

O People Of The Scriptures ...Come To A Common Word

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In the Name of Allaah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful

All praise be to Allaah, Lord of the worlds. Peace and prayers be upon the most noble of prophets and messengers... to proceed,

The malicious attack upon our Prophet Muhammad, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, from the enemies of the truth is not something which started recently. In fact its source is an extension from various enemies. All of them agreeing in opposing the truth and whoever was sent with it.

Since Allaah, the All Mighty and the All Majestic, sent His Prophet Muhammad, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, with the truth, revealed to him the Noble Quraan through Jibreel, peace be upon him, and when he called all the people to the pure monotheism and man's natural inclination regardless of their religion, which all the prophets called to, from Noah, peace be upon him, to Jesus the son of Mary, peace be upon them both; falsehood has bared its teeth and made known its barefaced aggression to this noble merciful Messenger.

This enmity is being led by the devil and the leaders of disbelief, polytheism and heresy. Also, from those

who eat the wealth of the people with falsehood from amongst the priests and monks, and from the sorcerers, magicians and fortunetellers.

They indeed described him, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, as being a magician, a fortuneteller and that he was taught [by man]. And what he came with were tales that were dictated to him morning and afternoon. They also said that he is the dispraised one by saying this messenger needs to eat food, he walks through the markets, and other examples and characteristics which they ascribed to him to put people off from the religion of Allaah. Finally, to obstruct them in having belief in this great Prophet and what was revealed to him from a mighty book.

Allaah, the Most High, has related to us in His book about this obvious disgrace, for He said,

And those who disbelieved said, this (Qur'aan) is nothing but a lie that he invented and others have helped him in that. But they have committed an injustice and a lie. They also said, it is tales of the ancients which he has written down, and they are dictated to him morning and afternoon. Say, it has been sent down by He who Knows (every)

secret within the heavens and earth. Truly, He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

They said why does this Messenger eat food and walk about in the markets (like ourselves). Why wasn't an angel sent down to him to be one who warns alongside him. Or (why) has not a treasure been granted to him, or does he not have a garden from which he eats. The wrongdoers said, you follow none but a man who is bewitched. Look how they strike for you comparisons; but they have strayed, so they cannot [find] a way.

And He, the Most High said,

When they see you, they treat you only as a mockery (saying), is this the one whom Allaah has sent as a Messenger. He would have almost misled us from our gods, had it not been that we were patient and constant [in their worship]. They will know when they see the torment, who it is that is most astray from the (right) path. Have you seen him who has taken his own desire as god. Would you then be responsible for him. Or do you think that most of them hear or understand. They are only like cattle; on the

contrary, they are even further astray in their way.

These verses relate the obvious disgrace and hidden hatred from those whose souls are constrained from the message of Muhammad, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him. They come with these resemblances trying to put out the light of Allaah and to obstruct the way between the people and hearing what the Messenger, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, came with.

With that they were not able to do anything and are not able to do anything and this religion will remain uppermost until Jesus the son of Mary, peace be upon them both, descends. He will then kill all pigs, break the cross and rule by the laws of Muhammad, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him. Allaah, the Most High said,

When Jesus the son of Mary said, O Children of Israel! I am the messenger of Allaah sent unto you confirming what came before me of the Torah and bringing good tidings of a Messenger to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmed. But when he came to them with clear proofs, they said, this is plain magic. Who does more wrong

than the one who invents a lie against Allaah, while he is being invited to Islam. Allaah does not guide the people who are wrongdoers. They intend to put out the Light of Allaah with their mouths, but Allaah will perfect His Light even though the disbelievers hate it.

It is He who sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth to make it apparent over all other religions, even if the polytheists resent that.

What the enemies of Islam draw and write about our Prophet Muhammad, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, that does not do anything except to increase our faith in the words of our Lord and in the message of our Prophet.

Indeed the message of our Prophet Muhammad, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, is a mercy for the world and a saviour for mankind from false worship to true worship, from the fetters of other religions to the freedom of Islaam and from unjust laws to the just Islamic legislation. It is that which preserves and protects the souls and blood, that which preserves honour, refines manners and that which preserves minds and bodies. In fact it is a

mercy for all of the world including animals, birds and beasts.

The Messenger, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, set in his life the greatest example of mercy, forgiveness, generosity and noble manners. In fact the earth has not seen a more noble, generous person in manners, justice and mercy. It has not known a message being more complete, comprehensive, just and merciful than his message. It is a completion, concluding and finalising all previous messages. Allaah, the Most High, said,

Today I have perfected your religion for you, My favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion.

It is related in the Saheeh of al-Bukhaari that the Prophet, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, said, "the example of myself and the prophets before me is that of a man who built a house and beautified it, except for a corner where a brick was missing. People would go around admiring the structure but remarking, if only it was completed here. He said, I am that brick, I am the last of the Prophets."

From the qualities of our religion and the message of our Prophet is that it contains having faith in all of the Prophets and Messengers. It preserved the true facts of their history. It also protected them from being slandered and dispraised. Allaah, the Most High, said,

The Messenger believes in what has been sent down to him from his Lord, and so do the believers. Each one believes in Allaah, His angels, His books, and His Messengers. They make no distinction between any of His Messengers. They say, we hear and we obey. Forgive us, our Lord, and to You is the return.

From that which was sent down from the Noble Qur'aan to our Prophet Muhammad, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, and which the Muslims recite and believe in, is the verse in defense of the Prophet Moses from what the Children of Israel slandered him with. Allaah, the Most High, said,

O you who believe, don't be from those who annoyed Moses. Allaah proved his innocence from that which they alleged, and he was honourable in Allaah's Sight.

It is related in the Saheeh of al-Bukhaari by Aboo Hurairah that the Prophet said, “that the Children of Israel used to bathe naked being exposed to each other. But Moses used to bathe alone. They said, by Allaah what prevents Moses to bathe with us except that he may have a scrotal hernia.

One day he went to bathe and he put his clothes on a stone. But the stone took off with his clothes. Moses ran after it shouting, O stone my clothes! O stone my clothes! Until some of the Children of Israel saw him naked and they said, by Allaah, Moses does not suffer from any ailment. He took his clothes and began to hit the stone.”

From that which was also sent down from the Noble Qur’aan to our Prophet Muhammad, may Allaah’s Prayers and Peace be upon him, and which the Muslims recite and believe in is when Allaah cleared Jesus the son of Mary, peace be upon them both, from what the Christians believed about him. He, may peace be upon him, called the people to worship Allaah alone and not to associate partners with Him.

Allaah, the Most High, said,

And when Allaah will say, O Jesus, son of Mary! Did you say to men, worship me and my mother as two gods beside Allaah? He will say, Glory be to you! It was not for me to say what I had no right. 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.

I said nothing except what You commanded me - to worship Allaah, my Lord and your Lord. I was a witness over them as long as I was among them. But when You took me up, You were the Observer over them, and You are over all things, Witness.

Allaah, the Most High said,

They have certainly disbelieved who say that Allaah is the Messiah, the son of Mary, while the Messiah said, O Children of Israel, worship Allaah, my Lord and your Lord. Indeed he who associates others with Allaah, Allaah has forbidden paradise for him and his refuge is the fire. And there aren't any helpers for the wrongdoers.

They have certainly disbelieved who say, Allaah is the third of three. There is no god except one god. If they do not desist from what they are saying, there will surely afflict the disbelievers among them a painful punishment.

So will they not repent to Allaah and seek His forgiveness. Allaah is Forgiving and Merciful.

The Messiah, son of Mary, was nothing but a Messenger; other Messengers have passed on before him. His mother was a supporter of the truth. They both used to eat food. Look how we make the signs clear for them. Then look how they are deluded.

Many narrations have come from the Prophet, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, were he showed his nation how to preserve the honour of the Prophets, to respect them and to show good manners towards them.

From them is what is related by Muslim through Anas bin Maalik who said, "a man came to the Messenger of Allaah, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, and said to him, O best of

creation! The Messenger of Allaah, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, replied, that was indeed Abraham."

Also what is related by him through Aboo Hurairah that the Prophet said, "May Allaah forgive Lut as he wanted some strong aid."

Also what is related by him through Aboo Hurairah who said, "when a Jew was selling goods, he was given something which he did not accept or he did not agree to accept. The Jew said, by Allaah, Who chose Moses, peace be upon him, amongst mankind. A man from the Ansaar tribe heard that and he struck him on the face, saying, how is it that you say Moses was chosen whilst the Messenger of Allaah, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, is alive.

The Jew went to the Messenger of Allaah and said, O Abul-Qaasim, I am protected by a covenant. So and so struck my face. The Messenger of Allaah, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, asked why did you strike him on the face. The man replied, O Messenger of Allaah! He said Allaah chose Moses from amongst mankind and you are living amongst us. The Messenger of Allaah became angry and signs of anger could be seen on his face. He said, do

not make distinctions amongst the Prophets over one another. When the horn will be blown whatever is in the heavens and the earth will be struck down except whom Allaah grants exception to. Then the horn will be blown again and I would be the first to recover to see Moses, peace be upon him, holding onto the throne. I will not know whether it is because he was already struck down on the Day of Tur or he was just resurrected before me and I do not say anyone is more excellent than Jonah the son of Matta.”

Also what is related by him through Ibn Abbas who said the Prophet, may Allaah’s Prayers and Peace be upon him, said: One should not say I am better than Jonah the son of Matta.”.

Also what is related by him by Aboo Hurairah who said that the Prophet, may Allaah’s Prayers and Peace be upon him, said, “I am the nearest of all the people to the son of Mary. All the prophets are like paternal brothers and there has been no prophet between me and him.”

If the worshippers desires became objective and they freed themselves from their shackled minds; they would have realized the truth, believed and testified

in the message of Muhammad, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him.

As Hercules the emperor of Rome (Byzantine Empire) knew the truthfulness of the prophethood of Muhammad, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, when the proofs became manifest to him in the replies of Aboo Sufyaan to his questions. He called his people and said, O people of Rome! If you want success and guidance and your rule to remain, then give allegiance to this Prophet.

Hercules the emperor of Rome said to Aboo Sufyaan, I asked you about his lineage and you mentioned that he is of nobility and it is known that Messengers are sent from the noble families amongst their people. I asked you if anyone had made this claim before and you mentioned no. So I thought if anyone said this before him I would have said that this man is just copying those who came before. Then I asked you if any of his ancestors were kings, you said no. If you had said his fathers were kings I would have said that he sought the throne of his fathers. Then I asked if he had been accused of lying before what he started to say. It was said no. So I thought how could one who doesn't lie about people then lie upon Allaah. Then I asked you about

whether the noblest or the weakest of the people follow him. It was said the weakest of the people follow him. And they are indeed the ones who follow the Messengers.

I asked if their numbers are increasing or decreasing. It was said they are increasing. This is the way of true faith till it is complete. I then asked if anyone wants to renounce this faith after he has entered it. It was said no, and that is true faith; when its delight enters the heart and mixes with it completely. I asked if he had ever betrayed and it was said no. Also I knew that the Messengers do not betray. I asked what does he order you with. You said, he orders us to worship Allaah alone without associating partners with Him, he forbids you from worshipping idols, orders you with prayer, truthfulness and chastity.

If what you said is true, he will very soon occupy this place, which is underneath my feet now. I knew that he was going to appear but I did not know that he would be from you people. If I can meet him, I will go immediately to him and once I am with him I would certainly wash his feet. Then he read our Prophet's, may Allaah's Prayers and Peace be upon him, letter which he sent to him. It said:

“In the Name of Allaah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful. From Muhammad , the slave of Allaah and His Messenger to Hercules the ruler of Rome. Peace be upon him who follows the right path. To proceed; I invite you with the call of Islam. Accept Islam and you will find peace. Allaah will double your reward. But if you turn away then you will also have upon you the sin of your subjects. O People of the Book! Come to a word that is common between us and you; That we worship none but Allaah, that we associate no partners with him, and that we take no others as lords besides Allaah. If they then turn back, say, bear witness that we are Muslims.”

I call upon the Christians to think deeply about these evidences that Hercules the king of the Christians at his time thought about regarding the message of Muhammad, may Allaah’s Prayers and Peace be upon him, and that which Jesus, peace be upon him, gave news about. I also call them to contemplate the letter of Muhammad, may Allaah’s Prayers and Peace be upon him, to Hercules the king of the Romans.

O people of the Scriptures, save yourselves from going astray and misery. Believe in this lenient and

merciful Prophet, who described himself as a slave and Messenger of the Lord of the worlds. He called to worship none but Allaah and not to associate partners with him, and that none of us shall take others as lords besides Allaah, because the unity of lordship and the unity of worship are for none but Allaah. He is The Creator, The Sustainer and He is also the Granter of Life, the Causer Of Death, the Benefit-Conferer and the Bringer of Distress.

O people of the Scripture, do not follow people who intend to prevent you from believing in this merciful Messenger. Those who want to hinder you from the Path of Allaah trying to make it seem crooked, and devouring your wealth with falsehood.

Free your minds, be objective, get rid of your prejudice, to gain prosperity and right guidance and to be happy in this World and the Hereafter. Peace be upon him who follows the right path.