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PREFACE

Alhamdulillah, Praise be to Allah, for according the opportunity to write on the subject of unity among the various communities.

This treatise is addressed mainly to the Muslim community which has to a large extent, regrettably, been misled by the imams, ulamas and other community leaders, who base their lecture on hearsay and conjectures instead of encouraging and urging the masses to study the actual explanations included in the Holy Quran.

وَكُلَّ شَيْءٍ فَصَّلْنَاهُ تَفْصِيلًا ﴿١٢﴾

We have explained everything distinctly (17:12).

وَإِذْ أَخَذَ اللَّهُ مِيثَاقَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ لَتُبَيِّنُنَّهُ لِلنَّاسِ وَلَا تَكْتُمُونَهُ ۚ فَنَبَذُوهُ وَرَاءَ ظُهُورِهِمْ وَاشْتَرَوْا بِهِ ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا

When Allah took a covenant from those who were given the Book: You shall explain it to people and

shall not hide it. But they threw it behind their backs and took a small price for it (3:187).

وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ كَتَمَ شَهَادَةً عِنْدَهُ مِنَ اللَّهِ ۗ وَمَا اللَّهُ
بِغَافِلٍ عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٣٠﴾

Who is more unjust than he who conceals a testimony that he has from Allah? And Allah is not heedless of what you do (2:140).

Consequently, rather than offering personal views and elaborate comments, this effort provides the verses of the Holy Book so that the readers can judge for themselves the basis on which they should develop their beliefs. Almighty Allah says that He has explained everything that is required by people, as these are the last revealed Words to humanity.

It is therefore incumbent upon those seeking answers to first and foremost seek the explanations in the Glorious Quran. This booklet provides the actual verses on various aspects of the subject so that the readers can derive the benefit by looking into the verses.

وَنَزَّلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ تَبْيَانًا لِّكُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً
وَبُشْرَىٰ لِّلْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٨٩﴾

We have revealed the Book to you explaining all things, and a guidance and mercy and good news for those who submit (16:89).

يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُبَيِّنَ لَكُمْ وَيَهْدِيَكُمْ سُنَنَ الَّذِينَ مِن
قَبْلِكُمْ وَيَتُوبَ عَلَيْكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٢٦﴾

Allah desires to explain to you, and to guide you into the ways of those before you, and to turn to you (mercifully). And Allah is Knowing, Wise (4:26).

ثُمَّ إِنَّ عَلَيْنَا بَيَانَهُ ﴿١٩﴾

Again, on Us rests the explaining of it (75:19)

So, the explanation should be searched within the Book.

يَا هَلْ أُنكَبِ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولُنَا يُبَيِّنُ لَكُمْ عَلَىٰ فَتْرَةٍ
مِّنَ الرُّسُلِ أَنْ تَقُولُوا مَا جَاءَنَا مِن بَشِيرٍ وَلَا نَذِيرٍ ۚ فَقَدْ
جَاءَكُمْ بَشِيرٌ وَنَذِيرٌ ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١٩﴾

O People of the Book, indeed Our Messenger has come to you explaining to you after a cessation of the messengers, in case you say: No bearer of

good news came to us nor a warner. So indeed a bearer of good news and a warner has come to you. And Allah is Powerful over all things (5:19).

Allah's blessings and guidance be upon all those who study the Holy Quran, and find this effort useful – *aameen ya Rabbal Aalameen.*

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

Promotion and establishment of religious harmony, peace and tolerance can be seen throughout the Holy Quran. It is also stressed that there is no compulsion in religion and each person has the right to decide whatever that person wishes to believe.

أَدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ وَ
جَادِلْهُمْ بِلَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ

Call to the way of your Lord with wisdom and goodly exhortation and argue with them in the best manner (16:126).

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ ۗ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ مِنَ الْغَيِّ ۚ فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ
بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ لَا
انْفِصَامَ لَهَا ۗ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٥٦﴾

There is no compulsion in religion— the right way is indeed clearly distinct from error. So, whoever disbelieves in the devil and believes in Allah, he indeed lays hold on the firmest handle which shall never break. And Allah is Hearing, Knowing (2:256).

وَقُلِ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ ۗ فَمَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُؤْمِنْ وَمَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُكْفُرْ
Say: The Truth is from your Lord; so, whoever wishes, let him believe, and whoever wishes, let him disbelieve (18:29).

وَبِالْحَقِّ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ وَبِالْحَقِّ نَزَلَ ۗ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا مُبَشِّرًا وَ
نَذِيرًا ﴿١٠٥﴾ وَقُرْآنًا فَرَقْنَاهُ لِتَقْرَأَهُ عَلَى النَّاسِ عَلَىٰ مُكْثٍ وَ
نَزَّلْنَاهُ تَنْزِيلًا ﴿١٠٦﴾ قُلْ آمِنُوا بِهِ أَوْ لَا تُؤْمِنُوا ۗ

With truth have We revealed it, and with truth did it come. And We have not sent you (O Prophet) but as a giver of good news and as a warner. And it is a Quran We have made distinct, so that you may read it to the people by slow degrees, and We have revealed it in portions. Say: Believe in it or do not believe (17:105-107).

- 1.1. In the examples above, the Lord of the worlds has explained the principles on how to engage with others in the dissemination of information pertaining to Islam or the truth from the Lord. In other verses He has repeatedly stated that the duty of the Messenger (Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was only to deliver the message clearly, as per examples below:

وَ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَ أَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَ أَحْذَرُوا ۚ فَإِن تَوَلَّيْتُمْ
فَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا عَلَي رِسُولِنَا الْبَلْغُ الْمُبِينُ ﴿٩٢﴾

Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and be cautious. But if you turn back then know that the duty of Our Messenger is only to deliver the message clearly (5:92).

فَإِن تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْكَ الْبَلْغُ الْمُبِينُ ﴿٨٢﴾

Then if they turn away, your duty is only to deliver the message clearly (16:82).

فَهَلْ عَلَى الرُّسُلِ إِلَّا الْبَلْغُ الْمُبِينُ ﴿٣٥﴾

But have the messengers any duty except to deliver the message clearly? (16:35).

- 1.2. The Mighty Master has further stated that the Messenger was not a custodian, and that Almighty Allah is the ultimate Judge:

وَمَا جَعَلْنَاكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِيظًا ۗ وَمَا أَنْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ بِوَكِيلٍ ﴿١٠٧﴾

We have not appointed you a keeper over them, and you are not in charge of them (6:107).

فَأَنْتَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْبَلَّغُ ۗ وَعَلَيْنَا الْحِسَابُ ﴿٤٠﴾

(O Messenger) your duty is only to deliver the message, and Ours to call (them) to account (13:40).

فَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِيظًا ۗ إِنَّ عَلَيْكَ إِلَّا الْبَلَّغُ

We have not sent you as a watcher over them. Your duty is only to deliver the message (42:48).

وَمَا أَنْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ بِوَكِيلٍ

you are not in charge of them (42:6).

- 1.3. Ultimately, everyone is answerable to Allah, and He will Judge according to one's actions, deeds, thoughts, and words. The duty of a Muslim is therefore to only explain what is in the Holy Quran and not to coerce or force anyone to accept it.

Chapter 2

THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM

- 2.1. In order to promote and establish religious harmony and to discuss such matters with other communities, it is crucial that people should study and gain the knowledge of their own Faith and have the wisdom to present the views amicably and peacefully, without manifesting ego, arrogance and stubbornness.
- 2.2. Importance of acquisition of knowledge must therefore be stressed at every opportunity as the very first revelation received by the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, was pertaining to it.

اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ ﴿١﴾ خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ
﴿٢﴾ اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ ﴿٣﴾ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ ﴿٤﴾ عَلَّمَ
الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ ﴿٥﴾

Read in the name of your Lord Who creates — creates man from a clot (of blood) — read and your Lord is most Generous, Who taught by the pen, taught man what he did not know (96:1-5).

وَ الْكِتَابِ الْمُبِينِ ﴿٢﴾ إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةٍ مُبَارَكَةٍ إِنَّا
كُنَّا مُنذِرِينَ ﴿٣﴾ فِيهَا يُفْرَقُ كُلُّ أَمْرٍ حَكِيمٍ ﴿٤﴾

By the Book that makes manifest! We revealed it on a blessed night — truly We are ever warning. In which (night) is made clear every matter of wisdom (44:2-4).

- 2.3. In the light of the above, it becomes mandatory for every Muslim to seek knowledge of every kind, as the Holy Quran has stressed the importance of knowledge and wisdom repeatedly.
- 2.4. Even before the advent of the Holy Prophet, Prophet Abraham or Ibrahim, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, had prayed for a messenger from among the nation of his son, Ishmael, as per following prayer stated in the Holy Quran.

رَبَّنَا وَابْعَثْ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِكَ وَ
يُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ ۗ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ
الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١٢٩﴾

Our Lord, and raise up in them a Messenger from among them who shall recite to them Your messages and teach them the Book and the Wisdom, and purify them. Surely You are the Mighty, the Wise (2:129).

- 2.5. That prayer was answered when the first revelation, as stated above, was received by the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, and he was appointed *the Messenger*, which was in fulfillment of that prayer. Revelation, of course, continued for the next 23 years.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ
شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا ۗ إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ
أَتْقَىٰكُمْ ۗ

O mankind, surely We have created you from a male and a female, and made you tribes and families that you may know each other. Surely the noblest of you with Allah is the most dutiful of you (49:13).

- 2.6. It may be appropriate at the outset to reaffirm that the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, is the last and final prophet and that there will be no other prophet after him, and that the Holy Quran is the last revealed Book to humanity, as will be shown later in this book.
- 2.7. It may also be relevant to draw to the attention of the readers that while the Holy Quran contains only 6,236 verses (without the Bismillah at the beginning of 113 chapters), the Bible for instance, has over 31,000 verses, and the other scriptures may have tens of thousands of verses. Consequently, as the Holy Quran is the last revealed Book, it may be necessary, on certain issues or situations to use only a part of the verse that is relevant to the subject under discussion. This has been done, where appropriate, in this book.
- 2.8. Prophet Ibrahim, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, had prayed for four abilities in *the Messenger* as cited above; *reciting the messages of Allah, teaching them the Book, the Wisdom, and to purify them*. In the following verses it will be observed that all four aptitudes of the prophesied Messenger (Prophet Muhammad, peace and bless-

ings of Allah be upon him) are proven in the verses of the Holy Book.

كَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا فِيكُمْ رَسُولًا مِّنكُمْ يَتْلُوا عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتِنَا وَ
يُزَكِّيكُمْ وَيُعَلِّمُكُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُعَلِّمُكُم مَّا لَمْ
تَكُونُوا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٥١﴾

Even as We have sent among you a Messenger from among you, who recites to you Our messages and purifies you and teaches you the Book and the Wisdom and teaches you what you did not know (2:151).

لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْ
أَنْفُسِهِمْ يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ
وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿١٦٣﴾

*Certainly, Allah conferred a favour on the believers when He raised among them a Messenger from among themselves, reciting to them His messages and purifying them, and teaching them the Book and the Wisdom, **although before that they were surely in manifest error** (3:164).*

- 2.9. The above verses impose similar responsibilities on every Muslim to learn and to teach others. Almighty Allah reminded the Holy Prophet of his prescribed responsibilities as per examples in the

following verses, which show that he was teaching others:

يُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ^٣

Teaches them the Book and the Wisdom (62:2).

وَ اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَاَنْزَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِّنَ الْكِتَابِ وَالْحِكْمَةِ لِيُعْظُمَ بِهَا^ط وَاَتَّقُوا اللّٰهَ وَاَعْلَمُوْا اَنَّ اللّٰهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيْمٌ ﴿٢٣١﴾

Remember Allah's favour to you, and what He has revealed to you of the Book and the Wisdom, instructing you by it. And keep your duty to Allah, and know that Allah is the Knower of all things (2:231).

2.10. It is therefore incumbent on every Muslim to read and acquire knowledge for their own benefit and importantly to convey the message to others. Reading of the Holy Quran must be stressed upon every child so that they recite it as often as possible. This was a duty imposed on the Holy Prophet, as per following examples:

وَ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَ أَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَ أَحْذَرُوا ۚ فَإِن تَوَلَّيْتُمْ
فَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا عَلَى رَسُولِنَا الْبَلْغُ الْمُبِينُ ﴿٩٢﴾

Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and be cautious. **But if you turn back** then know that the duty of Our Messenger is only to deliver the message clearly (5:92).

مَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلْغُ

The duty of the Messenger is only to deliver the message (5:99).

فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْكَ الْبَلْغُ وَ عَلَيْنَا الْحِسَابُ ﴿٤٠﴾

Your duty is only to deliver the message, and Ours to call (them) to account (13:40).

وَ مَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَكِيلاً ﴿٥٣﴾

And We have not sent you as being in charge of them (17:54).

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ لِلنَّاسِ بِالْحَقِّ ۚ فَمَنِ اهْتَدَىٰ
فَلِنَفْسِهِ ۚ وَمَنْ ضَلَّ فَإِنَّمَا يَضِلُّ عَلَيْهِ ۚ وَ مَا أَنْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ
بِوَكِيلٍ ﴿٣٦﴾

Surely, We have revealed to you the Book with truth for (the good of) people. So whoever goes aright, it is for his own soul, and whoever goes astray, goes astray only to its detriment. And you are not in charge of them (39:41).

فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْكَ الْبَلْغُ الْمُبِينُ ﴿٨٢﴾

Then if they turn away, your duty is only to deliver the message clearly (16:82).

فَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِيظًا ۗ إِنَّ عَلَيْكَ إِلَّا الْبَلْغُ

We have not sent you as a watcher over them. Your duty is only to deliver the message (42:48).

2.11. Inspiration should be derived from the above, so that reading, learning and delivery of the message takes the centre stage in spreading the teachings of Islam.

2.12. Initially, the children may be skimming through the pages but as they grow older, they will start studying it and obtain greater understanding of what they see. While most people scan through the pages, it requires greater concentration in order to retain the deeper and inner meanings of what

lessons are learned. That will enhance the understanding of the messages contained in them and will allow the messages to be conveyed to others, humbly and intelligently. That is why prayer for knowledge is encouraged.

وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا ﴿١١٤﴾

My Lord, increase me in knowledge (20:114).

- 2.13. Once a habit is ingrained into the minds and hearts of people, it will lead to the desire to read and study and to impart that knowledge to others in the community. That will allow the masses to better understand the message and avoid being misled.

وَكَذَلِكَ نُصَرِّفُ الْآيَاتِ لِيُقُولُوا دَرَسْتَ وَإِنبَيِّنَا لَهُمْ يَوْمَ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٠٥﴾

Thus, do We repeat the messages, and that they may say, You have studied; and that We may make it clear to a people who know (6:105).

مَا يُقَالُ لَكَ إِلَّا مَا قَدْ قِيلَ لِلرُّسُلِ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ

Nothing is said to you but what was said to messengers before you (41:43).

- 2.14. Every Muslim must realize that after Allah and *Rabb*, *ilm* or knowledge in different forms is the

most repeated word in the Holy Quran, appearing over 700 times. Yet, very little attention is paid to it, and relatively speaking, only a few people (from over two billion Muslims) develop the habit of consulting the Holy Quran when an issue arises. Most people are either ignorant or illiterate and they need to be told and explained what is specified in the Holy Quran so that they become acquainted with the subject.

مَا أَوْتِيْتُمْ مِّنَ الْعِلْمِ إِلَّا قَلِيْلًا ﴿٨٥﴾

You are not given knowledge but a little (17:85).

2.15. As mentioned above, seeking knowledge is one of the most frequently repeated word in the Holy Quran which provides guidance and teaches wisdom.

تِلْكَ آيَاتُ الْكِتَابِ الْحَكِيْمِ ﴿١﴾ هُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِّلْمُحْسِنِيْنَ
﴿٢﴾ الَّذِيْنَ يُقِيْمُوْنَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُوْتُوْنَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ بِالْآخِرَةِ
هُمْ يُوْقِنُوْنَ ﴿٣﴾

These are the verses of the Book of Wisdom — a guidance and a mercy for the doers of good, who keep up prayer and give the due charity and who are certain of the Hereafter (31:2-4).

2.16. Many people waste their time on irrelevant issues and are ignorant of some of the essential elements of spiritual life, and at the same time mislead others into believing things which are not in accordance with the teachings of Islam.

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَشْتَرِي لَهْوَ الْحَدِيثِ لِيُضِلَّ عَن سَبِيلِ
اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ ۖ وَيَتَّخِذَهَا هُزُوًا

Among people is he who takes, instead, frivolous discourse to lead astray from Allah's path without knowledge, and to make it a mockery (31:6).

2.17. It may be wise to study in groups; either within the family or among friends. When one member of the group learns something new and discusses it with the others, they all gain the knowledge on the subject and hopefully, use it whenever necessary, for the benefit of others.

وَ اذْكُرْنَ مَا يُتْلَىٰ فِي بُيُوتِكُنَّ مِنْ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَالْحِكْمَةِ ۗ إِنَّ
اللَّهَ كَانَ لَطِيفًا خَبِيرًا ﴿٣٤﴾

Remember what is recited in your houses of the messages of Allah and the Wisdom. Surely Allah is ever Knower of subtleties, Aware (33:34).

2.18. With the study of the Holy Quran, one must also seek the wisdom to utilize the knowledge as in-

tended by the Knower of the unseen. Holy Quran says repeatedly that prophets, for instance, were granted knowledge and wisdom.

وَالْقُرْآنِ الْحَكِيمِ ﴿٣٦﴾

By the Quran, full of wisdom! (36:2)

and

كِتَابٍ أَحْكَمَتْ آيَاتُهُ ثُمَّ فُصِّلَتْ مِنْ لَدُنْ حَكِيمٍ خَبِيرٍ ﴿١١﴾
أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا اللَّهَ

A Book, whose verses are characterized by wisdom, then they are made plain, from One Wise, Aware: that you should serve none but Allah (11:1-2).

2.19. It must also be remembered that the Holy Quran summarizes thousands of verses in previous original scriptures, and it is repeatedly called a Reminder of what was revealed to the previous prophets as it states:

ذِكْرًا نَتْلُوهُ عَلَيْكَ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ ﴿٣٨﴾

This We recite to you of the messages and the Reminder full of wisdom (3:58).

وَأَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الذِّكْرَ لِتُبَيِّنَ لِلنَّاسِ مَا نُزِّلَ إِلَيْهِمْ وَلَعَلَّهُمْ
يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾

We have revealed to you the Reminder that you may make clear to people what has been revealed to them, and that perhaps they may reflect (16:44).

وَإِنَّهُ فِي أُمِّ الْكِتَابِ لَدَيْنَا لَعَلِّي حَكِيمٌ ﴿٤٥﴾

It is in the Original of the Book with Us, truly elevated, full of wisdom (43:4).

- 2.20. Followers of other religions may not have access to what was actually revealed to their prophets, and what is currently available may not have been in the original Book.
- 2.21. There are, of course, people who recognize what is contained in the Holy Quran and can relate it to what is in their Scriptures as stated in the verse below:

لَكِنَّ الرِّسْخُونَ فِي الْعِلْمِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ يُؤْمِنُونَ
بِمَا أَنْزَلَ إِلَيْكَ وَمَا أَنْزَلَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ وَالْمُقِيمِينَ الصَّلَاةَ

وَالْمُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ
أُولَئِكَ سَنُؤْتِيهِمْ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴿١٦٦﴾

But the firm in knowledge among them and the believers believe in what has been revealed to you (O Prophet) and what was revealed before you, and those who keep up prayer and give the due charity and the believers in Allah and the Last Day – these it is to whom We shall give a mighty reward (4:162).

2.22. Almighty Allah states that they were given the Book and the knowledge and guidance, but unfortunately they are not following it.

وَلَقَدْ جِئْنَاهُمْ بِكِتَابٍ فَصَّلْنَاهُ عَلَىٰ عِلْمٍ هُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِّقَوْمٍ
يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾

Certainly, We have brought them a Book which We make clear with knowledge, a guidance and a mercy for a people who believe (7:52).

أَمْ يَحْسُدُونَ النَّاسَ عَلَىٰ مَا آتَاهُمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ فَقَدْ آتَيْنَا
آلَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَآتَيْنَاهُمْ مُلْكًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٥٣﴾

فِيهِمْ مَنّ أَمَنَ بِهِ وَ مِنْهُمْ مَنّ صَدَّ عَنْهُ ^ط وَ كَفَىٰ بِجَهَنَّمَ
سَعِيرًا ﴿٥٥﴾

Indeed, We have given to Abraham's children the Book and the Wisdom, and We have given them a grand kingdom. So some of them believe in him, and some of them turn away from him. And Hell is sufficient to burn (4:54-55).

فَهَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا سُنَّتَ الْأَوَّلِينَ ^ع فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لِسُنَّتِ اللَّهِ
تَبْدِيلًا

you will find no alteration in the course of Allah; and you will find no change in the course of Allah (35:43).

سُنَّةَ اللَّهِ فِي الَّذِينَ خَلَوْا مِن قَبْلُ ^ع وَلَنْ تَجِدَ لِسُنَّةِ اللَّهِ
تَبْدِيلًا

That was the way of Allah concerning those who have gone before; and you will find no change in the way of Allah (33:62).

- 2.23. The purpose of expanding the coverage in this chapter is to allow greater understanding and to foster goodwill and harmony among the various communities. All those who believe, acquire

knowledge, and do good deeds will be rewarded for their actions and deeds.

يَرْفَعِ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ
دَرَجَاتٍ ۗ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿٥٨﴾

Allah will exalt those of you who believe, and those who are given knowledge, to high ranks. And Allah is Aware of what you do (58:11).

شَرَعْنَا لَكُمْ مِنَ الدِّينِ مَا وصى بِهِ نُوحًا وَ الَّذِي أَوْحَيْنَا
إِلَيْكَ وَمَا وصىْنَا بِهِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَى وَعِيسَى أَنْ أَقِيمُوا
الدِّينَ وَلَا تَتَفَرَّقُوا فِيهِ

He has made plain to you the religion which He enjoined upon Noah and which We have revealed to you, and which We enjoined on Abraham and Moses and Jesus — to establish religion and not to be divided in (regard to) it (42:13).

2.24. Most of the followers of other religions may unknowingly deviate from the teachings of their prophets. Muslims are therefore reminded to seek the protection of the Lord of the worlds to ensure that they do not suffer the same fate and deviate from the knowledge they have gained and to continue to pray for guidance. They are also told to be

humble and when they discuss religious matters they should do it amicably without any hostilities.

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ
رَحْمَةً ۗ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ ﴿٨﴾ رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ جَامِعُ النَّاسِ
لِيَوْمٍ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ

Our Lord, do not make our hearts to deviate after You have guided us and grant us mercy from Yourself; surely You are the most liberal Giver. Our Lord, surely You are the Gatherer of people on a day about which there is no doubt (3:8-9).

أُدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ وَ
جَادِلْهُمْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ ۚ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ ضَلَّ عَنْ
سَبِيلِهِ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ ﴿١٢٥﴾

Call to the way of your Lord with wisdom and goodly exhortation, and argue with them in the best manner. Surely your Lord knows best him who strays from His path, and He knows best those who go aright (16:125).

2.25. Muslims are required to accept and respect all the prophets appointed by Almighty Allah as detailed in other chapters. All the prophets were given knowledge and wisdom as per following examples:

وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ أَشُدَّهُ وَاسْتَوَىٰ آتَيْنَاهُ حُكْمًا وَعِلْمًا ۗ وَكَذَٰلِكَ
نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٦٦﴾

When he (Moses) attained his maturity and became full-grown, We granted him wisdom and knowledge. And thus do We reward those who do good (to others) (28:14).

2.26. After mentioning several prophets including Abraham, Noah, David and Solomon, the Holy Quran states:

فَفَهَّمْنَاهَا سُلَيْمَانَ ۚ وَكُلًّا آتَيْنَاهُ حُكْمًا وَعِلْمًا ۗ وَسَخَّرْنَا
مَعَ دَاوُدَ الْجَبَالَ يُسَبِّحْنَ وَالطَّيْرَ ۗ وَكُنَّا فَاعِلِينَ ﴿٢١﴾

So We made Solomon to understand it. And to each (of them) We gave wisdom and knowledge (21:79).

وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ أَشُدَّهُ آتَيْنَاهُ حُكْمًا وَعِلْمًا ۗ وَكَذَٰلِكَ
نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿١٢﴾

(To Joseph) We gave him wisdom and knowledge. And thus do We reward the doers of good (12:22).

يُؤْتِي الْحِكْمَةَ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَمَنْ يُؤْتَ الْحِكْمَةَ فَقَدْ أُوتِيَ
خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا ۗ وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُ إِلَّا أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿٢٦٩﴾

He grants wisdom to whom He pleases. And whoever is granted wisdom, he indeed is given a great good. And none are mindful but those who have understanding (2:269).

بَلْ هُوَ آيَاتٌ بَيِّنَاتٌ فِي صُدُورِ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ ۗ وَمَا
يَجْحَدُ بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَّا الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾

Rather, it is clear messages in the hearts of those who are granted knowledge. And none deny Our messages except the wrongdoers (29:49).

2.27. Whatever knowledge the prophets derived were imparted to their followers, but later generations deviated from it.

فَلَمَّا جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُهُم بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَرِحُوا بِمَا عِنْدَهُمْ مِنَ
الْعِلْمِ وَحَاقَ بِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾

Then when their messengers came to them with clear arguments, they exulted in whatever knowledge they (already) had, and what they used to deride befell them (40:83).

- 2.28. Those who have deviated from the teachings of their revealed books will be questioned about their actions which were based on hearsay and conjectures.

وَمَا لَهُمْ بِهِ مِنْ عِلْمٍ ۖ إِنْ يَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا الظَّنَّ ۗ وَإِنَّ الظَّنَّ لَا يُغْنِي مِنَ الْحَقِّ شَيْئًا ﴿٢٨﴾ فَأَعْرِضْ عَنْ مَنْ تَوَلَّى ۖ عَنْ ذِكْرِنَا وَلَمْ يُرِدْ إِلَّا الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا ﴿٢٩﴾ ذَلِكَ مَبْلَغُهُمْ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ ۗ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ ضَلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ ۗ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ اهْتَدَى ﴿٣٠﴾

They have no knowledge of it. They follow only conjecture, and surely conjecture does not avail at all against Truth. So shun him who turns his back upon Our Reminder, and desires nothing but this world's life. That is their goal of knowledge. Surely your Lord knows best him who strays from His path and He knows best him who goes aright (53:28-30).

إِنْ تَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا الظَّنَّ وَإِنْ أَنْتُمْ إِلَّا تَخْرُصُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾

You only follow a conjecture and you only tell lies (6:148-49).

- 2.29. Almighty Allah has reiterated that it is incumbent upon everyone to read, study and understand what has been revealed by Him. Those who follow their

leaders and imams without studying the actual teachings of Islam will be questioned on the Day of Judgment as He has warned.

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءُوكَ وَقَالَ أَكْذَبْتُمْ بآيَاتِي وَلَمْ تَحِيطُوا بِهَا عِلْمًا
أَمْآذَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٨٤﴾

Until, when they come (before Him), He will say: Did you reject My messages without comprehending them by knowledge? Or what was it that you did? (27:84).

- 2.30. Holy Quran states that both the messengers and their followers will be questioned about their teachings and actions.

يَوْمَ نَدْعُوا كُلَّ أُنَاسٍ بِإِمَامِهِمْ

On the day when We shall call every people with their leader (17:71).

فَلَنَسْأَلَنَّ الَّذِينَ أُرْسِلَ إِلَيْهِمْ وَلَنَسْأَلَنَّ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿٦﴾
فَلَنَقُصَّنَّ عَلَيْهِم بِعِلْمٍ وَمَا كُنَّا غَائِبِينَ ﴿٧﴾

Then certainly We shall question those to whom messengers were sent, and We shall question the messengers, then surely, We shall recount to them with knowledge, and We are never absent (7:6-7).

عَلَى اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا ۗ رَبَّنَا افْتَحْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ قَوْمِنَا بِالْحَقِّ ۗ
أَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْفَاتِحِينَ ﴿٨٩﴾

In Allah do we trust. Our Lord, decide between us and our people with truth, and You are the Best of deciders (7:89).

- 2.31. Everyone should attempt to gain knowledge and wisdom and be cautious of their actions and ensure that they follow the guidance provided in the Reminder in order to promote unity, goodwill, harmony and greater understanding among the communities.

Chapter 3

SPREADING THE TEACHINGS OF THE HOLY QURAN

- 3.1. In the 6,236 verses of the Holy Quran our Creator has established the laws and principles pertaining to everything that transpired previously or is happening currently or what will emerge in the future.

لَقَدْ كَانَ فِي قَصَصِهِمْ عِبْرَةٌ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ ۗ مَا كَانَ حَدِيثًا
يُفْتَرَىٰ وَ لَكِن تَصَدِّيقَ الَّذِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَ تَفْصِيلَ كُلِّ
شَيْءٍ وَ هُدًى وَ رَحْمَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١١١﴾

In their histories there is certainly a lesson for those who have understanding. It is not a narrative which could be forged, but a verification of what is before it, and a distinct explanation of all things, and a guide and a mercy to a people who believe (12:111).

إِنَّمَا إِلَهُكُمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۖ وَسِعَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا
﴿٩٨﴾ كَذَلِكَ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ أَنْبَاءِ مَا قَدْ سَبَقَ ۗ وَقَدْ آتَيْنَاكَ
مِنْ نَدَانَا ذِكْرًا ﴿٩٩﴾

Your Lord is only Allah, there is no God but He. He comprehends all things in (His) knowledge. Thus, We relate to you some news of what has happened before. And indeed, We have given you a Reminder from Ourselves (20:98-99).

- 3.2. In their histories may not necessarily refer to followers of previous scriptures or previous generations, in a broader sense it could also apply to the current situations in different regions of the world or even our own neighborhood.
- 3.3. In this book there are references to previous Scriptures as evidence of what transpired earlier and to verify the authenticity of what's being written. It is therefore essential to study the verses of the Holy Quran judiciously and delve deeper into their essence and nuances to decipher the current interpretations and obtain the best solution to any issue that arises as the Maker has assured us:

وَلَا يَأْتُونَكَ بِمَثَلٍ إِلَّا جِئْنَاكَ بِالْحَقِّ وَأَحْسَنَ تَفْسِيرًا ۝ ط

They cannot bring you a question, but We have brought you the truth and the best explanation (25:33).

وَلَقَدْ صَرَّفْنَا فِي هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ لِلنَّاسِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَثَلٍ

Certainly, We have made distinct in this Quran for mankind every kind of description (18:54, 17:89 and 30:58).

Seeking answers in the last revealed Book is therefore crucial as the Holy Quran states:

مَا فَرَطْنَا فِي الْكِتَابِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ

We have not neglected anything in the Book (Holy Quran) (6:38).

- 3.4. Some of the principles pertaining to teachings of Islam are explained very clearly in the verses which are cited as examples in the “Introduction” and “Chapter 1”. The above verses also assure us that the answers to questions are available in the Holy Quran for those who consciously study, explore and search for them.
- 3.5. Regrettably, it’s apparent that Muslims in general have forgotten the tangible and endearing approach to the basics of teachings of Islam, as per example

of the Holy Prophet. As a result, the beatific face of Islam is being tarnished in practice by the ignorant Muslim masses primarily because they are being misinformed and misguided by their *imams* and leaders who base their *khutba* (sermon) and lectures on fake or weak hadith and hearsay.

وَمِنْهُمْ أُمِّيُونَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ الْكِتَابَ إِلَّا أَمْثَانِي وَإِنْ هُمْ إِلَّا
يَظُنُّونَ ﴿٢٧٨﴾

Some of them are illiterate; they do not know the Book except (from) hearsay, and they only conjecture (2:78).

رَبَّنَا أَفْرِغْ عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى
الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٢٥٠﴾

Our Lord, pour out patience on us and make our steps firm and help us against the disbelieving people (2:250).

- 3.6. Muslims have generally adopted the opposite of what Almighty Allah had stipulated in the Holy Book, as a result of which, they are missing the opportunity to propagate the true teachings of Islam. Unfortunately, the Religion of Peace is now being portrayed as a religion of hostility and intolerance and forced conversions by those who are not guid-

ed by the Holy Book and do not possess adequate knowledge, nor do they have in practice humility and patience. The controversy is being exacerbated by the leaders who have ignored the pure and pristine teachings of the Holy Book and are basing their arguments on mistaken beliefs, with few exceptions.

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَّصُوا بِالحَقِّ ۗ وَ
تَوَّصُوا بِالصَّبْرِ ﴿١٠٣﴾

Except those who believe and do good, and exhort one another to Truth, and exhort one another to patience (103:1-3).

Chapter 4

EMBODYING HUMILITY AND PATIENCE

- 4.1. Another important aspect to be mindful of in the interactions with others communities, which is absolutely critical, is to remain calm and humble. There are many verses which require humility and patience in our dealings with others, such as:

وَعِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ الَّذِينَ يَمْشُونَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ هَوْنًا وَإِذَا
خَاطَبَهُمُ الْجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلَامًا ﴿٢٤٦﴾

The servants of the Beneficent are they who walk on the earth in humility, and when the ignorant address them, they say, Peace! (25:63).

- 4.2. Sometimes people are aggressive and adopt confrontational attitude and may resort to abusive behaviour as that is what *Iblis* whispers to them, but we must remain calm, composed and patient and

rely on the Guidance from Almighty Allah. In such circumstances, we are advised:

وَاسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ ۗ وَإِنَّهَا لَكَبِيرَةٌ إِلَّا عَلَى
الْخَاشِعِينَ ﴿٢٤٥﴾ الَّذِينَ يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُم مُّلاقُوا رَبِّهِمْ وَأَنَّهُمْ إِلَيْهِ
رَاجِعُونَ ﴿٢٤٦﴾

Seek assistance through patience and prayer, and this is hard except for the humble ones, who know that they will meet their Lord and that to Him they will return (2:45-46).

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ ۗ إِنَّ
اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٣﴾

O you who believe, seek assistance through patience and prayer; surely Allah is with the patient (2:153).

وَإِنْ عَاقَبْتُمْ فَعَاقِبُوا بِمِثْلِ مَا عُوقِبْتُمْ بِهِ ۗ وَلَئِنْ صَبَرْتُمْ
لَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لِّلصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٦١﴾ وَاصْبِرْ وَمَا صَبْرُكَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ وَلَا
تَحْزَنْ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا تَكُ فِي ضَيْقٍ مِّمَّا يَمْكُرُونَ ﴿١٦٢﴾ إِنَّ اللَّهَ
مَعَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مُحْسِنُونَ ﴿١٦٣﴾

If you show patience, it is certainly best for the patient. And be patient and your patience is not but by (the help of) Allah, and do not grieve for


them, nor be in distress by what they plan. Surely Allah is with those who keep their duty and those who do good (to others) (16:126-128).

- 4.3. These apply equally in all situations including, and perhaps more so in spreading the teachings of Islam regardless of the circumstances.

أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِكَافٍ عَبْدَهُ

Is not Allah sufficient for His servant? (39:36).

- 4.4. Dissemination of information and delivering the pure and pristine teachings contained in the Holy Book can be as difficult or as easy a task as one makes it to be. Consequently, if we delve deeper into various logical and relevant interpretations of the Words of Allah and the practice of Holy Prophet, we can utilize them to our advantage in any given situation.

قُلْ كُلُّ يَّعْمَلُ عَلَى شَاكِلَتِهِ ^ط فَرُبُّكُمْ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ هُوَ أَهْدَى سَبِيلًا 

Everyone acts according to his manner. But your Lord best knows who is best guided on the path (17:84).

- 4.5. In discussions with other communities, it is essential to convey the beauty of Islam, which means

peace, and not to try to humiliate them or denigrate their beliefs. It is vital to build bridges, allow them to take you into their confidence and develop rapport with individuals or groups by showing humility and presenting the good example of a true Muslim in practice. Teachings of the Glorious Quran must be in the forefront in every situation. Anger, haughtiness, arrogance, and egocentric behaviour are some of the traits from *Iblis* and must be avoided as they have no place in the teachings of Islam and especially so in propagation activities.

وَلَا تَمْشِ فِي الْأَرْضِ مَرَحًا ۚ إِنَّكَ لَنْ تَخْرِقَ الْأَرْضَ وَ لَنْ
تَبْلُغَ الْجِبَالَ طُولًا ﴿٣٤﴾ كُلُّ ذَلِكَ كَانَ سَيِّئُهُ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ
مَكْرُوهًا ﴿٣٨﴾ ذَلِكَ مِمَّا أَوْحَىٰ إِلَيْكَ رَبُّكَ مِنَ الْحِكْمَةِ ۝

Do not go about in the land exultingly, for you cannot split the earth, nor reach the mountains in height. All this, the evil of it, is hateful in the sight of your Lord. This is from the wisdom which your Lord has revealed to you (17:37-39).

فِيمَا رَحْمَةً مِّنَ اللَّهِ لِيُنْتَ لَهُمْ ۚ وَ لَوْ كُنْتَ فَظًّا غَلِيظَ الْقَلْبِ
لَا نَفَضُوا مِنْ حَوْلِكَ

Thus, it is by Allah's mercy that you are gentle to them. And if you had been rough, hard-hearted,

they would certainly have dispersed from around you (3:159).

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا
اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا ﴿٦٦﴾

Certainly, you have in the Messenger of Allah an excellent exemplar for him who hopes in Allah and the Last Day and remembers Allah much (33:21).

- 4.6. It must be remembered that the above example manifested by the Holy Prophet was at a time when Muslims were being most severely persecuted and there was the greatest reason for adopting harsh attitude, intolerance, and retaliation. Yet, he showed patience and forbearance and unflinching faith in Allah in dealing with his persecutors. He remained steadfast and believed in the teaching that:

فَإِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا ﴿٥﴾ إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا ﴿٦﴾

with difficulty is ease, with difficulty is surely ease (94:5-6).

- 4.7. Consequently, he had succeeded in taking the message of peace to the entire region and beyond within a short period of 23 years in spite of all the problems and obstacles mainly in the first thirteen years of his mission. He and his small band

of Muslims had endured all sorts of deprivations, trials and tribulations with prayers and patience. He firmly believed:

قُلْ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ ۖ عَلَيْهِ يَتَوَكَّلُ الْمُتَوَكِّلُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾

Allah is sufficient for me. On Him do the reliant rely (39:38).

- 4.8. Sometimes people get annoyed and upset, while discussing religious issues because of ignorance or misguided beliefs. Even in those situations one needs to remain calm and be gentle and discuss patiently.

وَ اخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذُّلِّ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ

Make yourself gentle to them with humility out of mercy (17:24).

فَاصْبِرْ عَلَىٰ مَا يَقُولُونَ وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ
الشَّمْسِ وَقَبْلَ غُرُوبِهَا وَمِنْ أَنَاءِ اللَّيْلِ فَسَبِّحْ وَأَطْرَافَ
النَّهَارِ لَعَلَّكَ تَرْضَىٰ ﴿١٣٠﴾

So, bear patiently what they say, and celebrate the praise of your Lord before the rising of the sun and before its setting, and glorify (Him) during the hours of the night and parts of the day, that you may be well pleased (20:130).

وَقُلْ لِعِبَادِي يَقُولُوا الَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ ۗ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ يَنْزِعُ
بَيْنَهُمْ ۗ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ كَانَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ عَدُوًّا مُّبِينًا ﴿٥٤﴾
رَبُّكُمْ أَعْلَمُ بِكُمْ ۗ إِنَّ يَشَاءُ يَرْحَمَكُمُ أَوْ إِنْ يَشَاءُ يُعَذِّبِكُمْ
ۗ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَكِيلًا ﴿٥٥﴾ وَرَبُّكَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ فِي
السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

*Say to My servants that they speak what is best.
Surely the devil sows dissensions among them.
The devil is surely an open enemy to man. Your
Lord knows you best. He will have mercy on you,
if He please, or He will punish you, if He please.
And We have not sent you as being in charge of
them. And your Lord best knows those who are in
the heavens and the earth (17:53-55).*

أَلَمْ يَأْنِ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْ تَخْشَعَ قُلُوبُهُمْ لِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَمَا
نَزَلَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ

*Has not the time yet come for the believers that
their hearts should be humble for the remem-
brance of Allah and the Truth that is revealed
(57:16).*

لِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ جَعَلْنَا مَنَسَكًا هُمْ نَاسِكُوهُ فَلَا يُنَازِعُونَكَ فِي
الْأَمْرِ وَادْعُ إِلَى رَبِّكَ إِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ هُدًى مُّسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٦٧﴾ وَإِنْ
جَادَلُوكَ فَقُلِ اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾

To every nation We appointed acts of devotion, which they observe, so do not let them dispute with you in the matter, and call (them) to your Lord. Surely you are on a right guidance. And if they argue with you, say: Allah best knows what you do (22:67-68).

Chapter 5

BUILDING BRIDGES WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES

- 5.1. Traditionally the verses below are cited as examples for the other communities to note and learn what the Holy Quran teaches about the other prophets and religious personalities:

قُلْ آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَمَا أُنزِلَ عَلَيْنَا وَمَا أُنزِلَ عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطِ وَمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ مِن رَّبِّهِمْ ۗ لَا نُنْفَرِقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِّنْهُمْ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٣٠﴾

Say: We believe in Allah and (in) what has been revealed to us, and (in) what was revealed to Abraham, and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes, and (in) what was given to Moses and Jesus, and (in) what was given to the prophets from their Lord, we make no distinction between

any of them and to Him we submit (2:136 and 3:84).

- 5.2. The Holy Quran further confirms about itself that it has:

صُحُفًا مُطَهَّرَةً ۖ فِيهَا كُتُبٌ قَيِّمَةٌ ۗ

Pure pages, in which are all right books (98:2-3).

أَفَغَيْرَ اللَّهِ أَبْتَغِي حَكْمًا وَهُوَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ إِلَيْكُمُ الْكِتَابَ مُفَصَّلًا ۗ وَالَّذِينَ آتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّهُ مُنْزَلٌ
مِّن رَّبِّكَ بِالْحَقِّ فَلَا تَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمُمْتَرِينَ ﴿١١٤﴾

Shall I then seek a judge other than Allah, when He it is Who has sent down to you the Book fully explained. And those whom We have given the Book know that it is revealed by your Lord with truth, so do not be one of the disputers (6:114).

وَنَزَّلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ تَبْيَانًا لِّكُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً
وَبُشْرَىٰ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ

We have revealed the Book to you explaining all things, and a guidance and mercy and good news for those who submit (16:89).

- 5.3. Comparison of the status of religious leaders among other communities, manifests how they relate to

Islam. This book includes material gleaned from some of the other Scriptures, which may enlighten Muslims and allow them to forge the true concept of brotherhood of humanity by accepting members of other communities, to which prophets and messengers were sent before, as “cousins” rather than adversaries and unbelievers.

وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تُبْدُونَ وَمَا تَكْتُمُونَ

Allah knows what you do openly and what you hide (24:29).

- 5.4. In order to promote unity among various nations, the Holy Quran encourages Muslims to invite others to believe in Allah and not to set up partners with Him:

قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ تَعَالَوْا إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ
أَلَّا نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ وَلَا نُشْرِكَ بِهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُنَا
بَعْضًا أَرْبَابًا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقُولُوا اشْهَدُوا بِأَنَّا
مُسْلِمُونَ

Say: O People of the Book, come to an equitable word between us and you, that we shall serve none but Allah and that we shall not set up any partner with Him, and that some of us shall not take others for lords besides Allah. But if they turn

away, then say: *Bear witness, we are Muslims* (3:64).

The Holy Quran also states:

فَمَا يَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ مِنِّي هُدًى لِّمَن اتَّبَعَ هُدَايَ فَلَا يَضِلُّ وَلَا يَشْقَى ﴿١٢٣﴾

Surely a guidance from Me will come to you; then whoever follows My guidance, he will not go astray nor be unhappy (20:123).

يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لِمَ تَحْجُونَ فِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمَا أُنزِلَتِ التَّوْرَةُ وَالْإِنْجِيلُ إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِهِ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾

O People of the Book, why do you dispute about Abraham, when the Torah and the Gospel were not revealed till after him? Do you not understand? (3:65).

- 5.5. Holy Quran states that some of the descendants of Abraham, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, deviated from his teachings:

فَقَدْ آتَيْنَا آلَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَآتَيْنَاهُمْ مُلْكًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٥٤﴾ فَمِنْهُمْ مَن أَمَنَ بِهِ وَمِنْهُمْ مَن صَدَّ عَنْهُ وَكَفَىٰ بِجَهَنَّمَ سَعِيرًا ﴿٥٥﴾

Indeed, We have given to Abraham's children the Book and the Wisdom, and We have given them a grand kingdom. So some of them believe in Him, and some of them turn away from him. And Hell is sufficient to burn (4:54-55).

- 5.6. Almighty Allah says that Patriarch Abraham was granted children in old age.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي وَهَبَ لِي عَلَى الْكِبَرِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ إِنَّ رَبِّي لَسَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ ﴿٦٩﴾

Praise be to Allah, Who has given me, in old age, Ishmael and Isaac! Surely my Lord is the Hearer of prayer (14:39).

فَبَشَّرْنَاهَا بِإِسْحَاقَ ۗ وَمِنْ وَرَاءِ إِسْحَاقَ يَعْقُوبَ ﴿٤٦﴾ قَالَتْ يَوَيْلَتَىٰ أَيْدِيَّ وَالِدُ وَأَنَا عَجُوزٌ وَهَذَا بَعْلِي شَيْخًا ۗ إِنَّ هَذَا لَشَيْءٌ عَجِيبٌ ﴿٤٧﴾ قَالُوا أَتَعْجَبِينَ مِنْ أَمْرِ اللَّهِ رَحِمَتُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَتُهُ عَلَيْكُمْ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ ۗ

We gave her (Sarah) the good news of Isaac, and beyond Isaac, of Jacob. She said: O wonder! Shall I bear a son when I am an extremely old woman, and this my husband (Abraham) an extremely old man? This is a wonderful thing indeed! They (angels) said: Do you wonder at Allah's command-

ment? The mercy of Allah and His blessings be on you, people of the house! (11:71-73).

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ
شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا ۗ إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ
اللَّهِ أَتْقَىٰكُمْ

O mankind, surely We have created you from a male and a female, and made you tribes and families that you may know each other. Surely the noblest of you with Allah is the most dutiful of you (49:13).

Chapter 6

ENGAGEMENT WITH JEWS AND CHRISTIANS

6.1. In addition to the verses cited above, the Holy Quran further states:

وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْكِتَابَ وَقَفَّيْنَا مِنْ بَعْدِهِ بِالرُّسُلِ
وَآتَيْنَا عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ الْبَيِّنَاتِ وَأَيَّدْنَاهُ بِرُوحِ الْقُدُسِ

We indeed gave Moses the Book (Torah) and We sent messengers after him one after another; and We gave Jesus, son of Mary, clear arguments and strengthened him with the Holy Spirit (2:87).

6.2. Based on the verses cited above, Jews and the Christians can be convinced that Almighty Allah has reiterated that He had revealed to Moses and Jesus as well as to other prophets, messages similar to what He revealed to Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon them). It is a common knowledge that revelations to the pre-

vious prophets may not be available in their original language or to confirm the authenticity and purity of the current versions which are available. Notwithstanding, even with all the differences in the narrative, Muslims are obliged to accept and respect all the prophets, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon all of them.

الَّذِينَ آتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ هُمْ بِهِ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾
وَ إِذَا يُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ قَالُوا آمَنَّا بِهِ إِنَّهُ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّنَا إِنَّا
كُنَّا مِنْ قَبْلِهِ مُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٢٦﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ يُؤْتَوْنَ أَجْرَهُمْ مَرَّتَيْنِ
بِمَا صَبَرُوا وَ يَدْرءُونَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ السَّيِّئَةِ وَ مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ
يُنْفِقُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾ وَ إِذَا سَمِعُوا اللَّغْوَ أَعْرَضُوا عَنْهُ وَ قَالُوا
لَنَّا أَعْمَالُنَا وَ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالُكُمْ سَلَّمَ عَلَيْكُمْ لَا نَبْتَغِي
الْجَاهِلِينَ ﴿٥٥﴾

Those to whom We gave the Book before it, they are believers in it. And when it is recited to them, they say: We believe in it; surely it is the Truth from our Lord; we were indeed, before this, submitting ones. These will be granted their reward twice, because they are steadfast, and they repel evil with good and spend (on good works) out of what We have given them. And when they hear idle talk, they turn aside from it and say: For us

are our deeds and for you your deeds. Peace be on you! We do not desire the ignorant (28:52-55).

اللَّهُ نَزَّلَ أَحْسَنَ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابًا مُتَشَابِهًا مَثَانًا ﴿٣٩﴾

Allah has revealed the best announcement, a Book consistent, repeating (its injunctions) (39:23).

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ إِلَّا رِجَالًا نُوحِيَ إِلَيْهِمْ فَسَأَلُوا أَهْلَ الذِّكْرِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَالزُّبُرِ ۗ وَأَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الذِّكْرَ لِتُبَيِّنَ لِلنَّاسِ مَا نُزِّلَ إِلَيْهِمْ وَلَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

We did not send before you any but men to whom We sent revelation — so ask the followers of the Reminder if you do not know — with clear arguments and Scriptures. And We have revealed to you the Reminder that you may make clear to people what has been revealed to them, and that perhaps they may reflect (16:43-44).

تَاللَّهِ لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَىٰ أُمَمٍ مِّنْ قَبْلِكَ فَرِئَانًا لَهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَعْمَالَهُمْ فَهُوَ وَلِيُّهُمْ الْيَوْمَ ۗ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٣٣﴾ وَمَا

أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ إِلَّا لِتُبَيِّنَ لَهُمُ الَّذِي اخْتَلَفُوا
فِيهِ ۗ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾

By Allah! We certainly sent (messengers) to nations before you, but the devil made their deeds seem good to them. So he is their patron today, and for them is a painful punishment. And We have not revealed to you the Book except that you may make clear to them what they differ about, and (as) a guidance and a mercy for a people who believe (16:63-64).

- 6.3. Additionally, it is absolutely essential to convince others that in practical terms, Muslims remember them billions of times a day, many times more than the Jews and Christians together remember for instance Abraham, Moses, and Jesus perhaps in a week or a month. Of more than two billion Muslims, even if just over 10% (200 million) of them remember Patriarch Abraham and his descendants/followers (including Moses and Jesus) only 10 times a day in *Darood Sharif* (prayers for exaltation and blessings upon Prophets Muhammad and Abraham (peace and blessings of Allah be upon them) and their followers, and other times that will be two billion times a day!

6.4. Tens of Millions of Muslims recite *Darood Sharif* often throughout the day apart from in every normal daily prayer, in which we pray for our exaltation as Allah exalted Abraham and the followers of Abraham (including Moses and Jesus). We also seek blessings as He blessed Abraham and the followers of Abraham. Prior to *Darood Sharif* in every prayer in sitting position, some Muslims pray *as-salamu Alaina wa ala ibadillaahis-saaliheen* i.e., Peace be on us and on the righteous servants of Allah; including Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, and Jesus. As can be seen from this that every minute of the day there are Muslims somewhere in the world remembering them. That shows the broadness of the teachings of Islam and magnanimity of the Muslims to accept the previous prophets and thereby allow all communities to live together in harmony and promote genuine love, equality and fraternity among the communities.

Chapter 7

Commonalities Between Prophet Abraham and Brahmaji (based on the Bible, Vedas, and Comparison with Prophet Ibrahim).

7.1. Wisdom allows us to examine what the Holy Bible says about Patriarch Abraham and compare that with other spiritual luminaries, based on the historical evidence.

7.2. According to the Holy Bible, Abraham was known as Abram until the Lord told him:

No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations (Genesis 17:5).

Abraham was childless so he prayed for the heir of his house and the Lord assured him of:

one who will come out of your own body shall be your heir (Genesis 15:4).

Then the Lord brought him outside and said:

Look now toward the heaven and count the stars if you are able to number them. And He said to him. So shall your descendants be (Genesis 15:5).

- 7.3. Sarai, Abraham's first wife was childless, so she asked Abraham to marry Hagar. When Hagar gave birth, the Angel of the Lord told her:

You shall call his name Ishmael (Genesis 16:11).

Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael (Gen 16:16).

- 7.4. For Ishmael, in response to his father's prayers, the Lord said to Abraham:

And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation (Genesis 17:20).

- 7.5. Genesis 25:13-15 provide names of the twelve sons of Ishmael. In the Old Testament Ishmael's death is recorded as:

These were the years of the life of Ishmael: one hundred and thirty-seven years; and he breathed his last and died (Genesis 25:17).

- 7.6. God said to Abraham:

As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name (Genesis 17:15).

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- 7.7. *Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born* (Gen 21:5).
- 7.8. Consequently, Ishmael was about fourteen years old when Sarah gave birth to Isaac, and:
Sarah was ninety years old (Gen 17:17).
- 7.9. Abraham's age at the time of his death is recorded as:
This is the sum of the years of Abraham's life which he lived: one hundred and seventy-five years (Genesis 25:7).
- 7.10. Let us examine the similarities between Abraham and *Brahmaji*, based on the Holy Bible and the Vedas. (Note: all references to Holy Bible are from NKJV).
- 7.11. Similar to what is written above in relation to the Jews and Christians, in our interactions with our Hindu "cousins", we must impress upon them that we respect their prophets, spiritual luminaries and authentic religious saints, such as Krishna and *Brahmaji*.
- 7.12. Majority of the Muslims do not know that research shows that *Brahmaji*, Patriarch Abraham and Ibrahim *alaihisalaam* may be one and the same person. To establish rapport and to undertake

propagation activities among various communities, it is essential to accord every revered individual the respect one deserves.

7.13. It is un-Islamic to condemn and degrade everyone who does not accept one's own beliefs or school of thoughts as unbeliever, *mushrik*, or *kafir*, and avoid or refrain from healthy interactions with them. Intention must always be to engage in healthy communications in order to broaden one's own knowledge and understanding and accept that everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion. Consequently, everyone must be allowed to practice whatever the person wishes, as the Glorious Quran says:

7.14.

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ

There is no compulsion in religion (2:256).

7.15. Nonetheless, we must at the same time take the opportunity to convey the beauty of the teachings of Islam.

7.16. With reference to birth of Ishmael and Isaac when Patriarch Abraham was of old age, the Holy Quran states:

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أَحْمَدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي وَهَبَ لِي عَلَى الْكِبَرِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ ۖ إِنَّ
رَبِّي لَسَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ ﴿٣٩﴾ رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِي مُقِيمَ الصَّلَاةِ وَمِنْ
ذُرِّيَّتِي ۗ رَبَّنَا وَتَقَبَّلْ دُعَاءِ ﴿٤٠﴾

*Praise be to Allah, Who has given me, in old age,
Ishmael and Isaac! Surely my Lord is the Hearer
of prayer. My Lord, make me keep up prayer and
(those) from my offspring (too), our Lord, and ac-
cept my prayer (14:39-40).*

وَأَمْرَاتُهُ قَابِلَةٌ فَفَصِحَّتْ فَبَشَّرْنَاهَا بِإِسْحَاقَ ۗ وَمِنْ وَرَاءِ
إِسْحَاقَ يَعْقُوبَ ﴿٤١﴾ قَالَتْ يَوَيْلَتِي ۖ أَلِدُ وَأَنَا عَجُوزٌ وَهَذَا بَعْلِي
شَيْخًا ۗ إِنَّ هَذَا لَشَيْءٌ عَجِيبٌ ﴿٤٢﴾

*We gave her (Sarah) the good news of Isaac, and
beyond Isaac, of Jacob. She said: O wonder! Shall
I bear a son when I am an extremely old woman,
and this my husband (Abraham) an extremely old
man? This is a wonderful thing indeed! They (an-
gels) said: Do you wonder at Allah's command-
ment? The mercy of Allah and His blessings be on
you, people of the house! (11:71-73).*

7.17. Interactions with the Jews and Christians are covered in the previous sections which show briefly what the Holy Quran and Holy Bible say on the subject and note that after Prophet Noah, Prophet

Abraham is considered Patriarch or the father of nations.

7.18. Similarly, *Brahmaji*, is known among the Hindus as the father of mankind. Hindus have another name for *Brahmaji*, namely, *Parjapati* (father of nations). Interpretations from Sanskrit, Hebrew, and Arabic show that Brahma and Abraham have identical meanings.

7.19. According to the *Gopatha Brahmana*, *Brahmaji* was blessed with two sons in old age (*Gopatha Brahmana* 1:1), and they were known as Atharva and Angiras. Similarly, Abraham was blessed with two sons in old age Ishmael and Isaac as shown earlier.

7.20. Comparison of historical evidence prove that *Brahmaji*, Patriarch Abraham and Ibrahim *alaihisalam*, are three names of the same person. For instance, they prayed for heir at old age, and they all had two wives. *Brahmaji's* first wife *Saraswati* (Sarah) gave birth after he had a child with second wife *Parvati* (Hagar). As is known among the Jews, Christians and Muslims, Abraham's wife Hagar gave birth to Ishmael long before his first wife Sarah gave birth to Isaac. As cited from the Bible

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earlier, Ishmael was about fourteen years old when Isaac was born.

7.21. As stated in paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3, if *Brahmaji* is the same as Ibrahim *alaihisalam*, Muslims remember him billions of times a day. Perhaps more than the Hindus remember him in a year.

7.22. The ‘*Atharva Rishi*’ referred to in the *mantras* was the Prophet Ishmael among the Jews, Christians, and Muslims. *Brahmaji*, gifted his eldest son Atharva with Divine knowledge (*Mundaka Upanishad*), and as shown above the Lord had blessed Ishmael similarly (Genesis 17:20).

7.23. In the *Mundaka Upanishad*, one of the authentic *Upanishads*, it is stated that Brahma was the first of the gods. He taught his son, Atharva, *Brahma Vidya* or the Divine Scripture, which is the source of all knowledge. *Brahma Vidya* is another name of the *Atharva Veda*. (*Mundaka Upanishad* 1:1).

7.24. Historical research provide evidence that Ishmael and Atharva had similar characteristics, and so were Isaac and Angiras. In Atharva Veda there are *mantras* headed *Purush Medda*, which means ‘human sacrifice’ and reference to sacrifice of Atharva is similar to the sacrifice of Ishmael, which

Almighty Allah stopped and replaced with the sacrifice of a ram

- 7.25. There are many other similarities between these pairs, for example: Ishmael or Atharva acquired the traits of Hagar or Parvati while Isaac and Angiras acquired the traits of Sarah or Saraswati.
- 7.26. Without prolonging the discussions, it is sufficient on the basis of circumstantial evidence to conclude that *Brahmaji*, Patriarch Abraham and Ibrahim *alaihisalam*, were different names of the same person. Consequently, the Jews, Christians, Hindus, and Muslims are descendants of the same ancestry, and they should all be considered as “cousins” and treated as such to forge abiding brotherhood of humanity.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ آمِنُوا بِمَا نَزَّلْنَا مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا
مَعَكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ نَطْغَسَ وُجُوهًا فَندَرِّدَهَا عَلَىٰ أَدْبَارِهَا أَوْ
نَلْعَنَهُمْ كَمَا لَعَنَّا أَصْحَابَ السَّبْتِ ۗ وَكَانَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ مَفْعُولًا ﴿٤٧﴾

O you who have been given the Book, believe in what We have revealed, verifying what you (already) have, before We destroy the leaders and turn them on their backs, or curse them as We cursed the Sabbath-breakers. And the command of Allah is ever executed (4:47).

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Ibrahim).*

7.27. Presentations like this to the Hindus, Jews and Christians bring them closer to Islam and makes them think and accept that Islam is indeed a religion of peace and tolerance and not of aggression and bigotry.

وَلَقَدْ ضَرَبْنَا لِلنَّاسِ فِي هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَثَلٍ لَعَلَّهُمْ
يَتَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾

And certainly, We have set forth for people in this Quran examples of every sort that they may be mindful (39:27).

Chapter 8

THE BEES, THE QURAN, AND THE MESSAGE OF ISLAM

- 8.1. There is an important correlation between the first verse quoted at the beginning of this book and sharing information on Islam.
- 8.2. The verse cited in the Introduction appears in Chapter 16: *Al-Nahl – The Bee*, and there is a logical and valid relationship between spreading the teachings of Islam and the “revelation” to the bees. This chapter states that the *bee* received inspiration or revelation:

وَ أَوْحَىٰ رَبُّكَ إِلَى النَّحْلِ أَنِ اتَّخِذِي مِنَ الْجِبَالِ بُيُوتًا وَمِنَ الشَّجَرِ وَمِمَّا يَعْرِشُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾

Your Lord revealed to the bee: Make hives in the mountains and in the trees and in what they build (16:68).

- 8.3. Bees then gather from flowers the best of what is in them, to produce honey which we are told is:

يَخْرُجُ مِنْ بُطُونِهَا شَرَابٌ مُخْتَلِفٌ أَلْوَانُهُ فِيهِ شِفَاءٌ لِلنَّاسِ

A beverage of many colours in which there is healing for human beings (16:69).

- 8.4. Similarly, Divine revelation to the Holy Prophet gathered the best of what was revealed to previous prophets and presented them in the Holy Quran, which is also called “a healing” of the soul for people of all colours and countries, who are accepting Islam based on the sweetness, harmonious or soothing nature of its teachings:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ مَوْعِظَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَشِفَاءٌ لِمَا
فِي الصُّدُورِ ۗ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٥٧﴾

O people, an admonition (the Holy Quran) has indeed come to you from your Lord and a healing for what is in the hearts; and a guidance and a mercy for the believers (10:57).

- 8.5. The indication to us is that perhaps the message of Islam will be accepted by chosen people who are the best of communities. The bee collects from the best flowers to produce honey for healing of our body, while the message in the Holy Quran entic-

es the best and most noble people in the society to accept the teachings of Islam for the healing and nourishment of their souls. The soul can only progress to a higher level by following the guidance given by our Creator and taking the most appropriate actions and doing the best of deeds which are acceptable to Him.

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ لِلنَّاسِ بِالْحَقِّ ۖ فَمَنِ اهْتَدَىٰ
فَلِنَفْسِهِ ۖ وَمَنْ ضَلَّ فَإِنَّمَا يَضِلُّ عَلَيْهِ ۖ وَمَا أَنْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ
بِوَكِيلٍ ﴿٣٩﴾

*Surely, We have revealed to you the book with truth for (the good of) people. So, whoever goes aright, it is for his own soul, and **whoever goes astray, goes astray only to its detriment.** And you are not in charge of them (39:41).*

- 8.6. It is also interesting to note that Almighty Allah taught the bees to be very disciplined and remain fully committed extracting the best nectar from the flowers to produce the honey for the good of the body and the lesson for human beings is to be always disciplined and remain loyal and willing to give their time and energy as the bees in dissemination of the message of the Holy Quran for the nourishment of the souls of those who accept the

noble teachings or support in any way possible. The message has to first reach the people who have either influence in the society or who can set example for the others to emulate so that the masses can join them. Leaders and *imams* should be setting example to the followers by accepting and disseminating the actual, pure, and pristine teachings of Islam based on the Words of Merciful Allah and not on hearsay.

وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ
وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۗ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٠٤﴾

And from among you there should be a community who invite to good and enjoin the right and forbid the wrong. And these are they who are successful (3:104).

Chapter 9

SPIRITUAL LESSONS FROM *IBLIS* (SATAN).

- 9.1. One may wonder what lessons can anyone learn from *Iblis* in the teachings of Islam or in any other field? However, a closer look manifest the actions and manipulations of *Iblis* distracts people from doing good deeds, as he had told the Lord of the worlds when human beings were created:

قَالَ فِيمَا آغْوَيْتَنِي لَأَقْعُدَنَّ لَهُمْ صِرَاطَكَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ﴿١٦﴾ ثُمَّ
لَأَتِيَنَّهُمْ مِنْ بَيْنِ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَ مِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ وَعَنْ أَيْمَانِهِمْ وَ
عَنْ شَمَائِلِهِمْ ۗ وَلَا تَجِدُ أَكْثَرَهُمْ شَاكِرِينَ ﴿١٧﴾ قَالَ اخْرُجْ
مِنْهَا مَذْءُومًا مَدْحُورًا ۗ لَمَنْ تَبِعَكَ مِنْهُمْ لَأَمْلَأَنَّ
جَهَنَّمَ مِنْكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿١٨﴾

He (Iblis) said: As You have judged me to be in error, I will certainly lie in wait for them in Your straight path, then I shall certainly come upon them from in front of them and from behind

them, and from their right and from their left; and You will not find most of them thankful. He (Allah) said: Get out of it, despised, driven away. Whoever of them will follow you, I will certainly fill hell with you all (7:16-18).

9.2. Later, the Holy Quran states::

قَالَ رَبِّ بِمَا أَغْوَيْتَنِي لَأُزَيِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا أُغْوِيَنَّهُمْ
أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾ إِلَّا عِبَادَكَ مِنْهُمُ الْمُخْلَصِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾ قَالَ هَذَا
صِرَاطٌ عَلَيَّ مُسْتَقِيمٌ ﴿٤١﴾ إِنَّ عِبَادِي لَيْسَ لَكَ عَلَيْهِمْ سُلْطَنٌ
إِلَّا مَنِ اتَّبَعَكَ مِنَ الْغَاوِينَ ﴿٤٢﴾ وَإِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ لَمَوْعِدُهُمْ
أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٤٣﴾

He (Iblis) said: My Lord, as You have judged me to be in error, I shall certainly make (evil) seem good to them on earth, and I shall cause them all to deviate, except Your servants from among them, the purified ones. He (Allah) said: This is a right way with Me. As regards My servants, you have no authority over them except such of the deviators as follow you. And surely hell is the promised place for them all (15:39-43).

وَقُلْ لِعِبَادِي يَقُولُوا الَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ ۗ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ يَنْزَغُ
بَيْنَهُمْ ۗ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ كَانَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ عَدُوًّا مُّبِينًا ﴿٥٤﴾
رَبُّكُمْ أَعْلَمُ بِكُمْ

*Say to My servants that they speak what is best.
Surely the devil sows dissensions among them.
The devil is surely an open enemy to man. Your
Lord knows you best (17:53-54).*

9.3. At the beginning of every prayer, we recite

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

I seek the refuge of Allah from the accursed devil
and in the last Chapter of the Holy Quran, we
seek the protection from the

مِنْ شَرِّ الْوَسْوَاسِ الْخَنَّاسِ ۗ الَّذِي يُوَسْوِسُ فِي صُدُورِ
النَّاسِ ۗ ﴿٥﴾

*evil of the whisperings of the sneaking (Iblis) who
whispers into the hearts (and minds) of people
(114:4-5)*

9.4. *Iblis* has kept his side of the bargain and is consistently attacking everyone from all sides. As a result, the crime rates are increasing everywhere and the crime against humanity is continuing to escalate exponentially. It is therefore vital for everyone

to take a few seconds to decide whether what one is about to do or say based on what Almighty Allah has prescribed or if it is coming from the whisperings of the devil or *Iblis*. This applies equally in discussions with family members, friends or in interactions with others so that unnecessary arguments, quarrels, tensions, and controversies are avoided.

- 9.5. It is earnestly hoped that everyone who sees this book will be mindful of the above in all walks of life including interactions with other communities. Some people may be passionate about dissemination of the message of Islam to others as the Holy Book is a healing for anxious souls, but it is essential to maintain humility, politeness and accord due cognition to the feelings and beliefs of others who may not share their views.

وَنُنزِّلُ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ مَا هُوَ شِفَاءٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۗ وَلَا
يَزِيدُ الظَّالِمِينَ إِلَّا خَسَارًا ﴿٨٢﴾

The Qur'an that We reveal is a healing and a mercy to the believers, and it only increases the wrongdoers in loss (17:82).

قُلْ هُوَ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا هُدًى وَشِفَاءً ۗ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ فِي
أَذَانِهِمْ وَقْرٌ وَهُوَ عَلَيْهِمْ عَمًى

*It is to those who believe a guidance and a healing,
and those who do not believe, there is a deafness
in their ears, and it is obscure to them (41:44).*

Chapter 10

DIVINE GUIDANCE AND THE FINAL REVELATION

- 10.1. Guidance to humanity which commenced with Prophet Adam culminated with the advent of the last and final prophet of Allah, Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be upon all of them. Consequently, the Holy Quran is the conclusion and summary of the teachings from our Creator to humanity. It incorporates and encapsulates all the previous Scriptures including but not limited to the Zabur, Torah and the Gospel or the Bible as well as what may have been in the original *Vedas*, *Upanishads* and other revealed Books.
- 10.2. Almighty Allah says there is not a nation but a warner or messenger was sent by Him.

كَانَ النَّاسُ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً ۗ فَبَعَثَ اللَّهُ النَّبِيِّنَ مُبَشِّرِينَ وَ
مُنذِرِينَ ۗ وَأَنْزَلَ مَعَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ

Mankind is a single nation. So, Allah raised prophets as bearers of good news and as warners, and He revealed with them the Book with truth (2:213).

وَبِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَّسُولٌ

For every nation there is a messenger (10:47).

إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ بِالْحَقِّ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا ۗ وَإِنْ مِنْ أُمَّةٍ إِلَّا خَلَا
فِيهَا نَذِيرٌ ﴿٤٧﴾

Surely, We have sent you with the Truth as a bearer of good news and a warner. And there is not a people but a warner has gone among them (35:24).

وَمَا نُرْسِلُ الْمُرْسَلِينَ إِلَّا مُبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنذِرِينَ ۗ فَمَنْ آمَنَ وَأَصْلَحَ فَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾

We do not send messengers but as bearers of good news and warners; then whoever believes and acts aright, they shall have no fear, nor shall they grieve (6:48).

وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَّسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ

Certainly, We raised in every nation a messenger, saying: Serve Allah and shun the devil (16:36).

صُحُفًا مُطَهَّرَةً ۖ فِيهَا كُتُبٌ قَيِّمَةٌ ۗ

Pure pages (Holy Quran), in which are (all) right books (98:2-3).

- 10.3. These Sacred Scriptures provide the entire facets of human life and what the Creator expects of humanity based on the “Manuals” of instructions that He had revealed, specified, and prescribed, all of which are summarized in the concluding or the last and final edition of the manual of instructions - the Holy Quran.

مَا فَزَّطْنَا فِي الْكِتَابِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ

We have not neglected anything in the Book (Holy Quran) (6:38).

- 10.4. In light of the above, the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, was raised for the entire mankind and to unite all of humanity into one global family.

تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ الْفُرْقَانَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ لِيَكُونَ لِلْعَالَمِينَ
نَذِيرًا ﴿١﴾

Blessed is He Who sent down the Criterion upon His servant that he might be a warner to (all) the nations (25:1).

قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ نَذِيرٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٣٩﴾ فَالَّذِينَ
آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ كَرِيمٌ ﴿٥٠﴾ وَ
الَّذِينَ سَعَوْا فِي آيَاتِنَا مُعْجِزِينَ أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَحِيمِ ﴿٥١﴾

Say: O people, I am only a plain warner to you. So those who believe and do good, for them is forgiveness and an honourable sustenance. And those who strive to oppose Our messages, they are the inmates of the flaming Fire (22:49-51).

يَأْتِيهَا النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا ﴿٣٦﴾ وَ
دَاعِيًا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَسِرَاجًا مُنِيرًا ﴿٣٧﴾

وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِأَنَّ لَهُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ فَضْلًا كَبِيرًا ﴿٣٤﴾ وَلَا
تَطِعِ الْمُكَفِّرِينَ وَالْمُنْفِقِينَ وَدَعَا أَذْهَبَهُمْ وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَ
كَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ وَكِيلًا ﴿٣٨﴾

O Prophet, surely We have sent you as a witness, and a bearer of good news and a warner, and as an inviter to Allah by His permission, and as a light-giving sun. And give the believers the good

news that they will have great grace from Allah. And do not obey the disbelievers and the hypocrites, and disregard their annoying talk, and rely on Allah. And Allah is sufficient as having charge of affairs (33:45-48).

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا

We have not sent you but as a bearer of good news and as a warner to all mankind (34:28).

وَأَكْبَرُ قَوْمٍ هَادٍ

You are only a warner and for every people a guide (13:7).

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

We have not sent you but as a mercy to the nations (21:107)

- 10.5. The previous prophets came for their own nations. For instance, Israelites believed only in their own tribal prophets, the Aryans recognized only the truth of their own *rishis*, Jesus Christ came only to gather the lost sheep (tribes) of the Israelites.
- 10.6. For example, the following extracts from the Holy Bible may be noted pertaining to the advent and

teachings of Prophet Jesus, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him: He sent his twelve disciples and commanded them, saying:

do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matthew 10:5-6).

10.7. Later Jesus said:

I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matthew 15:24).

10.8. Jesus also said that his teachings were not for others and when a woman of Canaan asked for help, he said:

It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs (Matthew 15:26, Mark 7:27).

10.9. It must be noted that there are some very good teachings by Prophet Jesus and those which are in accordance with the teachings in the Holy Quran, must be accepted. It should also be noted that the Holy Quran consolidates over 30 thousand verses of the Holy Bible and tens of thousands of verses in other scriptures, and there are obviously some relevant details in those Scriptures, which are summarized in the Holy Quran, which stipulates the laws and the principles.

وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِنَ الصَّالِحَاتِ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ
فَأُولَٰئِكَ يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ وَلَا يُظْلَمُونَ نَقِيرًا ﴿١٢٢﴾ وَمَنْ
أَحْسَنُ دِينًا مِمَّنْ أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ وَاتَّبَعَ مِلَّةَ
إِبْرَاهِيمَ حَنِيفًا ۗ وَاتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلًا ﴿١٢٣﴾

Whoever does good deeds, whether male or female, and is a believer — these will enter the Garden, and they will not be dealt with unjustly in the least. And who is better in religion than he who submits himself entirely to Allah while doing good (to others) and follows the faith of Abraham, the upright one? And Allah took Abraham for a friend (4:124-125).

نَحْنُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يَقُولُونَ وَمَا أَنْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ بِجَبَّارٍ ۗ فَذَكَرْ
بِالْقُرْآنِ مَنْ يَخَافُ وَعِيدِ ﴿٢٥﴾

We know best what they say, and you are not one to compel them. So remind by means of the Quran him who fears My threat (50:45).

- 10.10. The teachings and practices by the followers of all the previous prophets, who could number tens of thousands, as the previous verses show that messengers and warners were sent to every nation, the Mighty Master had given the mantle to the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah

be upon him, to gather all of them into one united human race.

- 10.11. In view of the above examples, one must remain conscious of the fact that Almighty Allah has revealed and repeated that Islam will become dominant religion, not the only religion:

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى
الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ ۗ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾

He it is Who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the Religion of Truth that He may make it prevail over all religions, though those who set up partners (with Allah) are averse (9:33; 48:28 and 61:9).

- 10.12. Let us continue to pray that our efforts will assist in achieving these goals, and foster harmonious relationship and mutual respect among all human beings.

فَلَنِعْمَ الْمُجِيبُونَ ﴿٧٥﴾

Excellent Answerer of prayers are We! (37:75).

- 10.13. Notwithstanding, all the differences that exist among various communities, with the above knowledge, Muslims should be in the forefront in the mission of uniting humankind and establishing

true and enduring fraternal bond as they testify to the truth of all the original revelations to the preceding prophets, and it is obligatory to have faith in and respect for all of them.

وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ وَمَا أُنزِلَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ

Who believe in what has been revealed to you (O Prophet) and what was revealed before you (2:4).

and:

لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ ۗ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ

we make no distinction between any of them and to Him (Allah) we submit (2:136 and 3:84).

- 10.14. In light of the diversity of the teachings over thousands of years, some 1,500 years ago the Lord of the worlds decided that He had provided all the Guidance to humanity and summarized those into one final comprehensive Code of Conduct and Practice for entire humankind, which is available as the Holy Quran.
- 10.15. The last version of the “Manual” summarizes in 6,236 verses all the specifications and instructions that were in the earlier editions. At the conclusion of which, the Creator states:

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي
وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

*This day I have perfected for you your religion
and completed My favour to you and chosen for
you Islam as a religion (5:3).*

Chapter 11

CONCLUSION

- 11.1. As Muslims accept all the previous prophets, it is only fair to expect others to accept Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) also as a prophet and messenger of Allah (God) and respect him as such.
- 11.2. In light of the broadness of Islamic teachings, Muslims should take the lead in encouraging members of all the other faiths such as Zoroastrians, Buddhists, Hindus, Judaism, Christianity, to join hands with them in promoting peace, tolerance, goodwill, mutual respect for each other and greater understanding among the nations.
- 11.3. The Holy Quran states that there is no compulsion in religion. Consequently, Muslims should not coerce or persuade others to accept Islam, but only encourage them to study and decide for themselves if Islam has anything spiritually beneficial for them

based on the Holy Quran and their respect for all the previous prophets.

تِلْكَ آيَاتُ الْكِتَابِ الْحَكِيمِ ﴿٢﴾ هُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِّلْمُحْسِنِينَ
﴿٣﴾ الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ بِالْآخِرَةِ
هُمْ يُوقِنُونَ ﴿٤﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ عَلَىٰ هُدًى مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ
الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٥﴾

These are the verses of the Book of Wisdom — a guidance and a mercy for the doers of good, who keep up prayer and give the due charity and who are certain of the Hereafter. These are on a guidance from their Lord, and these are they who are successful (31:2-5).

- 11.4. Finally, Almighty Allah reassures us that the Quran is a Reminder of what was revealed to previous prophets and that He will Guard it as the final revelation to humanity as per following examples:

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ ﴿٩﴾

Surely, We have revealed the Reminder, and surely We are its Guardian (15:9).

Conclusion

وَمَا عَلَّمْنَاهُ الشِّعْرَ وَمَا يَنْبَغِي لَهُ ۗ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ وَ
قُرْآنٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٦٩﴾ لِيُنذِرَ مَنْ كَانَ حَيًّا وَ يَحَقِّقَ الْقَوْلَ عَلَى
الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٧٠﴾

This is nothing but a Reminder and a plain Quran, to warn him who would have life, and (that) the word may prove true against the disbelievers (36:69-70).

- 11.5. We pray that this humble attempt may be of assistance to readers in promoting unity among diversity of humanity.

— The end —

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Say: We believe in Allah and (in) what has been revealed to us, and (in) what was revealed to Abraham, and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes, and (in) what was given to Moses and Jesus, and (in) what was given to the prophets from their Lord, we make no distinction between any of them and to Him we submit
(Holy Quran 2:136 and 3:84).

Certainly, We have made distinct in this Quran for humanity every kind of description
(Holy Quran 18:54, 17:89 and 30:58).

Indeed, We have given to Abraham's children the Book and the Wisdom, and We have given them a grand kingdom. So, some of them believe in him, and some of them turn away from him. And Hell is sufficient to burn
(4:54-55).

Call to the way of your Lord with wisdom and goodly exhortation, and argue with them in the best manner. Surely your Lord knows best him who strays from His path, and He knows best those who go aright (16:125).

There is no compulsion in religion (2:256).