

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ
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 الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ وَآتَعْبُ إِلَيْهِ-

Unity of Muslims

An Important Call of our Time

O my dear Muslim Brother!

Unity is an important call of the time. Unite together above all sectarian and racial strifes for the promotion of **Unity and Brotherhood** amongst the **Islamic Ummah**, the Muslim Community. Unite to help the **Banner of Islam** fly high. Unite to destroy **Cruelty and Imperialism**. Unite to help the oppressed and aggrieved. Unite to spread **Allah's Faith of Islam** in every corner of the world. United you must be.

These differences are not differences at all. Shelving them all aside and with the **blessed name of Allah**, unite to enhance the **prestige** of Allah's chosen **Faith of Islam**. You must unite at all costs. However you are able, unite. Even be prepared to sacrifice your life to promote its cause.

Allah the Almighty Rabb-ul-A'lameen says:

“Hold fast to the rope of Allah, the Faith of Islam, and be not divided in groups.”

—(Al-Qur'an 3:105)

Did we hold this rope fast?

Are we not divided into groups?

Are we one another's well-wishers?

Listen carefully—

The Faith of Islam is the Almighty Allah's most favoured religion, the biggest truth of the Universe. With us, is the **trust** of Allah the Almighty and the **leader of the Prophets, Muhammad** ﷺ, and we are all the **Ameen** or trustees of it. The religion enjoins the falling into a **brotherhood**, subservient and obedient to the **Lord of the Worlds** and torch-bearer of **peace and amity** and maintainer of **truth, justice and right** on the face of the earth.

1000 million of this brotherhood are bound together by the bond of **brotherhood**. This bondage of brotherhood is set up by the **Prophet Muhammad**, ﷺ, the **benefactor of the Worlds**, at the Command of Allah the Almighty. In the face of this bondage all other relations, such as father and son, sister and brother, are like a weak thread. So **1000**

So this alone is the lesson, the learning by heart of which, once again will enable you to rule the **international community**.

The brotherhood of **Unity** is called the **Muslim Community**. Muslims have wandered far away from their **religion** and consequently have lost their **community**. This is why **disbelief and infidelity** have overcome the Faith of Islam through their deceptions. In truth, the Muslim's only duty is to shake off all these mirages, annihilate the lie and walk on the right path.

Today the *Ummah* of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ must unite in His Faith and sacrifice everything they possess for the victory of Islam. No sacrifice is ever wasted.

Allah the Almighty will certainly illuminate with His *Nur (Light)* the honour of the Faith of His beloved Prophet ﷺ and the prestige of his *Ummah, In sha Allah!*

Then O Muslim! Why are you despondent of His blessings? Rise! Fasten your armour and be a holy warrior. Discharge to the full the duties you owe. Reap the reward of your life and be exalted with the prize of the blessings of both worlds resulting from the continual conquests of Islam!

The brotherhood of unity amongst the **Muslim Community** is the most important **Call of the time**.

O Muslim! if you disregard the **Call**, then what?

To attain the continuity of life is your sole duty of life. Discharge the practice of your duty and reap the **Happiness of Allah the Almighty**. May He inspect your holy efforts so that He brings about the honour of the Religion of Islam!

God willing, the Divine and Happy News shall bring forth the **Victory of Islam** through **His blessings**.

Wa ma 'alaina illalbalagh!

Ma sha Allah!

—*Abu Anees Muhammad Barkat Ali*

Learn a lesson of unity from non-Islamic institutes. How united they are together in sincerity.

*. . . And if you are desirous of the love of the Prophet ﷺ, regard the beloved of his as your beloved. And the most beloved of his ﷺ is his Ummah. It is not the least difficult to understand how the Ummah was dear to the Prophet ﷺ for which he whilst standing, walking, sitting, sleeping and awaking, every moment, remained worried, disturbed continually and for which his tears flowed during the prolonged worship whilst standing and prostrating at nights. Every sacred stone of the **Ghar-e-Hira**, every grain of the Arabian desert and every moment of the enlightened night of **al-Mi'raj** (the Ascension to Heaven) are the witnesses to the Prophet's (ﷺ) love and affection for the Ummah. And then at the time of death his will to request **Awais Qarni**, may Allah the Almighty be pleased with him, to pray for the forgiveness of the Ummah and his own intended supplication on the **Day of Judgement, Ya-Rabbe Hab Li Ummati** are but the compositions of the*

million Muslims and the **bondage of brotherhood** make the **Muslim Community**, the bearer of the flag of right and justice. Alas it has moved away from its centre.

Why is it so?

What is this division?

Why is there separatism?

Why are they not all one?

What are these artificial walls between them?

Let every member of the *Ummah* and every **devotee** of Islam answer who is going to do away with these walls and the artificial separations.

Is there any *Jamal-ud-Din Afghani*?

Is there any *Salah-ud-Din Ayyubi*?

Is there any *Muhammad bin Qasim*?

Come forward. The Ummah needs you.

O youths of the *Ummah*!

The centre of the *Ummah* is not Istanbul, Cairo, Damascus, Islamabad or Jakarta. Accept **Makka Al-Mukarrama** as the **centre**. Recognise the *Kaaba*, the centre upon which Allah the Almighty bestowed centrality.

Come!

Put the World of Islam together. Light the lamp of Islam. Be true Muslims. Help distressed humanity. Set up a society for human beings, a society free from cruelty and oppression, where right and justice rule.

O Muslims!

O conquerors of the wonderful kingdoms of **Caesar and Byzantine!** You made the **Call to the Prayer** in the valleys of Europe. You tore the strength and sovereignty of **Rome** to pieces. You touched the borders of **France and China**. You broke down the iron fort of **Constantinople**. You alone introduced the Islamic rule of law in **Spain**.

Today you are helpless, why?

Today infidelity rules everywhere, why?

Infidelity should, in fact, be vanquished, defeated.

O Muslims in slumber! Rise!

The Jews are holding the *Bait-ul-Muqqaddas*. The *Al-Aqsa Mosque* is under desecration. The Palestinian refugees have no rest. The general massacre of the Muslims is underway in India. The whole Muslim world is on fire. But you remain inactive. You are **Pakistanis or Iranians, Afghanis or Bengalis, Arabs or non-Arabs** first and then you are Muslims, and even then, only in slumber!

Do you want to regain your lost **grandeur and prestige**?

Awake! Arise!

Leave other things till later. Live once again and come up to the expectations in the light of the education embodied in the teachings of our Lord *Aaqa-e-Dojahan* (the master of the worlds), the true leader Muhammad ﷺ. This alone is the link, by virtue of which you are a member of the international brotherhood which was set up by the benefactor of the worlds, Muhammad ﷺ, and which, he strongly stressed, should be maintained as **one** in the *Hajja't-ul-Wida'*, the **Farewell Pilgrimage Sermon**.

Prophet's (ﷺ) love, kindness and graces for his Ummah. Welfare of, sympathy with and treatment of love, affection, kindness and blessing with this Ummah are, surely, the most effective means of reaping the glance of attention of the Prophet (ﷺ). And there is nothing more unpleasant and disliked act that instead of promoting unity and co-operation make the Ummah suffer from disunity and disintegration . . .

—(Abu Anees Muhammad Barkat Ali, *Manifestations of the Stages of Blessing Volume III, Maqalat Nos. 2885, 2886; forthcoming*)

WHAT IS DAR-UL-EHSAN?

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The Institute is busy fulfilling its aim of translating the sacred work of *Da'wah-o-Tabligh al-Islam* (Invitation to and spread of Islam) in many and various ways. Here it is humbly desired to demonstrate practically the teaching of the *Holy Qur'an* and the *Sunnah* (Tradition) of the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ), the fountain-head of Islam.

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—Muhammad Iqbal

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Devoted as he has been to Islamic righteousness and the shunning of evil throughout his life, 'he is', to quote *Dr. Hakim Ghulam Moinuddin Chishti*, an American convert to Islam and *Shaikh-ul-Chishtiyyah* of America, 'truly the embodiment of the heart and soul of the Deen of Islam, and all people should strive to emulate him as he is one who comes so close to fulfilling the Sunnah of our Beloved Prophet ﷺ.' To the seekers of Truth following some 14 Orders in Islamic Mysticism he imparts knowledge that he has acquired over a third of a century through his own inner search, communication with Muslim divines, dead and alive, and from Nature.

Besides 'these lessons of reality' enshrined in the monologues of these volumes (as an orientalist aptly sums it up), the author has to date written and published 288 books, all on different aspects of Islam. The books which run into thousands of pages are supplied free of charge for the benefit of the *Ummah* of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. A few titles in English are reproduced here for reference:

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