporting tribalism, and is killed in this state will have died upon ignorance. Whoever rebels against my nation, striking the righteous and wicked alike and sparing not even the believers and does not fulfill the pledge of security, then he has nothing to do with me and I have nothing to do with him.”** (Source: Şaḥīḥ Muslim 1848)

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Fire, and that is easy for Allâh. (30) If you avoid the great sins which you are forbidden to do, We shall expiate from you your (small) sins, and admit you to a Noble Entrance (i.e. Paradise). (31) And wish not for the things in which Allâh has made some of you to excel over others. For men there is reward for what they have earned, (and likewise) for women there is reward for what they have earned, and ask Allâh of His Bounty. Surely, Allâh is Ever All-Knower of everything. (Surah An-Nisa 32)

So Allah(swt) also wanted us to have the Chamber of Commerce. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce “The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world’s largest business organization representing the interests of more than 3 million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions. Our members range from mom-and-pop shops and local chambers to leading industry associations and large corporations. They all share one thing—they count on the Chamber to be their voice in Washington, D.C” (<https://www.uschamber.com/about/about-the-us-chamber>).

The problem is we as Muslims cannot count on them to speak for the Muslims, because we count on Allah(swt) only. We have so many differences. We don’t want to celebrate the holidays of the disbelievers (ie. Christmas, Easter, Valentine’s Day etc.). We don’t want to fornicate, drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes, and dance to the music as they do when celebrating. If we are true Muslims we only celebrate two holidays per year. They are Eidul Fitr after Ramadhan, and Eidul Adhaa after Hajj. We should not be celebrating anything else, because Allah says, **“O you who believe! Eat not up your property among yourselves unjustly except it be a trade amongst you, by mutual consent. And do not kill yourselves (nor kill one another). Surely, Allâh is Most Merciful to you.” (Surah Nisa’ 4:29)**

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upon the worship of Allah). From the text that has been quoted and the sayings of the people of knowledge, we can see that they all revolve around the establishment of this principle. The obligation of clinging together upon the book and the Sunnah with the understanding of what the predecessors were upon. We will continue with Part 4 in the next issue, insha Allah.

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