

قال حسان بن ثابت في مدح رسولنا الكريم

وَأَحْسَنُ مِنْكَ لَمْ تَرَ قَطَّ عَيْنِي

وَأَجْمَلُ مِنْكَ لَمْ تَلِدَ النِّسَاءُ

خُلِقْتَ مُبْرَأً مِنْ كُلِّ عَيْبٍ

كَأَنَّكَ قَدْ خُلِقْتَ كَمَا تَشَاءُ

The great companion Hassan ibn Thabit said praising Prophet Muhammad:

“No eye has ever seen anyone greater than you, and no woman has ever given birth to someone more beautiful than you, you were born free from every deficiency, it is as if you were created with all the traits that you would like to be created with.”

Brothers and sisters in Islam, we have witnessed and heard some very disturbing things over the past week or so. This is should not be surprising coming from those who don't believe in Allah and His Messenger, and it should not be a surprise to us when it is coming from those who have continuously made it their pattern to slander Allah, the Lord of creation, and His Messenger and from those who make it difficult for the Muslims living in their lands. Nor should these types of despicable manners be surprising for us when we know their history and their slaughter of millions upon millions of Algerians and the colonization of African lands and usurping their wealth and resources. Nor should this be a surprise to anyone who has read their altered religious books upon which they base their false beliefs and actions, in which we find slander and mockery of numerous Prophets and Messenger of Allah, disrespect for them and dishonor of them.

We are so focused on boycotting their products, but before that why don't we boycott their false beliefs and religious practices, their atheism, why don't we boycott their false religious festivals such as Christmas, Thanksgiving, Halloween, Easter, Valentines day, why don't we boycott the way they do business with riba, lying, cheating, deceiving and stealing, why don't we boycott their colonizations of Africa and other nations.....why don't we boycott their clothes and dress like a Mulim....we want to boycott their products but don't boycott their ill manners, habits and behaviors...we only want to boycott selectively..and boycott the things that are not necessary or important for the growth of the Muslim nations...May Allah aid us and help us... to open our eyes and focus on our priorities.

Yes brothers and sisters.... many of us are emotional and angry about the images and comments that were made about our Prophet Muhammad, and we should be. However, how we express that dislike and anger is the difference between the Muslim who gives his deen of Islam and the teachings therein precedence over his emotions, and the Muslim who lets his emotions precede his teachings of the deen of Islam and sound intellect...Brothers and sisters in Islam...

Didn't Allah promise us and tell us that He will aid, protect and assist His Prophet in front of all adversities?

Didn't Allah say in the Quran:

أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِكَافٍ عَبْدَهُ

“Isn't Allah sufficient for His servant”

The one who truly understands Islam will remember that even the Prophet Muhammad himself, during his lifetime was defamed and slandered, oppressed, mocked at, first hand...and what was the Prophet's reaction?

What did Allah say to His Prophet when the ignoramuses were mocking him and slandering him and it started bothering him:

إِنَّا كَفَيْنَاكَ الْمُسْتَهْزِئِينَ

“Indeed we have sufficed you from those that mock and slander you”

So brothers and sisters we need to think and ponder.... if Allah, the Almighty, the all powerful, the all knowing, all seeing...if He Himself says that He has sufficed and will suffice His prophet, and deal with those that mock and slander him, is there anyone or anything in the creation that can do or say anything better than Allah The Most High?

Didn't Allah promise His Prophet and promise His servants that He will protect His Prophet from all harm:

وَاللَّهُ يَعْصِمُكَ مِنَ النَّاسِ

Allah will 'certainly' protect you from the people.

Allah tells us in the Quran that those who mock, slander, make fun of the Prophet Muhammad will be cursed in this world and the next...Is there any worse punishment that anyone could receive in this dunya, than receiving the curse of the Lord of the seven Heavens and the whole universe?

Allah says:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُؤْذُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ لَعَنَهُمُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ عَذَابًا مُهِينًا

Surely those who offend Allah and His Messenger are cursed by Allah in this world and the Hereafter. And He has prepared for them a humiliating punishment.

Anyone who is cursed in this world is far removed from the mercy of Allah and his remembrance will always be that of humiliation until the day of resurrection...like Abu Lahab, or Firoun...

We need to let these Quranic verses dissolve into our hearts, souls and minds and be certain that Allah will always protect his final Messenger Muhammad. He was called worse and worse things were did to him during his time...But look around us today....the Prophet Muhammad's mention is still upon the tongues of billions of inhabitants today, over 1400 years after his leaving this earth and returning back to Allah...

So always keep in mind brothers and sisters in Islam...Allah has no need for us to defend or protect the Prophet Muhammad, as Allah is free from all needs of the creation...

Rather it is us who need to defend the prophet Muhammad, we are the ones who benefit from defending the Prophet Muhammad...Solely because loving him and loving his sunnah is from the fundamentals of faith, the one who doesn't love the Prophet, or follow him or his sunnah has deficient faith.

Allah tells us those who defend, honor and aid the Prophet Muhammad and his sunnah, and follow his guidance are from amongst the successful:

فَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِهِ وَعَزَّرُوهُ وَنَصَرُوهُ وَاتَّبَعُوا النُّورَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ مَعَهُ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

‘Only’ those who believe in him, honour and support him, and follow the guidance sent down to him will be successful.”

So yes we should defend the Prophet Muhammad, however this defense of him needs to be disciplined and within the boundaries of the sharia. Based upon proofs and evidences from the Quran and Sunnah, not from emotions, or innovated practices or things that our deficient intellects think are good in contradiction to the Quran, Sunnah, consensus and Qiyas...

The best defense we can do of the Prophet Muhammad is loving Him, loving his sunnah, acting upon it and warning from all things that are contradictory to his sunnah, like innovations and newly invented affairs in the religion.

As for those who gives precedence to their emotions over their disciplined religious teaching found in the Quran and Sunnah...then you will find them... being reactionary, violent to innocent people, slandering others, and making derogatory statements towards innocent people. Those who let their emotions precede their religious teachings followed by their sound intellects have taken hold of the bait that the enemies of Allah threw out in front of them...and they grabbed hold of it without thinking about the repercussions of their incorrect deeds and actions....

Know brothers and sisters that it most likely wasn't a coincidence that they initiated these images and statements a few weeks before many of the Muslims incorrectly celebrate the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad...They want to see Muslims react violently, destroy public property, hurt others, protest, riot and demonstrate and act emotionally and do things outside the boundaries of the Sharia, so then they can point their fingers and say: 'Hey look, I told you they were extremists and terrorists..' And most likely so they can increase the restrictions and lockdowns for covid 19 and social distancing in Europe, saying that Muslims don't adhere to the laws of social distancing and the likes...so be conscious of what is going around you brothers and sisters...Be people of consciousness, be people of sound intellects, don't over-react, but at the same time don't under-react. React as a true Muslim should...

Anyone who reads the Quran will find that Allah already told us about their plots, plans and tactics over 1400 years ago:

يُرِيدُونَ أَن يُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَهِهِمْ وَيَأْبَى اللَّهُ إِلَّا أَن يُتِمَّ نُورَهُ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ

“They wish to extinguish Allah’s light with their mouths, but Allah will ‘certainly’ perfect His light, even to the dismay of the disbelievers.”

Yes we are saddened and hurt by these statements, and we should be....But how do we think the Prophet Muhammad felt when he heard those statements with his own two ears and witnessed the mockery and slandering first hand?

How did he react? Allah tells us in the Quran:

وَلَقَدْ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ يَضِيقُ صَدْرُكَ بِمَا يَقُولُونَ
فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَكُن مِّنَ السَّاجِدِينَ
وَاعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَكَ الْيَقِينُ

“We know that your heart is burdened and saddened about what they say about you. So praise your Lord and be from amongst those who prostrate frequently, and worship your Lord until you meet death and return back to Allah.”

So we see in these verses that Allah’s advice to His prophet was to busy himself in praising Allah, prayer and worship...

Indeed, the sending of the Prophet Muhammad was the greatest blessing that Allah bestowed upon all creatures:

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

“Indeed Allah has bestowed a great favor upon the believers, when he sent to them a messenger from their own people, reciting to them Allah’s words, purifying them from false beliefs and teachings, and teaching them the Quran and ‘Wisdom/Sunnah’, and indeed before him being sent, the people were in clear misguidance.”

He is the final messenger that Allah sent to save humanity, to guide us to our Lord, to show us the best example in all aspects of life and to be a mercy for all of mankind.

Without him we would not be able to understand the Quran properly and how to apply it. Without him we wouldn't know how to pray, fast, give zakat, make hajj, deal with our wives, clear ourselves after using the bathroom, sleep, wake up, eat, drink, raise children, deal with others in our business transactions and dealings...He was a mercy to mankind...

A Muslims faith is not complete until that are completely obedient to the Prophet Muhammad...not selectively obedient...completely obedient...and a Muslims faith is not complete until they love him more than anything else in this world:

لا يؤمن أحدكم حتى يحب إليه من والده وولده والناس أجمعين

So do we truly believe...Do we truly love the Prophet Muhammad? Do we truly love his Sunnah....Do we try our best to practice his sunnah...look like him, dress like him, talk like him, walk like him, do business like him, deal with our families like him?

The answer to this is inside each and every one of us...and the sign of truly loving someone...is that you submit to them, and you are obedient to them,

لو كان حبك صادقا لأطعته-فإن المحب لمن يحب مطيع

“If your love is true and sincere then you would be obedient to him, for certainly the one who truly loves someone, is obedient to him.”

How many of us are obedient to our desires over following the Prophet's sunnah, how many of us are obedient to our wealth over the prophet's sunnah, how many of us are obedient to the shaytaan over the Prophet's sunnah?

Indeed, it is known from the Quran and Sunnah as well as observation throughout the past, that those who abandon the Prophet Muhammad's sunnah and disobey his orders will experience difficult trials and tribulations, not only in their deen but in their dunya as well. Some may fall into shirk, or mockery of the Prophet and his sunnah, some may fall into innovations...

Allah tells us in the Quran:

فَلْيَحْذَرِ الَّذِينَ يُخَالِفُونَ عَنْ أَمْرِهِ أَنْ تُصِيبَهُمْ فِتْنَةٌ أَوْ يُصِيبَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

“So let those people beware who do contradictory to the Prophet's orders and commands, lest fitnah shall befall them or a painful punishment.”

So be careful brothers and sisters not to go against the Prophet's sunnah...always compare your beliefs, speech and actions with what is found in the Quran and authentic sunnah so to keep you deen safe and secure from innovations and the whisperings of the shaytaan.

Second Khutbah

Servants of Allah, Unfortunately, during this month of Rabee ul Awal we find that many emotionally charged people take this month or certain days in this month as a time to celebrate the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad, having parties with music, singing, dancing, poems sometimes containing shirk and innovations and extreme and impermissible exaggeration of the Prophet Muhammad.

Brothers and sisters in Islam, celebrating the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad, or death of the Prophet Muhammad does not increase his status or position with Allah, nor does it get us closer to Allah, rather it may bring us farther away from Allah and farther away from the Prophet's sunnah.

Celebrating the birth and/or death of the Prophets and Messengers can indeed lead one to exaggeration in the religion. Exaggeration and extremism in the religion is what led the Jews and Christians astray. Allah and His messenger prohibited us from exaggerating in the religion and the Prophet Muhammad specifically told us to not exaggerate about him how the Christians did with Jesus:

لا تطروني كما أطرت النصارى عيسى بن مريم، فإنما أنا عبده فقولوا عبد الله ورسوله

“Don't exaggerate about me as the Christians exaggerated about Jesus the son of Maryam. I am only a servant, so say The Servant of Allah and His Messenger.”

So from the mercy that the Prophet Muhammad had upon his ummah is that he warned us from exaggerating in praising him.

Was it because he didn't want us to praise him a lot, or honor him? Of course not...

It was so that we do not take him as someone to worship other than Allah, someone we call upon in our supplications other than Allah, someone who we think can aid us in difficult times other than Allah...and so that we don't describe the Prophet with characteristics and traits that are specific for the Creator...Allah

Azza wa Jal.

Unfortunately we also find that there are many Muslims who resemble some of the other religions practices such as Judaism and Christianity... and this is exactly what the Prophet told us would occur over 1400 years ago:

" لَتَتَّبِعَنَّ سَنَنَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ شِبْرًا بِشِبْرٍ وَذِرَاعًا بِذِرَاعٍ حَتَّىٰ لَوْ دَخَلُوا فِي جُحْرٍ ضَبِّ لَا تَتَّبِعْتُمُوهُمْ " . قُلْنَا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ أَلَيْهُودَ وَالنَّصَارَى قَالَ " فَمَنْ " .

You would tread the same path as was trodden by those before you inch by inch and step by step so much so that if they had entered into the hole of the lizard, you would follow them in this also. We said: Allah's Messenger, do you mean Jews and Christians "? He said: Yes, of course, Who else?

We may be asking, how so? Let's explain..

a) Those who have resembled the Jews in the way that they dealt their prophets, by abandoning them and their traditions, belittling them, ignoring them, harming them, slandering them, exiling them. These people's hearts are hard, the love of the Prophet Muhammad, nor any other prophet, has not mixed with their blood, flesh and bones, They don't truly love him, respect him, honor him, nor follow any of his sunnah. When the Prophet Muhammad's name is mentioned they don't even say: Sallallahu alayhi wa sallam. They fight against the people who promote his sunnah, and they claim that: "We don't need the Sunnah, the Quran is sufficient." As for the second category of people...then they are those

b) Muslims who have resembled the Christians, which many of the Muslims fall into this category today. They've exaggerated with the Prophet Muhammad, and given him a status that Allah didn't give him... just as the Christians did with Jesus son of Maryam, and invented new beliefs and practices in the religion. They have given the Prophet Muhammad traits, characteristics and descriptions that are inhuman and only fit for Allah Azza wa Jal...Such as claiming the Prophet was created from light, and then the rest of creation was created from that light, or that the prophet Muhammad casts no shadow, or that he never passed away and returned back to Allah, or that he comes to visit us every Friday, or that he knows the unseen without Allah giving him revelation. These are all baatil and false, innovated beliefs about the beloved Prophet Muhammad, and it is obligatory upon us to defend him and his sunnah from such falsehood. Some even supplicate to the Prophet Muhammad to remove their hardships and difficulties besides Allah. Some have even taken the image of his sandal to wear on their hats, shirts,

rings and chains thinking that it is a blessed amulet to keep away harm... just how the Christians have taken the cross and wear it on their necks and printed on their garments.

Brothers and sisters...we as Muslims should all love the Prophet Muhammad dearly...and loving him more than anything is actually part of our faith.....so don't think that the Prophet didn't show us or tell us how to love him....there is a way to manifest our love for him...He taught us the way to love him, honor him, respect him, dignify him...we don't need to try and invent new ways to do this...do we think we know better than the Prophet Muhammad, and his companions in how to show our love for him...Listen to what Imam Malik ibn Anas the great Imam of Al Madinah said:

من ابتدع في الإسلام بدعة يراها حسنة فقد زعم أن محمداً خان الرسالة؛ لأن الله يقول {اليوم أكملت لكم دينكم} فما لم يكن يومئذ ديناً فلا يكون اليوم ديناً

“Whoever invents an innovation in Islam and deems it to be good has indeed claimed that the Prophet Muhammad has betrayed his trust in conveying the message of Islam to his followers, because Allah says: ‘This day I have completed your religion for you’, so whatever was not part of the religion then, then it is not part of the religion today.”

So upon that...what should Muslims do to show our love, respect and honor of the Prophet Muhammad?

We should use this month as a time to re-new our relationship with the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad, by reading it, memorizing it, implementing it. Read the books of seerah, the Prophet's life story and biography, Shamaa'il Muhammadiyyah. Saheehul Bukhari, Saheeh Muslim...feed the poor...visit the sick...now is a prime time to educate others about the Prophet Muhammad and his true traits and characteristics...

And from the best of deeds we can do today on Friday is to send Salat and Salaam frequently upon the Prophet Muhammad.

إن الله وملائكته يصلون على النبي يا أيها الذين آمنوا صلوا عليه وسلموا تسليماً