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Standing with Dignity Against Hatred of Islam

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

﴿وَلَا تَسْتَوِي الْحَسَنَةُ وَلَا السَّيِّئَةُ ۚ ادْفَعْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ فَإِذَا الَّذِي بَيْنَكَ وَبَيْنَهُ عَدَاوَةٌ كَأَنَّهُ وَلِيٌّ حَمِيمٌ ﴿٣٤﴾﴾

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عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم:

" الْمُسْلِمُ مَنْ سَلِمَ الْمُسْلِمُونَ مِنْ لِسَانِهِ وَيَدِهِ وَالْمُؤْمِنُ مَنْ أَمِنَهُ النَّاسُ عَلَى دِمَائِهِمْ وَأَمْوَالِهِمْ "

الترمذي، كتاب الإيمان، ١٢

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Every age has its own tests. Today, one of the major tests Muslims face is prejudice, discrimination and hatred of Islam. This hatred takes the form of fear and hostility towards Islam and Muslims. It leads to Muslims being excluded and treated unfairly because of their faith. It also spreads false ideas about Islam and presents it as a threat to society. As a result, Muslims may be made to feel that they do not belong because of their names, their clothing, their worship or the way they openly practise their faith.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Being excluded, insulted or treated unfairly because of our faith is certainly a difficult test. Yet a believer does not feel ashamed of who they are or give up their beliefs when facing hardship. Nor do they let anger lead them away from justice. A Muslim's strength comes from good character, not anger.

Allah (swt) says: "**Good and evil are not equal. Respond to evil with what is best, and the one who was your enemy will become like a close friend.**"[1] In another verse, He says: "**Do not let your hatred of a people lead you to be unjust. Be just; that is closer to being mindful of Allah.**"[2] These commands teach us to be fair to everyone, whoever they may be. They teach us to respond to wrongdoing with wisdom and good character, rather than with more wrongdoing.

Dear Jama'ah!

As Muslims living in countries as such, one of our greatest duties is to remember that we represent Islam through the way we live. How we treat our neighbours, conduct our business, care for our families, work and contribute to society speaks louder than words about our faith. A warm greeting can break down prejudice. An honest act can correct a false belief. A sincere smile can soften a heart. Let us remember that people often first learn about Islam through Muslims, before they read the Qur'an.

The Messenger of Allah (saw) said: "*A Muslim is one from whose tongue and hands other Muslims are safe. A believer is one whom people trust with their lives and their property.*"[3] In another hadith, he said: "*Make things easy, not difficult. Give people good news and do not drive them away.*"[4] Our Prophet Muhammad (saw) kept his dignity even when people insulted him. When he was wronged, he stayed within the bounds of justice. He chose mercy and sought to win people's hearts. His example continues to show us the right path today.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Standing with dignity means refusing to give in to anger and staying true to our principles. Let us live openly as Muslims without fear and stand up for our rights through lawful means. Let us teach our children to be proud of Islam and to treat people of other faiths and cultures with fairness, respect and kindness. Let us be people whom others can trust, who do useful work and help build a peaceful society. The strongest response to hatred of Islam is to be an example of what a Muslim should be. Let us remember that the honour of Islam is upheld through truth, dignity, patience and good character.

May Allah (swt) make us among His servants who live with dignity as Muslims, remain fair and just, and always act with mercy and wisdom. Ameen!

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[1] Surah Fussilat, 41:34

[2] Surah Al-Ma'idah, 5:8

[3] Tirmidhi, Faith, 12; Nasa'i, Faith, 8

[4] Bukhari, Knowledge, 11; Muslim, Jihad, 6