

All praises are for Allah, Lord of all the worlds, who ordered us with obedience to Him and His Messenger and made the sign of truly loving Allah-the imitation and following of the Prophet Muhammad.

I would like to put forth a question which everyone of us knows the answer to, many of us can answer this question with our tongues and hearts ~~but unfortunately many of us are deficient when it comes to acting upon what our answer entails.~~ All of us will answer in the affirmative with our tongues but many of us will find our limbs hesitant in manifesting what our tongues and hearts affirm. My question is.... How many of us truly love Allah???

(How many of us sincerely love our creator. All of us are answering yes in our minds and hearts but is this affirmation sufficient to make our love true???)
All true Muslims on the face of this earth claim they love Allah, some claim it with their hearts, some with their tongues, some with the booklets and brochures they publish, some with the dawah programs they organize. Many of us claim we love Allah, but who is truthful in their claim?

In fact a great poet ^{once} was truthful when he said:

لَوْ كَانَ حُبُّكَ صَادِقًا لَأَطَعْتَهُ فَإِنَّ الْمُحِبَّ لَمَنْ يَحِبُّ مُطِيعٌ

So who are the truthful ones in their claim? Is it the one who has the I love Allah bumper sticker, or T-shirt, or emblem, or facebook page???

"If your love was sincere and true you would have obeyed him, for verily the one who loves someone is obedient to his beloved"

My O young brothers and sisters if you sincerely loved your parents you would obey them, honor them and respect them. O married sisters if you truly loved your spouses you would obey them also and go out of your way to make them happy. Many of us always utter 'I love you' to our parents or spouses but we are deficient in our actions....So what is the situation with the one whom created us, provides for us, protects us, answers our supplications and helps us when in need. Is it enough to utter with our tongues 'we love you O Allah' when we don't manifest or act upon this claim with our limbs... indeed it is not.

O slaves of Allah. What is the true sign of our love of Allah, Is it a sign, patch, or emblem we put or sew on our clothes?? Is it a bumper sticker we put on our cars, or plaque we hang in our living room?? Is it a special statement or secret word we utter with our tongues or logo or slogan we put on our twitter accounts, facebook pages???

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

"Say O Muhammad to mankind: 'If you truly love Allah then follow me. Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is oft forgiving the most merciful'" Ali Imran: 31

Yes, beloved Muslims, the true sign of our love for Allah *is following Allah's messenger in all our affairs.* ~~is following Allah's messenger in all our affairs.~~ *my beloved brothers and sisters... we love, having* obedience, imitation and the following of Allah's messenger.... Love for and being obedient to the best human being ever to place foot on the face of this earth, the best prophet and messenger, the one whom the lord of all creation selected to convey his divine message. The prophet Muhammad....the one whom *if we don't love him we should love more than our ourselves, our fathers, our sons, our families and even our wealth. as the Prophet said:* ~~we should love more than our ourselves, our fathers, our sons, our families and even our wealth. as the Prophet said:~~ *then our faith is incomplete*

عَنْ أَنَسٍ، قَالَ: قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ «لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ، حَتَّىٰ أَكُونَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ وَالِدِهِ وَوَلَدِهِ وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ» وَ فِي رِوَايَةٍ: «... حَتَّىٰ أَكُونَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ أَهْلِهِ وَمَالِهِ وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ»

On the authority of Anas, that the prophet said: "None of you have true/complete faith until I am more beloved to you than your father, your son and all people in existence." And in another narration from Anas: "a slave or servant, or man doesn't have true/complete faith until I am more beloved to him than his family, his wealth and all people in existence."

And one who loves Allah and his messenger will taste the sweetness of the Islamic faith, as the prophet said:

عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: "ثَلَاثٌ مَنْ كُنَّ فِيهِ وَجَدَ حَلَاوَةَ الْإِيمَانِ: أَنْ يَكُونَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولَهُ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِمَّا سِوَاهُمَا....."

"Whoever possesses three qualities will taste the sweetness of faith, one who makes Allah and His messenger more beloved to him than anything and everyone else."

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Be informed my noble brothers and sisters that a muslim does not possess complete ~~and true~~ faith until the prophet Muhammad is more beloved ~~to one~~ than everyone and everything in existence. So when the true love of Allah is firmly planted in our hearts, this love of Allah spreads throughout our veins, limbs, our statements and actions and we implement the sunnah of his messenger, *in all of our affairs.*

~~So in order for us to be obedient to Allah and his messenger we must first love them more than everyone and everything in this worldly life. And be informed, O you seeking forgiveness from Allah,~~ *my brothers and sisters* ~~know that whoever obeys the prophet has indeed obeyed Allah and whoever disobeys the Prophet has disobeyed Allah, as Allah says:~~ *and love from Allah, and mercy from Allah know*

مَنْ طَاعَ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ وَمَنْ تَوَلَّى فَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِيظًا

"He who obeys the Messenger has indeed obeyed Allah but he who turns away, then we have not sent you O Muhammad as a watcher over them." Nisa: 80

~~And~~ on the authority of abu huriarah:

أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، قَالَ: «مَنْ أَطَاعَنِي فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ، وَمَنْ عَصَانِي فَقَدْ عَصَى اللَّهَ، وَمَنْ أَطَاعَ أَمِيرِي فَقَدْ أَطَاعَنِي، وَمَنْ عَصَى أَمِيرِي فَقَدْ عَصَانِي»

Allah's messenger said: 'Whoever obeys me, he obeys Allah and whoever disobeys me, he disobeys Allah and whoever obeys the ruler I appoint, he obeys me and whoever disobeys him he disobeys me.' (Bukhari)

And the prophet promised *and guaranteed that* all muslims ~~that they~~ will enter the paradise *all muslims will enter paradise*
And in another narration: *except for those who don't follow him*

قَالَ: «كُلُّ أُمَّتِي يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ إِلَّا مَنْ أَبَى»، قَالُوا: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، وَمَنْ يَأْبَى؟ قَالَ: «مَنْ أَطَاعَنِي دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ، وَمَنْ عَصَانِي فَقَدْ أَبَى»

And he also narrated that Allah's messenger said: 'All my followers will enter paradise except those who refuse.' The companions said: 'O Messenger of Allah who will refuse? He said: 'Whoever obeys me will enter paradise and whoever disobeys me is the one who refuses to enter it.' (Bukhari)

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So love Allah by imitating and following the prophet Muhammad and ~~you~~ will be loved by Allah and forgiven of ~~your~~ sins. Which will make it easy to be obedient to Allah's commandments and prohibitions contained in the Quran and the Sunnah which both are revelation from Allah which we must follow and implement into our lives...

Be reminded O servants of Allah and lovers of the prophet Muhammad, that love, submission and obedience to the Prophet Muhammad is the second part of the first pillar of Islam which is the shahadatain, the two testimonies of faith.

When we bear witness that Muhammad is the messenger of Allah we must believe and implement four main things. We must be obedient to whatever the prophet ordered us to do, believe and say, we must stay away and abandon whatever the prophet prohibited us from and dispraised, we must believe in everything the prophet informed us about from the past, future and hereafter, and most importantly we must worship Allah the way the prophet did. Know that whoever does an action of worship, big or small, in a way other than the way the prophet did it than verily that action is not accepted from Allah as the prophet said:

من عمل عملا ليس عليه أمرنا فهو رد

"Whoever does an action that is not from our actions (islamically legislated according to quran and sunnah) then that action is rejected."

So whoever performs an action that the prophet prohibited us from or abandons something that the prophet ordered us with or worships Allah in a way other than the way of the prophet, or has doubt about anything the prophet informed us about, then verily those whom this is the case, have deficiencies in their testimony of faith and must rectify these errors as soon as possible. So let's take account for ourselves, our beliefs, our actions, our statements, our manners, our dealings with others and compare them to the Quran and Sunnah, whatever is in accordance with those two with sincerity to Allah then this is good, but whatever belief one may have, or statement one may say, or action of worship one performs or does which is not in accordance with the quran and sunnah, let us abandon these things and rectify them before we are held accountable on a Day which will turn the hair of children gray, a day when our skins, our ears, our eyes, our hands and every single limb on our bodies will testify against us. Allah says:

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا مَا جَاءُوهَا شَهِدَ عَلَيْهِمْ سَمْعُهُمْ وَأَبْصَارُهُمْ وَجُلُودُهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ (20)

"Till when the sinners and disbelievers reach the hell-fire their hearing and their eyes and their skins will testify against them as to what they used to do. And Allah says:

وَقَالُوا الْجُلُودِهِمْ لِمَ شَهِدْتُمْ عَلَيْنَا قَالُوا أَنْطَقْنَا اللَّهَ الَّذِي أَنْطَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ خَلَقَكُمْ أَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ (21)

And they will say to their skins, 'why do you testify against us?' they will say: Allah has caused us to speak-as he causes all things to speak and He created you the first time and to him you are made to return. ~~And Allah says:~~

وَقَالْتُمْ لِمَ تَشْهَرُونَ أَن يَشْهَرَا عَلَيْكُمْ سَمْعُكُمْ وَلَا أَبْصَارُكُمْ وَلَا جُلُودُكُمْ وَلَكِنْ ظَنَنْتُمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَعْلَمُ كَثِيرًا مِمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ

And you have not been hiding yourselves in this world that your ears and your eyes and your skins should testify against you ~~but~~ you thought that Allah knew not much of what you were doing."

Fusillat 20-22

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~~Be reminded my dear brothers and sisters that nothing will be hidden from Allaah that day and all our secrets will be made manifest.~~

So let the ones who may supplicate to graves, dead men, trees, or idols, animals, or even money leave these things off before their hands, hearts and tongues testify against them. And let the ones who have fallen into backbiting, slandering, rumor spreading, and false accusations of their brothers and sisters abandon doing so before their tongues witness against them. ~~And let the brothers who have been shaving their faces throw away their razors and leave their beards to grow while loving them and grooming them, solely because the prophet ordered us to do so before a day comes when our skins and hands testify against us.~~ Let our sisters cover themselves properly with the Islamic hijab while not exposing their bodily features to foreign men before a day comes when your bodies will bear witness against you o beloved sisters.

I ask Allah to give us understanding of the religion and bestow upon us love of Him and love of his messenger in our beliefs, statements and action. I also ask Allah to make us realize our own faults and make it easy for us to repent to him from our sins, shortcomings and faults in practicing our religion.

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O Allah make it easy for us to love you and love your messenger and adorn our hearts, tongues and limbs with obedience to you and your messenger. O Allah purify our hearts from dislike of anything you or your messenger ordered us to do or prohibited us from and allow us to make our worship sincerely for you alone and perform it the way the prophet did it.

^{reminded}
~~Be reminded~~, my dear beloved brothers and sisters that all success in this world and the hereafter is achieved by being obedient to Allah and his messenger. Allah says:

وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا

"And whoever obeys Allah and his messenger has indeed achieved a great achievement and success." Al ahzab:71

^{mercy and forgiveness}
O ~~you~~ muslims seeking success, be obedient to the prophet Muhammad as you are obedient to Allah and know that the prophet Muhammad never believed, spoke, acted with anything except that it was revelation from Allah as Allah says:

وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ (3) إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ

"Nor does he speak of his own desires. It is only revelation revealed." An najm 3-4

'The Messenger of Allah ﷺ was the leader of the Muslims and the best person in creation, he would be asked about something and not respond until revelation came to him from the heavens.'

'So if the Lord of Creation's Messenger ﷺ didn't used to respond, act or answer questions except with revelation, so what a great amount of audacity, courage, and bravery of the one who acts, responds, answers or gives religious verdicts from his personal opinions, desires, theories or hypotheses. What audacity of the one who responds to religious questions with a custom, tradition, politics, taste or inner-feeling, or a claimed unveiling of the unseen, dream or even a conjecture or deeming of something to be good or appropriate. ~~And Allah is the Aider and upon Him do we put our trust.~~

O servants of Allah, if the prophet would follow Allah's revelation unconditionally, what about us??? The beloved prophet was an unconditional follower of Allah's divine revelation and he was the best of creation and the best of mankind, he didn't believe, say, or do anything except based upon divine

we are in dire need to follow Allah's revelation

revelation. What about us??? Do we think we're better than Allah's messenger where we can pick and choose how, when, and what to practice from Allah's commandments and prohibitions contained in Allah's divine revelation???

Know that all success and failure in this world and the next depends upon ones level of obedience to Allah and his messenger. Why were the companions so successful in their dawah and propagation of Islam, did they have millions of dollars, exquisite, high tech buildings and technology, did they have hundreds of websites, tv stations, radio stations, movies, cds or the likes??? Did they have iPhones, iPads, 500 megapixel cameras or gps systems in their vehicles. Indeed they did not, they had none of these things and as we observe their dawah and propagation of the true Islam was better than anyone living in our time or who will come in the future. Verily the companions possessed two things which many ~~individuals who possess these items~~ ^{of us} are lacking..... sincerity to Allah and true love, honor, awe, respect and imitation of the prophet Muhammad. Absolutely, these tools are very useful in propagating and spreading Allah's religion but if sincerity to Allah and imitation of the prophet are lacking then this may hinder the success of people's efforts, time and money spent on these tools and make them useless. Know that whatever the problems are today within this muslim ummah that they will not be rectified except by that which ~~corrected its first part~~ ^{rectified in the beginning}, Quran and Sunnah.

Today we find many enthusiastic youth who want to see the establishment of Islam upon the earth and for the Muslims to become the upperhand but many are confused about the true perception of affairs. So we see some showing little importance to fundamental matters in the religion such as tawheed, shirk, bidah, and sunnah, understanding, pondering and implementation of the Quran, and focus on matters of less importance.

Many have turned the means towards the goals, into the goals themselves. Many have neglected the importance of aqeedah and called for the correction of rule and politics first. Others give primary importance to practicing certain dhikrs and rituals while calling upon the dead to assist them and answer their supplications. Some speak of only uniting the ranks of the Muslims without caring about their creed and beliefs, thinking that their great numbers will give them strength, power and political influence. Know that unity of the ranks of the muslims will not be realized until they unify upon the correct aqeedah and make the basis for their unity the implementation of the quran and sunnah. Indeed, their example is like the one who seeks to cure a body whose head has been cut off, since the place of aqeedah in the religion is like the head with respect to the body. So let's focus on being sincere to Allah, learning about the oneness of Allah and how to follow and imitate the prophet Muhammad.

O followers of the prophet Muhammad, indeed the companions of Allah's messenger truly recited, *acted upon* and understood Allah's statement:

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَن كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

"Indeed you have a great example to follow within the messenger of Allah for the one who hopes to meet Allah and the last day and remembers Allah much." Al ahzab:21

The companions knew that the prophet Muhammad was the best example for them to follow in all their affairs. When they heard or saw the prophet Muhammad do something they would be quick to implement it without asking about it.

When the prophet was praying while wearing his sandals and took them off during the prayer and placed them on his left side, then all the companions took off their sandals during the prayer. Then when the prophet finished the prayer he turned around and asked the companions, why did you remove your sandals?? They replied: 'we saw you remove your sandles so we removed our sandals....

The prophet didn't order them to do so nor did they ask him during the prayer, as speaking in the prayer would invalidate it. The companions knew the prophet was the best example to follow and that everything he did or said was revelation from Allah.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ, he used to make ablution, then the companions would observe carefully and watch how the Prophet ﷺ would make his ablution. They would take this from the Prophet ﷺ without the Prophet ﷺ clarifying: this is 'a basic element, and that is a condition and these are the etiquettes'. Also the Prophet ﷺ would pray, and the companions would observe his prayer, then they would pray exactly as they observed the Prophet ﷺ praying. The Prophet ﷺ made Hajj and the companions closely observed how the Prophet ﷺ made Hajj, so they did exactly as he did."¹

The companions clearly understood that whatever the prophet did or said was revelation and it was equal to the Quran in legislations and rulings, as was mentioned in a narration:

عَنِ الْمُقَدَّامِ بْنِ مَعْدِيكَرِبٍ عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ -صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ- أَنَّهُ قَالَ « أَلَا إِنِّي أُوتِيتُ الْكِتَابَ وَمِثْلَهُ مَعَهُ . . .

On the authority of al Miqdad ibn Ma'deekarib that the prophet said: 'Verily I have been give the Quran and that similar to it (in it's legality) Sunnah.' (Abu Dawud and Ahmed, al Albaani said it is saheeh in abu dawud 4604)

The companions never said: 'I only follow what is in the Quran and not in the books of hadeeth'. They knew that whoever doesn't follow the prophet Muhammad could not even practice the five pillars of Islam, such as the prayer, giving obligatory charity, fasting Ramadan and making the haj.

The companions knew and understood that Allah completed and perfected our religion for us as Allah says:

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

"This day I have perfected your religion for you, completed my favour upon you and have chosen for you Islam as your religion." Al maidah:3

The earlier muslims were satisfied with what Allah chose for them as their religion. They didn't search for any other way of life or religion except Islam. They didn't try to change or mold Islam into something to suit their surroundings or environment, verily they changed themselves and implemented the Quran and sunnah into their lives and changed the people around them to enter into Islam. Nor did they let their personal desires, wants, needs, ideas take priority over Allah and his messengers commandments and prohibitions. As Allah says:

فَلَا وَرَبِّكَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ حَتَّى يُحَكِّمُوكَ فِيمَا شَجَرَ بَيْنَهُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَجِدُوا فِي أَنفُسِهِمْ حَرَجًا مِمَّا قَضَيْتَ وَيُسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا (النساء: 65)

"But no, by your Lord they can have not faith until they make you (o Muhammad) judge in all disputes between them, and then find no resistance within themselves against your decisions and accept them with full submission."

They knew and understood that no one would have true, complete faith until they made the prophet's way to judge between them and love it and submitted to his orders from Allah.

So know and understand my beloved brothers and sisters who mistakenly think or view that Islam needs to change to suit our society, or our modern day and age, or that Islam is outdated and claim 'we want American Islam'. I remind all that the true Islam is only one version and it has been perfected for us 14 hundred years ago, and is not susceptible to any additions or subtractions, and it is based upon the Quran, Sunnah and understanding of the noble companions. I remind myself and you all that we are the ones who need to change and implement the true Islam in all aspects of our lives. And with this we will see the situation of the Muslims get better throughout the world. We should be sincere to Allah and single him out in all acts of worship and perform these actions the way the prophet did. Compare our beliefs, acts of worship, sayings, ethics, morals, manners, business

¹-Hujjatullahi al Balighah 1/140-141

transactions, appearances as well as likes and dislikes to the Quran and Sunnah. Whatever is in agreement with these two continue upon it but whatever is done and not found in the Quran and Sunnah abandon these things..

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Be sure and 100 percent certain that Islam is the best way of life and religion which Allah is pleased and satisfied with. Will we not be satisfied and pleased with Islam as our religion and practice it and implement it within every aspect of our lives??? Be proud to be Muslim at all times and all places and practice your religion wherever you are and don't be afraid of being looked at funny, mocked at, laughed at or the likes by the disbelievers as Allah says:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ أَجْرَمُوا كَانُوا مِنَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يَضْحَكُونَ (29) وَإِذَا مَرُّوا بِهِمْ يَتَغَامَزُونَ (30) وَإِذَا انْقَلَبُوا إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِمْ انْقَلَبُوا فَكِهِينَ (31)
وَإِذَا رَأَوْهُمْ قَالُوا إِنَّ هَؤُلَاءِ لَضَالُّونَ (32) وَمَا أُرْسِلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ حَافِظِينَ (33) فَالْيَوْمَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنَ الْكُفَّارِ يَضْحَكُونَ (34) عَلَى
الْأَرَائِكِ يَنْظُرُونَ (35) هَلْ نُؤِيبُ الْكُفَّارَ مَا كَانُوا يَفْعَلُونَ (36)

"Verily, those who committed crimes used to laugh at those who believed, and whenever they passed by the believers they would wink at one another in mockery, and when they returned to their friends they would return to them jesting and joking. And when they saw the believers, they said: verily they have indeed gone astray. But the disbelievers and sinners had not been sent as watchers over them. But this day (the day of resurrection) those who believed will laugh at the disbelievers, on high thrones looking at everything. Are not the disbelievers paid fully for what they used to do?" Mutaffeen 29-36

This is not new to the Muslim who reads the Quran and ponders over these verses, we know that this is what the disbelievers and sinners do, so don't be ashamed of being Muslim, don't be afraid to worship Allah alone, don't be scared to love, honor, respect, defend and follow the prophet Muhammad, don't be scared to grow your beards, or wear your hijabs and cover your bodies my dear sisters, be proud to be Muslim and know that the true believers will be on thrones looking down upon everyone who mocked at us or harmed us with words or actions. Know and be certain that you truly love Allah and in turn will be loved by Allah when you implement the prophet muhammad's sunnah on the face of this earth, and that you are following the Lord of all creation's perfect, complete, divine revelation, which is 100 percent truth and pure guidance for all of mankind.

O slaves of Allah and followers of Allah's messenger work hard into reading, understanding, and implementing Allah's divine revelation from the Quran and Sunnah into your lives at all times, all places, and all situations. And know that true unification of the muslims cannot be realized until all muslims make the quran and sunnah upon the understanding of the companions their basis for their lives, their dawah, and their organizations. So hold onto the book of Allah and Sunnah of the prophet Muhammad and make your actions sincere for Allah and do them the way the prophet did, to receive success, unity and reward in this world and the next. And know that true

love for Allah is manifested when we follow and imitate the prophet muhammad and his sunnah and not just ~~claim~~ an empty claim we make with our tongues, vanity it is our actions.