

FOUNDATION OF UNITY

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Scholars and men of letters from all over the world have unanimously accepted the importance of unity, cooperation and love, and, in their remarkable writings. They have advised against creating division and causing disunity, which ultimately results in devastation and destruction, for unity is a source of success, development, greatness and glory. Any kind of great success can be achieved with the help of unity, mutual cooperation and brotherhood.

Most of the living creatures follow the norms and principles of unity, cooperation, togetherness and friendly co-existence. This is because of the natural feeling, which is a gift from the Almighty. We can see the life of ants and bees. Besides, other

animals like deers and monkeys also live in unity and co-operation with each other. All this is because of the same natural unity, which is a great gift of God to the worldly creatures.

Unity, in fact, is the most important factor that protects our existence. Its role is more important

than that of physical force. One can lead better life under the banner of unity. As we see, the ants, by following the principles of unity and cooperation collect their food for difficult days and are thus protected from annihilation.

As scholars have stated, a human being is a social creature and the feeling of unity and cooperation exists in his nature. The human society leads a happy and prosperous life by following the norms and principles of unity, by making use of

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the experience of each other and by forging unity and extending helping hands in resolving their day today problems and difficulties. The human society in the past was confronted with differences and clashes because of not adhering to the principles of unity.

The result of these differences among the rising number of people has led to nothing but total disasters. The Almighty, in order to bestow His special mercy, sent His messengers to guide mankind towards the path of unity and to keep them away from divisions and differences. There is a

difference between the unity of species and human beings. The animals are living in unity because of their inherent natural feeling and instinct. They are not capable of applying their mind. Since they don't have wisdom, they cannot think of the merits and demerits of unity and division. But human beings have the ability of pondering over issues and making progress by applying their mind and selecting their proper way.

In fact, the foundation of this world was laid and strengthened on the principle of unity. If there would not have been one aim of human life and one co-ordinated system would not have ruled over human society, it would have been completely destroyed. Similarly, if there would not have been unity among the particles of a thing, it could not have possessed its external look or existence.

As we know, the atom is the smallest possible part of an object for the tip of a needle has more than hundred millions atoms in it. If atoms of things were not united with each other then things would not have come into existence. Therefore, it was the law of unity, which had played a pivotal role in bringing so many creatures into existence.

God is the creator of whole universe. The religious laws are also the creation of Almighty. Therefore the element of similarity does exist between human existence and the divine law. Since the existence of all creatures is the result of unity and co-existence, the materialistic and spiritualistic success and glory of the human society also depends upon law of unity amongst them. It was for this reason that Islam has

formulated norms and principles of unity among its followers, so that they remain united and protect their Islamic entity without fail.

The basic law and principle of Islam like monotheism, the universal aspects of Islam, freedom and Islamic brotherhood, social cooperation, collective responsibility, mosques, daily and Friday congregational prayers, Haj and the Arabic language of Quran are the important elements, which directly or indirectly bring about unity and co-ordination among Muslims.

In pursuance of the basic principle of Islam, every Muslim, irrespective of distance and geographical limits and boundaries is considered to be an integral part of Islamic ummah and enjoys equal rights under the banner of Islam. As the renowned scholar and the exalted Indian poet Iqbal says:

امر حق را حجت و دعوا یکی است
خیمه های ما جدا دلها یکی است
از حجاز و چین و ایرانیم ما
شبنم یک صبح خندانیم ما

The divine law is one, which is followed by every Muslim. Though we live at separate places like Hejaz, China and Iran but our hearts are united with each other like one dew drop of a smiling morning.

The present world with the existing conditions is heading towards such a moral and cultural debacle, which will ultimately result in the downfall of the human moral values. If this phenomenon continues, the human race will meet with total destruction and disaster. In such inhuman circumstances, the responsibility of every Muslim increases manifold. The teachings of Islam are more important and relevant during these days. Islam, at the time of its

emergence, showed the path of spiritual and material growth to the human world and enabled it to live and lead a happy life. But because of non-adherence to the basic principles of Islam, now the Muslims are passing through such a humiliating atmosphere that their Islamic land of Palestine and their first Qibla (*Bait-ul-Muqaddas*) has now been converted into a Zionist base and has been completely usurped by the Zionists, who are subjecting the Palestinian Muslims to various inhuman oppressions. The Zionist elements are actively engaged in hatching such conspiracies which could divide the Muslims into small groups and could cause enmity and clashes among them.

In order to damage the Islamic entity of world Muslims, the Zionist and imperialist forces create differences and divisions among Muslims on the following lines:

1. By propagating the westernised culture.
2. By developing a feeling of humiliation and demoralisation among the Muslims.
3. By creating such feelings among the Muslims that they are not capable of fighting against the imperialist forces.
4. By discouraging Muslims from establishing Islamic governments in their respective nations.
5. By discouraging them from the establishment of real and prac-

tical Islamic unity among world Muslims.

Contrary to the anti-Islamic propaganda by the Zionist and imperialist forces the followers of Islam can establish and strengthen unity among themselves by adhering to the following norms and principles:

1. Unity and unanimity of belief
2. Unity and unanimity of action and practice
3. Unanimous leadership
4. Unanimous aims and objects
5. Unity of sentiments, morals and qualities
6. Unanimity of culture

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If the Muslims of the world really follow and adhere to the above mentioned principles, they will surely get success in forging stable and everlasting Islamic unity among themselves. By achieving the goal of Islamic unity the Muslims can easily

introduce Islam to the world as a religion of liberation from the clutches of inhuman evils.

In fact, the purpose of sending prophets to the human world was nothing but to guide humanity towards the path of success and glory and also to enable mankind to get rid of various evils. Islam, being the last Divine religion, has to shoulder the great responsibility of guiding the human world, which can not be feasible without unity among the Muslims. Therefore every Muslim is dutybound to strive for translating the Islamic unity into practice.