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Beloved brothers and sisters in Islam! Be conscious of Allah wherever you are, follow a bad deed with a good deed, and know that it is the consciousness and fear of Allah that can save us from all afflictions.

Fellow Muslims! Ever since the creation of the universe there has been a fierce struggle between different forces for the control of people's hearts, minds, <sup>souls</sup> and intellects. Starting with our father Adam who was deceived by the falsehood and evil lies and deception of Iblees which led him and his wife to be thrown out of the paradise. Nowadays, in the 21st <sup>intellectual</sup> century humanity as a whole is facing a psychological war in a form that is far more dangerous than any conventional military war, and this war is the propaganda war, <sup>the intellectual invasion, the targeting of sound morals, firm beliefs, and wholesome lifestyles --</sup> Propaganda is one of the most lethal and destructive weapons of war. Propaganda is defined as, "ideas, facts, or allegations spread deliberately to further one's cause or to damage an opposing cause"

Propaganda played an important role in almost all wars and battles that have taken place on earth. Its impact is great and it's effects are detrimental to humanity.

The goals of the psychological war against Islam and the Muslims are many: From the most obvious and most dangerous are <sup>the enemies</sup> trying to remove the correct Aqeedah from the <sup>hearts</sup> hearts of the Muslims, causing <sup>them</sup> ~~him~~ to doubt about <sup>the</sup> ~~his~~ religion, <sup>the</sup> ~~and~~ Allah, <sup>the</sup> ~~and~~ the Quran and the Prophet Muhammad, making his aqeedah slowly melt away like an ice cube on a hot summer day. Also from their goals is they want the Muslim to abandon upright morals, ethics and behavior; and become another vegetable <sup>blending into</sup> in the great melting pot of ~~the~~ society, without any self-identity, dignity or respect. <sup>They want the muslims to approve and accept</sup> ~~Approving~~ acts of immorality, remaining silent about oppression, transgression, racism and bigotry.



defaming the opponent and portraying them as the greatest threat to humanity, instilling in the minds of their citizens a sense of fear, hatred and bigotry, while brainwashing their citizens into believing that patriotism and nationalism is the only way to defeat such a great enemy and remove their fear and grant them hope, safety and security...these are the types of propaganda that have been used for hundreds of years and are still being used to today...Some Neighbors who we were once so cordial and close with, now look at ~~Muslims~~<sup>US</sup> as terrorist who threaten their safety and security. Maybe some of our colleagues and bosses at work perceive us as extremists if we grow our beards <sup>and may</sup> consider our women to be oppressed if they wear their hijabs. Some people in the supermarket glance at us with dislike if we speak in our native languages, and tell us 'You're in America, speak English...Many of our youth are scared and confused about their identities, should they say they are Muslim or not? Some of our brothers are scared of being discovered to be a Muslim that they change their names from Muhammad to Mo, or Harith to Harry. These are just some of the results of the propaganda and psychological war against Islam and the Muslims. The propaganda has not only affected non-Muslims but even our own brothers and sisters, and we ask Allah to aid us and grant us strong hearts and intellects to not be affected by these things.

If we were to observe and study the history of the human being on this earth, we would find that propaganda and spreading rumors have been constant factors throughout the ages, in fact it has flourished with the advancement of all civilizations and has been a source of anxiety and distress for many countries and nations. We must know that no solid

effort was made to bring this demon under control until the advent of Islam.

Islam, being a religion that is a source of mercy, justice and peace for all mankind, took a decisive stance at this undesirable phenomenon and put it under strict control through divine injunctions from the Quran and Sunnah. It did this by prohibiting all utterances that could cause dissension and strife between people. Islam prohibited backbiting, lying, gossip, rumor spreading, and tale-mongering and threatened those who carry tales and rumors with a severe torment in the hereafter, as Allah says:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ تَشِيعَ الْفَاحِشَةُ فِي الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ - 24:19

'Indeed those who like that immorality should be spread or publicized among those who believe, then they will have a painful punishment in this world and the Hereafter.' (Nur:19)

The Quran also commands us to verify any news or information that comes to us:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن جَاءَكُمْ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبَأٍ فَتَبَيَّنُوا أَنْ تُصِيبُوا قَوْمًا بِجَهَالَةٍ فَتُصْحَبُوا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نَادِمِينَ -

"O you who believe! If there comes to you a faasiq or disobedient person with information, then verify it, investigate it, or people will be harmed out of ignorance and become regretful afterwards.' (Al Hujurat:6)

Verify any type of news or information that reaches you, don't relay or convey any message of information until you're certain about its authenticity and validity.

Brothers and sisters! Rumour-mongering and propaganda have caused havoc to all kinds of people. It has destroyed so many homes; brought about the collapse of empires, countries, and caused tribulations and war. Its perpetrators are ill-natured, weak-minded and lacking of sound intellects and goodness. They smile in your face, but have hatred towards you and your religion inside their hearts. They have no respect for the truth; in fact lying and falsehood are virtuous acts to them. Their aim is to cause mischief in the land and many have perished by their heinous acts.

History is filled with accounts of propagandists and fabricators who spare no effort in blocking the truth from reaching the people. During the time of the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* the pagans strove hard without success to terminate Islaam and eliminate its Prophet. They falsely labelled him in order to prevent people from listening to his message. They also launched different forms of psychological warfare against him and his companions but all of this was to no avail.

- Noah was called crazy for building an ark

Brothers in Islaam! The propaganda war is now in its golden age, due to modern technology and the sophisticated means of communication which are used by vicious people to terrorise mankind psychologically and intellectually and weaken their morale through their evil-breeding agencies, Face book, twitter, TV, newspapers and websites ---

Propaganda and rumour-mongering are crimes against religion, humanity, society and noble values. It is truly saddening that many of these rumours are believed by the masses to be facts.

From the evil results of propaganda is the increase of hate crimes against Muslims by 67% since 2015. From the evil results of propaganda is the burning of Mosques throughout the US, the loss of lives of

Abu Lahab  
The Polytheists  
Noktah  
All of the Prophets and messengers were slandered and abused and negative things were propagated from about them  
People

innocent Muslims, vandalism of mosques and Islamic centers, and disrespect for practicing Muslims. *As well as disrespect of the holiest places in Islam and for the Muslims, as we see in Masjid @ Al-Aqsa ---*

50 Let the Imams of the Muslims and their communities work together to counter this ugly phenomenon, through education of the masses. Let them realise that they are the principal target of this war. Let them work together to produce correct information about Islam and the Muslims, utilizing the local tv and radio stations, purchasing billboards, producing posters and brochures to dispel the falsehood and propaganda spread about Islam and the Muslims. The enemies of Islam and the Muslims are spending millions of dollars to spread their propaganda and falsehood about us <sup>but</sup> how much are we spending to spread the real message of Islam and the Muslims???

*- the place where the prophet ascended into the heavens from makkah and was brought there in one night ...  
- The first Gibran of the muslims  
- The home of many prophets and messengers*

### Second Khutbah

So what can we do brothers and sisters to counter this psychological war against Islam and the Muslims, what can we do to counter the false propaganda spread about us?

*intellectual inversion*

1. Practice Islam, be a serious Muslim, not a part-time Muslim...our actions speak louder than our words...Don't confuse the non-Muslims, when they see that some of our Muslims sisters dress modestly, and others do not, this causes confusion for them. When they see some of us pray but others do not, this causes confusion for them. When they see some of the Muslims consume intoxicants and others do not, this causes confusion for them. Give the non-Muslims a clear picture of what a Muslim is, be unified in your beliefs and practices, as our Lord is one, our Prophet is one and our book is one.

- 2. Spend some time to learn your religion, starting with the most important aspect which is Aqeedah, Arabic and the Quran and Sunnah.
- 3. Start locally by reaching out to tv and radio stations requesting time to speak about Islam and the practices of the Muslims. Form a Islamic Dawah team that is responsible for producing dawah brochures, short video clips, text messages and the likes...Inquire about renting or buying a billboard about the mercy of the Prophet Muhammad.
- 4. Don't' be afraid to talk about Islam and the practices of the Muslims at work, to your patients, to your clients, and your friends and neighbors.
- 5. Collaborate with your brothers and sisters in your community to do some dawah and outreach projects
- 6. Start a united Islamic media network working with qualified religious scholars to give proper information about Islam

7. Educate yourselves about the tactics and techniques of  
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 لانه لو في دوله اسلاميه او مسلميه

the Islamophobes and those who have waged war against your beliefs, actions, statements and appearances as Muslims.