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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

From the bounties of Allah over his slave to make him a caller to his religion,

Allah the Most High said,

وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا مِّمَّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنَّنِي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

“And who is better in speech than he who [says: “My Lord is Allâh (believes in His Oneness),” and then stands straight (acts upon His Order), and] invites (men) to Allâh's (Islâmic Monotheism), and does righteous deeds, and says: “I am one of the Muslims.” (Fussilat 41:33)

The Messenger of Allah has said as Imam Muslim recorded from Abu Hurairah:

مَنْ دَعَا إِلَى هُدًى كَانَ لَهُ مِنَ الْأَجْرِ مِثْلُ أُجْرٍ مَنِ اتَّبَعَهُ، لَمْ يَنْتَقِصْ مِنْ أُجُورِهِمْ شَيْئًا

“Whoever calls to a guidance, he will be given the rewards of all those who follow him, and that will not reduce anything from the reward of the others – who follow.”

And it is recorded in the two Sahihs from Sahl bin Sa’ad as-Saa’idee that the prophet has said:

لَأَنْ يَهْدِيَ اللَّهُ بِكَ رَجُلًا وَاحِدًا خَيْرٌ لَكَ مِنْ حُمْرِ النَّعَمِ

“Indeed if Allah guides a single person with you is better for you than the red camel”

And from the bounties of Allah over me, and all bounties and blessings belong to him alone is that he aided me to visit Malaysia for calling to Allah, the glorified and exalted. We reached there on Saturday 25th Rajab 1430 AH. I really felt wonder to see the disbelievers being spread over there and to see their activities there to an extent that they have reached a number of 40 percent of total population.

La hawla wala quwwatha illa billah!

Also I saw the condition of our fellow Muslims and what have affected them from ignorance and misguidance.

So I felt that it is needed to write a book in calling to Islam, holding onto it and warning from the disbelief and disbelievers; to fulfill my responsibility to Allah, the Mighty and Most High, a proof against the disbelievers and as a reminder to the Muslims about their true religion and need for binding to it.

So I wrote this treatise, “al-Islam it is the religion of fortune” while staying in Malaysia.

I ask Allah to benefit me with this in this world and in the hereafter and to make this sincere for his sake. And I ask Allah to make it beneficial for his servants, indeed he is powerful for all.

سبحانك اللهم وبحمدك وأشهد أن لا إله إلا أنت وأستغفرك وأتوب إليك

by Abu 'Abdillah Muhammed bin Hizamal Ba'danee

الحمد لله والصلاة والسلام على رسول الله وعلى آله وصحبه ومن والاه وبعد

To proceed:

Allah has sent down his Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) with Islam and guidance, with the light and mercy.

Allah, the Most High said,

هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي الْأُمِّيِّينَ رَسُولًا مِنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ

“He it is Who sent among the unlettered ones a Messenger (Muhammad ﷺ) from among themselves, reciting to them His Verses, purifying them (from the filth of disbelief and polytheism), and teaching them the Book (this Qur'ân, Islâmic laws and Islâmic jurisprudence) and Al-Hikmah (As-Sunnah: legal ways, orders, acts of worship, etc. of Prophet Muhammad SALLALAAHU 'ALAIHI WASALLAM). And verily, they had been before in manifest error” (Al-Jumu'ah 62:2)

Allah, the Most High said,

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

“And whoever seeks a religion other than Islâm, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers” (Aali Imran 3:85)

Allah, the Most High said,

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

“And We have sent you (O Muhammad SALLALAAHU 'ALAIHI WASALLAM) not but as a mercy for the 'Alamîn (mankind, jinns and all that exists)” (Al-Anbiya 21:107)

Al-Islam is the religion that Allah has commanded mankind to follow and has pleased with; Allah will not be pleased with any other religion.

Allah, the Most High has said,

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا فَمَنِ اضْطُرَّ فِي مَخْمَصَةٍ غَيْرِ
مُتَجَانِفٍ لِإِيْمَانِهِ فِإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

“This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islâm as your religion. But as for him who is forced by severe hunger, with no inclination to sin (such as eat these above-mentioned meats), then surely, Allâh is Oft Forgiving, Most Merciful”

(Al-Ma'idah 5:3)

Whoever follows this religion al-Islam, he will feel the tranquility in his mind and peace in his heart. And he will leave in great fortune.

Allah, the Most High has said,

فَمَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَهْدِيَهُ يَشْرَحْ صَدْرَهُ لِلْإِسْلَامِ وَمَنْ يُرِدْ أَنْ يُضِلَّهُ يَجْعَلْ صَدْرَهُ ضَيِّقًا حَرَجًا كَأَنَّمَا يَصْعَدُ فِي السَّمَاءِ كَذَلِكَ
يَجْعَلُ اللَّهُ الرَّجْسَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

“And whomsoever Allâh wills to guide, He opens his breast to Islâm, and whomsoever He wills to send astray, He makes his breast closed and constricted, as if he is climbing up to the sky. Thus Allâh puts the wrath on those who believe not” (Al-An'am 6:125)

Allah, the Most High said,

قَالَ اهْبِطَا مِنْهَا جَمِيعًا بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ فَإِمَّا يَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ مِنِّي هُدًى فَمَنِ اتَّبَعَ هُدَايَ فَلَا يَضِلُّ وَلَا يَشْقَى. وَمَنْ
أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا وَنَحْشُرُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَعْمَى. قَالَ رَبِّ لِمَ حَشَرْتَنِي أَعْمَى وَقَدْ كُنْتُ بَصِيرًا. قَالَ
كَذَلِكَ أَتَتْكَ آيَاتُنَا فَنَسِيتَهَا وَكَذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ تُنْسَى

“(Allâh) said: Get you down (from the Paradise to the earth), both of you, together, some of you are an enemy to some others. Then if there comes to you guidance from Me, then whoever follows My Guidance shall neither go astray, nor fall into distress and misery. But whosoever turns away from My Reminder (i.e. neither believes in this Qur'ân nor acts on its orders, etc.) verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection. He will say: "O my Lord! Why have you raised me up blind, while I had sight (before)." (Allâh) will say: "Like this, Our Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons,

signs, revelations, etc.) came unto you, but you disregarded them (i.e. you left them, did not think deeply in them, and you turned away from them), and so this Day, you will be neglected (in the Hell-fire, away from Allâh's Mercy)." (Ta-Ha 20:123-126)

Allah, the Most High said,

مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْتَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهٗ حَيَاةً طَيِّبَةً وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

"Whoever works righteousness, whether male or female, while he (or she) is a true believer (of Islâmic Monotheism) verily, to him We will give a good life (in this world with respect, contentment and lawful provision), and We shall pay them certainly a reward in proportion to the best of what they used to do (i.e. Paradise in the Hereafter)" (An-Nahl 16:97)

Whoever holds on to the religion of Allah, he deserves the paradise by the mercy of Allah.

Allah the Most High said,

الْأَخِلَاءُ يَوْمَئِذٍ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ إِلَّا الْمُتَّقِينَ. يَا عِبَادِ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْكُمُ الْيَوْمَ وَلَا أَنْتُمْ تَحْزَنُونَ. الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَكَانُوا مُسْلِمِينَ. ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ أَنْتُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ تُحْبَرُونَ. يُطَافُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِصِحَافٍ مِّنْ ذَهَبٍ وَأَكْوَابٍ وَفِيهَا مَائِدَاتُهَا فِيهَا مَا تَشْتَهُيه
الْأَنْفُسُ وَتَلَذُّ الْأَعْيُنُ وَأَنْتُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ

"Friends on that Day will be foes one to another except Al-Muttaqûn (pious - see V.2:2). (It will be said to the true believers of Islâmic Monotheism): My worshippers! No fear shall be on you this Day, nor shall you grieve, (You) who believed in Our Ayât (proofs, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) and were Muslims (i.e. who submit totally to Allâh's Will, and believe in the Oneness of Allâh - Islâmic Monotheism). Enter Paradise, you and your wives, in happiness. Trays of gold and cups will be passed round them, (there will be) therein all that the one's inner-selves could desire, all that the eyes could delight in, and you will abide therein forever" (Az-Zukhruf 43:67-71)

The religion of Allah is in such a status that if one dies while being on any other religion – disbelief- he will be punished in his grave after death. And he will enter the hell fire forever!

Allah, the Most High said,

وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنِ افْتَرَىٰ عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا أَوْ قَالَ أُوحِيَ إِلَيَّ وَلَمْ يُوحَ إِلَيْهِ شَيْءٌ وَمَنْ قَالَ سَأُنزِلُ مِثْلَ مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَوْ تَرَىٰ إِذِ الظَّالِمُونَ فِي غَمْرَاتِ الْمَوْتِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ بَاسِطُو أَيْدِيهِمْ أَخْرَجُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ الْيَوْمَ تُجْزَوْنَ عَذَابَ الْهُونِ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَقُولُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ غَيْرَ الْحَقِّ وَكُنْتُمْ عَنْ آيَاتِهِ تَسْتَكْبِرُونَ

"And who can be more unjust than he who invents a lie against Allâh, or says: "I have received inspiration," whereas he is not inspired in anything; and who says, "I will reveal the like of what Allâh has

revealed." And if you could but see when the Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrongdoers, etc.) are in the agonies of death, while the angels are stretching forth their hands (saying): "Deliver your souls! This day you shall be recompensed with the torment of degradation because of what you used to utter against Allâh other than the truth. And you used to reject His Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) with disrespect!" (Al-An'am 6:93)

Allah, the Most High said,

وَمِمَّنْ حَوْلَكُم مِّنَ الْأَعْرَابِ مُنَافِقُونَ وَمِنْ أَهْلِ الْمَدِينَةِ مَرَدُوا عَلَى النِّفَاقِ لَا تَعْلَمُهُمْ نَحْنُ نَعْلَمُهُمْ سَنُعَذِّبُهُمْ مَّرَّتَيْنِ ثُمَّ يُرَدُّونَ إِلَىٰ عَذَابٍ عَظِيمٍ

"And among the bedouins round about you, some are hypocrites, and so are some among the people of Al-Madinah, they exaggerate and persist in hypocrisy, you (O Muhammad SALLALAAHU 'ALAIHI WASALLAM) know them not, we know them. We shall punish them twice, and thereafter they shall be brought back to a great (horrible) torment" (At-Tawbah 9:101)

This means that they will be punished once in this worldly life, later in their graves and then they will be sent to the eternal punishment in the hellfire, may Allah safeguard us from that!

Allah, the Most High said,

النَّارُ يُعْرَضُونَ عَلَيْهَا غُدُوًّا وَعَشِيًّا وَيَوْمَ تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ أَدْخِلُوا آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ أَشَدَّ الْعَذَابِ

"The Fire; they are exposed to it, morning and afternoon, and on the Day when the Hour will be established (it will be said to the angels): "Cause Fir'aun's (Pharaoh) people to enter the severest torment!" (Ghafir 40:46)

Allah, the Most High also said,

إِنَّ الْمُجْرِمِينَ فِي عَذَابٍ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدُونَ. لَا يُفْتَرُ عَنْهُمْ وَهُمْ فِيهِ مُبْلِسُونَ. وَمَا ظَلَمْنَاهُمْ وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا هُمُ الظَّالِمِينَ

"Verily, the Mujrimûn (criminals, sinners, disbelievers, etc.) will be in the torment of Hell to abide therein forever. (The torment) will not be lightened for them, and they will be plunged into destruction with deep regrets, sorrows and in despair therein. We wronged them not, but they were the Zâlimûn (polytheists, wrong-doers, etc.). (Az-Zukhruf 43:74, 75-76)

Allah, the Most High said,

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا جَهَنَّمَ لَا يُقْضَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ فَيَمُوتُوا وَلَا يُخَفَّفُ عَنْهُمْ مِنْ عَذَابِهَا كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي كُلَّ كَافِرٍ. وَهُمْ
 يَصْطَرِّحُونَ فِيهَا رَبَّنَا أَخْرِجْنَا نَعْمَلْ صَالِحًا غَيْرَ الَّذِي كُنَّا نَعْمَلُ أَوَلَمْ نُعَمِّرْكُم مَّا يَتَذَكَّرُ فِيهِ مَنْ تَذَكَّرَ وَجَاءَكُمُ النَّذِيرُ
 فَذُوقُوا فَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ نَصِيرٍ

"But those who disbelieve, (in the Oneness of Allâh - Islâmic Monotheism) for them will be the Fire of Hell. Neither it will have a complete killing effect on them so that they die, nor shall its torment be lightened for them. Thus do We requite every disbeliever! Therein they will cry: "Our Lord! Bring us out, we shall do righteous good deeds, not (the evil deeds) that we used to do." (Allâh will reply): "Did We not give you lives long enough, so that whosoever would receive admonition, - could receive it? And the warner came to you. So taste you (the evil of your deeds). For the Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrongdoers, etc.) there is no helper." (Fatir 35:36, 37)

The religion of al-Islam enjoins the Muslims to fulfill all the duties. It includes the duty towards Allah, that is to worship him alone and not worship anything besides him, not the sun nor the moon, not the stars nor the fire, not the stones nor the trees, not the idols nor the cow, not the prophets nor the pious or the graves. All kinds of worship should be for Allah alone. That may be prostration, bowing, humility, glorification, love, fear, slaughter, vow, prayer, seeking help or seeking refuge; all these are types of worship.

Allah, the Most High said,

قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ. لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَبِذَلِكَ أُمِرْتُ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

"Say (O Muhammad ﷺ): "Verily, my Salât (prayer), my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allâh, the Lord of the 'Alamîn (mankind, jinns and all that exists). He has no partner. And of this I have been commanded, and I am the first of the Muslims." (Al-An'am 6:162,163)

The religion of Islam enjoins all to fulfill the duties towards the Messenger Muhammed (ﷺ) and that is to follow him and to believe in his prophet hood and messenger ship.

Allah, the Most High said,

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

"Say, [O Muhammad], "Say (O Muhammad ﷺ to mankind): "If you (really) love Allâh then follow me (i.e. accept Islâmic Monotheism, follow the Qur'ân and the Sunnah), Allâh will love you and forgive you of your sins. And Allâh is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful." (Aali Imran 3:31)

Allah, the Most High said,

وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ الرَّسُولَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ الْهُدَىٰ وَيَتَّبِعْ غَيْرَ سَبِيلِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ نُوَلِّهِ مَا تَوَلَّىٰ وَنُصَلِّهِ جَهَنَّمَ وَسَاءَتْ مَصِيرًا

“And whoever contradicts and opposes the Messenger (Muhammad ﷺ) after the right path has been shown clearly to him, and follows other than the believers' way. We shall keep him in the path he has chosen, and burn him in Hell - what an evil destination.” (An-Nisa 4:115)

The religion of al-Islam enjoins to be dutiful to the parents by being kind towards them, looking after them and providing them.

Allah, the most high has said in his Noble Book,

وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا إِمَّا يَبُلُغَنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا وَلَا

تَنْهَرُهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا. وَأَخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذَّلِيلِ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيْتَنِي صَغِيرًا

“And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him. And that you be dutiful to your parents. If one of them or both of them attain old age in your life, say not to them a word of disrespect, nor shout at them but address them in terms of honour. And lower unto them the wing of submission and humility through mercy, and say: My Lord! Bestow on them Your Mercy as they did bring me up when I was small.” (Al-Isra 17:23,24)

The religion of al-Islam enjoins to obey the rulers in the matters that are obedience to Allah.

According to the statement of the prophet (ﷺ),

عَلَى الْمَرْءِ الْمُسْلِمِ السَّمْعُ وَالطَّاعَةُ فِيمَا أَحَبَّ وَكَرِهَ، إِلَّا أَنْ يُؤْمَرَ بِمَعْصِيَةٍ، فَإِنْ أُمِرَ بِمَعْصِيَةٍ فَلَا سَمْعَ وَلَا طَاعَةَ

“It is upon the Muslim to listen and obey despite if he likes the order or hates, as long as he is not ordered to do a sin; if he is ordered to sin then no obedience!” - (Bukhari and Muslim from Ibnu Umar g).

The religion of al-Islam enjoins the Muslim rulers to be kind with Muslims and to establish the religion on the earth. They have to apply the rulings of Quran and Sunnah and to practice the Islamic penal code. They should take back the rights to whom it owes, and to aid the weak and oppressed.

The Messenger (ﷺ) said,

اللهم ! من ولي من أمّتي شيئا فشق عليهم، فاشقق عليه. ومن ولي من أمر أمّتي شيئا فرفق بهم، فارفق به

“Oh Allah, whoever gets power from my Ummah and he made it troubled the people then trouble him! And whoever gets power from my Ummah and being kind to the people be kind with him!” - (Imam Muslim from Ayisha)

And the Messenger (ﷺ) has stated,

مَا مِنْ عَبْدٍ يَسْتَرْعِيهِ اللَّهُ، رَعِيَّةً يَمُوتُ، يَوْمَ يَمُوتُ وَهُوَ غَاشٌّ لِرَعِيَّتِهِ، إِلَّا حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ

“There is no ruler whom Allah gives rule over someone and he dies while being deceitful to them except that Allah had forbidden the Jannah for him” (Recorded by the two Sahihs from Ma’aqal bin Yasaar 9)

Allah, the Most High said,

الَّذِينَ أُخْرِجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ بِغَيْرِ حَقٍّ إِلَّا أَنْ يَقُولُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ وَلَوْلَا دَفَعُ اللَّهُ النَّاسَ بَعْضَهُمْ بِبَعْضٍ لَهَدَمَتْ صَوَامِعُ وَبِيَعٌ
وَصَلَوَاتٌ وَمَسَاجِدٌ يُذَكَّرُ فِيهَا اسْمُ اللَّهِ كَثِيرًا وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَقَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ. الَّذِينَ إِنْ مَكَّنَّاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ
أَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَمَرُوا بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهَوْا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَاللَّهُ عَاقِبَةُ الْأُمُورِ

“Those who have been expelled from their homes unjustly only because they said: “Our Lord is Allâh.” - For had it not been that Allâh checks one set of people by means of another, monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques, wherein the Name of Allâh is mentioned much would surely have been pulled down. Verily, Allâh will help those who help His (Cause). Truly, Allâh is All-Strong, All-Mighty. Those (Muslim rulers) who, if We give them power in the land, (they) order for Iqamat-as-Salât. [i.e. to perform the five compulsory congregational Salât (prayers) (the males in mosques)], to pay the Zakât and they enjoin Al-Ma'rûf (i.e. Islâmic Monotheism and all that Islâm orders one to do), and forbid Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief, polytheism and all that Islâm has forbidden) [i.e. they make the Qur'ân as the law of their country in all the spheres of life]. And with Allâh rests the end of (all) matters (of creatures).” (Al-Hajj 22:40-41)

And Allah, the Most High said,

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا التَّوْرَةَ فِيهَا هُدًى وَنُورٌ يَحْكُمُ بِهَا النَّبِيُّونَ الَّذِينَ أَسْلَمُوا الَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالرَّبَّانِيُّونَ وَالْأَحْبَارُ بِمَا
 اسْتُحْفِظُوا مِنْ كِتَابِ اللَّهِ وَكَانُوا عَلَيْهِ شُهَدَاءَ فَلَا تَخْشَوُا النَّاسَ وَاخْشَوْنِي وَلَا تَشْتَرُوا بِآيَاتِي ثَمَنًا قَلِيلًا وَمَنْ لَمْ
 يَحْكَمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْكَافِرُونَ

“Verily, We did send down the Taurât (Torah) [to Mûsa (Moses)], therein was guidance and light, by which the Prophets, who submitted themselves to Allâh's Will, judged the Jews. And the rabbis and the priests [too judged the Jews by the Taurât (Torah) after those Prophets] for to them was entrusted the protection of Allâh's Book, and they were witnesses thereto. Therefore fear not men but fear Me (O Jews) and sell not My Verses for a miserable price. And whosoever does not judge by what Allâh has revealed, such are the Kâfirûn (i.e. disbelievers - of a lesser degree as they do not act on Allâh's Laws).” (Al-Ma'idah 5:44)

The religion of al-Islam enjoins to tell the word of truth and to be just regarding oneself and the others.

Allah, the Most High says,

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ لِلَّهِ شُهَدَاءَ بِالْقِسْطِ وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ شَنَا نُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰ أَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا اعْدِلُوا هُوَ أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ وَاتَّقُوا
 اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

“O you who believe! Stand out firmly for Allâh and be just witnesses and let not the enmity and hatred of others make you avoid justice. Be just: that is nearer to piety, and fear Allâh. Verily, Allâh is Well-Acquainted with what you do.” (Al-Ma'idah 5:8)

Allah, the Most High said,

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ بِالْقِسْطِ شُهَدَاءَ لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَوِ الْوَالِدِينَ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ إِنْ يَكُنْ غَنِيًّا أَوْ فَقِيرًا
 فَاللَّهُ أَوْلَىٰ بِهِمَا فَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا الْهَوَىٰ أَنْ تَعْدِلُوا وَإِنْ تَلَّوْا أَوْ تَعْرِضُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا

“O you who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allâh, even though it be against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, be he rich or poor, Allâh is a Better Protector to both (than you). So follow not the lusts (of your hearts), lest you may avoid justice, and if you distort your witness or refuse to give it, verily, Allâh is Ever WellAcquainted with what you do.” (An-Nisa 4:135)

The religion of al-Islam enjoins on every Muslim to honor the guest and the neighbor, and to be kind and good to the relatives.

The Messenger (ﷺ) has said,

مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيُكْرِمْ ضَيْفَهُ، وَمَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيَصِلْ رَحِمَهُ

“Anyone who believes in Allah and the last day should honor his guest, anyone who believes in Allah and the last day should honor his neighbours, anyone who believes in Allah and the last day should maintain the ties of kinship” - (Bukhari and Muslim from AbuHurairah 9)

And the Messenger (ﷺ) has also said,

قَاتِعٌ لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ

“The one who breaks (the ties of kinship) will not enter the Jannah” - (Bukhari and Muslim from Jubair bin mut'im 9)

The religion of al-Islam forbids all Muslims to harm their fellow Muslims.

Allah, the Most High said,

وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْذُونَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ بَغَيْرِ مَا كَتَبْنَا لَهُمْ فَعَدَا جَنَابُ اللَّهِ مَا كَتَبْنَا لَهُمْ فَعَدَا جَنَابُ اللَّهِ

“And those who annoy believing men and women undeservedly, bear on themselves the crime of slander and plain sin” (Al-Ahzab 33:58)

And the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said,

الْمُسْلِمُ مَنْ سَلِمَ الْمُسْلِمُونَ مِنْ لِسَانِهِ وَيَدِهِ

“The muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand muslims are saved” - (Bukhari and Muslim from Abdullah bin Amr bin Aas 9)

The religion of al-Islam has forbidden oppressing even the animals.

It is recorded in Bukhari and Muslim from the hadith of Abdullah bin Umar 9 that Prophet (ﷺ) said,

عُدْبَتِ امْرَأَةٌ فِي هَرَّةٍ حَبَسَتْهَا، لَأَهِيَّ أَطْعَمْتُهَا وَسَقَيْتُهَا، وَلَا هِيَّ أَرْسَلْتَهَا تَأْكُلُ مِنْ خَشَاشِ الْأَرْضِ حَتَّى مَاتَتْ جُوعًا

“A woman was punished because of a cat which she had kept locked, she did not feed it or watered nor she left it to eat from the insects around”

Islam has allowed the Muslim to carry out the marriage which is a cause for safeguarding the private parts and lowering the gaze and forbidden the fornication which is a cause for the loss of lineages, loss of fame, hardness of heart and many diseases.

Allah, the Most High has stated,

فَانكِحُوا مَا طَابَ لَكُمْ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ مَثْنَى وَثُلَاثَ وَرُبَاعَ فَإِنْ خِفْتُمْ أَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا فَوَاحِدَةً أَوْ مَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ ذَلِكَ
أَدْنَىٰ أَلَّا تَعُولُوا

“Then marry (other) women of your choice, two or three, or four but if you fear that you shall not be able to deal justly (with them), then only one or (the captives and the slaves) that your right hands possess. That is nearer to prevent you from doing injustice” (An-Nisa 4:3)

And Allah, the Most High said,

وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا الزَّانِيَةَ إِنَّهُ كَانَ فَاحِشَةً وَسَاءَ سَبِيلًا

“And come not near to the unlawful sexual intercourse. Verily, it is a Fâhishah [i.e. anything that transgresses its limits (a great sin)], and an evil way (that leads one to Hell unless Allâh forgives him)” (Al-Isra 17:32)

He, the glorified and Most High also said,

الزَّانِيَةُ وَالزَّانِي فَاجْلِدُوا كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ مِّنْهُمَا مِائَةَ جَلْدَةٍ وَلَا تَأْخُذْكُمْ بِهِمَا رَأْفَةٌ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ
الْآخِرِ وَلْيَشْهَدْ عَذَابَهُمَا طَائِفَةٌ مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

“The woman and the man guilty of illegal sexual intercourse, flog each of them with a hundred stripes. Let not pity withhold you in their case, in a punishment prescribed by Allâh, if you believe in Allâh and the Last Day. And let a party of the believers witness their punishment. (This punishment is for unmarried persons guilty of the above crime but if married persons commit it, the punishment is to stone them to death, according to Allâh's Law)” (An-Nur 24:2)

The religion of al-Islam commands to feed the poor, needy, orphans and widows. And it appreciates to be kind and helpful to them.

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said,

الساعي على الأرملة والمسكين كالمجاهد في سبيل الله . وكالصائم الذي لا يفطر وكالقانت الذي لا يفتر

“The one who strives to help widows and orphans is like a warrior in the way of Allah. And he is also like one who fasts and does not break his fast and pray with no rest” (Bukhari and Muslim from Abuhurairah **g**)

And the Messenger (ﷺ) also said,

في الجنة كهاتين اليتيم وكافل أنا

“The one who take care of an orphan and me will be like this in the paradise” he pointed with his forefinger and middle finger while saying this. - (Bukhari and Muslim from Abuhurairah **g**)

The religion of al-Islam honors the Muslims with respect to his wealth, blood and pride.

The Messenger (ﷺ) said,

إن دماءكم وأموالكم وأعراضكم حرام عليكم كحرمة يومكم هذا ، في شهركم هذا ، في بلدكم هذا

“Indeed your blood, wealth and pride are forbidden- honored- for one another like the honor of this day, this month and this land of yours” - (Bukhari and Muslim from Abubakrah **g**)

And he (ﷺ) also said,

بجسب امرئ من الشر أن يحقر أخاه المسلم ، كل المسلم على المسلم حرام ، دمه ، وماله ، وعرضه

“It is enough for one as sin to belittle his Muslim brother. Everything due to a Muslim is forbidden for all others; his blood, wealth and pride” - (Muslim from Abuhurairah **g**)

The religion of al-Islam commands all Muslims to co-operate with each other in good and forbids co-operating with anyone in bad.

Allah, the Most High said,

وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ

“Help you one another in AlBirr and AtTaqwa (virtue, righteousness and piety); but do not help one another in sin and transgression.” (Al-Ma'idah 5:2)

The Messenger (ﷺ) said,

من نفس عن مؤمن كربة من كرب الدنيا نفس الله عنه كربة من كرب يوم القيامة ، ومن يسر على معسر ، يسر الله عليه في الدنيا والآخرة ، ومن ستر مسلما ، ستره الله في الدنيا والآخرة ، والله في عون العبد ، ما كان العبد في عون أخيه

“Whosoever removes a worldly grief from a believer, Allah will remove from him one of the griefs of the Day of Judgment. Whosoever alleviates [the lot of] a needy person, Allah will alleviate [his lot] in this world and the next. Whosoever shields a Muslim, Allah will shield him in this world and the next. Allah will aid a servant [of His] so long as the servant aids his brother” - (Recorded by Muslim on the authority of Abuhurairah **g**)

And he (ﷺ) also stated,

المؤمنُ للمؤمنِ كالبنيانِ ، يشدُّ بعضُهُ بعضًا .

“A believer for another is like a building some parts of which strengthen some another” - (Bukhari and Muslim on the authority of Abu musaalAsh'ari **g**)

The religion of al-Islam has empowered the women in her childhood, youth and old age. In the childhood, parents have to take care of her and nurture. In the youth, husband has to feed her, be in love with her and to protect her as well. In the weakness of old age, her children have to be kind to her and look after her.

The religion of al-Islam advices everyone to eat from their own labor and not to beg anyone.

The Messenger (ﷺ) said,

ما أكل أحد طعاما قط خيرا من أن يأكل من عمل يده وإن نبي الله داود كان يأكل من عمل يده

“No one has eaten any food better than what they earn with the work of their own hands. Indeed, the prophet Dawud –as—used to eat from his own work.” - (Bukhari on the authority of Miqdam ibn Ma’dee yakrib 9)

And the Messenger (ﷺ) also stated,

لا يزال الرجل يسأل الناس حتى يأتي يوم القيامة وليس في وجهه مزعة لحم

“A man will keep on asking people until he comes on the day of judgment with no bit of flesh on his face!” - (Bukhari and Muslim on the authority of Ibnu ‘Umar 9)

The religion of al-Islam forbids duping, lying and betrayal in all transactions.

The Messenger (ﷺ) said,

من غشنا فليس منا

“The one who dupes us doesn’t belong to us” - (Muslim on the authority of Abuhurairah 9)

Allah, the Most High said,

وَيْلٌ لِّلْمُطَفِّفِينَ. الَّذِينَ إِذَا اكْتَالُوا عَلَى النَّاسِ يَسْتَوْفُونَ. وَإِذَا كَالُوهُمْ أَوْ وَزَنُوهُمْ يُخْسِرُونَ

“Woe to Al-Mutaffifin [those who give less in measure and weight (decrease the rights of others), Those who, when they have to receive by measure from men, demand full measure, And when they have to give by measure or weight to men, give less than due” (Al-Mutaffifin 83:1-3)

The religion of al-Islam prevents lying, breaching of covenants and cheating.

The Messenger (ﷺ) said,

ثلاثٌ : إذا حدّث كذب ، وإذا أوثمن خان ، وإذا وعد أخلف المنافق آية

“The signs of a hypocrite are three; if he speaks he lies, if he promises he breaches and if someone trusts him he will cheat” (Bukhaari)

The religion of al-Islam forbids oppression.

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said,

فإن الظلم ظلمات يوم القيامة اتقوا الظلم

“Beware of oppression and wrongdoing; indeed, oppression is darkness on the Day of Judgment The religion of al-Islam elevates no one over any other except by thaqwa- piety” (Saheeh aj-Jaami’)

Allah, the Most High said,

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ

خَبِيرٌ

“O mankind! We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know one another. Verily, the most honourable of you with Allâh is that (believer) who has At-Taqwa [i.e. one of the Muttaqûn (pious - see V.2:2). Verily, Allâh is All-Knowing, All-Aware” (Al-Hujurat 49:13)

The Messenger (ﷺ) said,

لا فضل لعربي على عجمي، ألا لا فضل لأسود على أحمر إلا بالتقوى كلكم من آدم من تراب

“There is no merit for any Arab over non-Arab or for any white over black except by Thaqwa- the piety. All of you are from Adam and Adam is from mud” - (Imam Ahmad)

The religion of al-Islam enjoins all to raise their families and children upon obedience to Allah.

Allah, the Most High said,

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غِلَاظٌ شِدَادٌ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ

مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ

“O you who believe! Ward off from yourselves and your families a Fire (Hell) whose fuel is men and stones, over which are (appointed) angels stern (and) severe, who disobey not, (from executing) the Commands they receive from Allâh, but do that which they are commanded” (At-Tahrim 66:6)

He also said,

وَأْمُرْ أَهْلَكَ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَاصْطَبِرْ عَلَيْهَا لَا نَسْأَلُكَ رِزْقًا نَحْنُ نَرْزُقُكَ وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ

“And enjoin As-Salât (the prayer) on your family, and be patient in offering them [i.e. the Salât (prayers)]. We ask not of you a provision (i.e. to give Us something: money, etc.); We provide for you. And the good end (i.e. Paradise) is for the Muttaqûn (pious - see V.2:2)” (Ta-Ha 20:132)

The religion of al-Islam enjoins on all Muslims to like for his brothers whatever he likes for himself. He should like the good and fortune for his brothers in this worldly life and in the hereafter as he likes the same for himself.

The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

لا يؤمن أحدكم حتى يحب لأخيه ما يحب لنفسه

“No one of you will become a believer until he likes for his brother whatever he likes for himself” - (Bukhari and Muslim on the authority of Anas **9**)

The religion of al-Islam commands Muslims to unite upon the Qur'an and Sunnah and forbids the divisions and disputes.

Allah, the Most High said,

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً قَالَفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ
بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا وَكُنْتُمْ عَلَى شَفَا حُفْرَةٍ مِنَ النَّارِ فَأَنْقَذَكُمْ مِنْهَا كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ

“And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allâh (i.e. this Qur'ân), and be not divided among yourselves, and remember Allâh's Favour on you, for you were enemies one to another but He joined your hearts together, so that, by His Grace, you became brethren (in Islâmic Faith), and you were on the brink of a pit of Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus Allâh makes His Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.,) clear to you, that you may be guided” (Aali Imran 3:103)

Allah, the Most High also said,

شَرَعَ لَكُمْ مِنَ الدِّينِ مَا وَصَّى بِهِ نُوحًا وَالَّذِي أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ وَمَا وَصَّيْنَا بِهِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَى وَعِيسَى أَنْ أَقِيمُوا الدِّينَ
وَلَا تَتَفَرَّقُوا فِيهِ كَبُرَ عَلَى الْمُشْرِكِينَ مَا تَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَيْهِ اللَّهُ يَجْتَبِي إِلَيْهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَهْدِي إِلَيْهِ مَنْ يُنِيبُ

“He (Allâh) has ordained for you the same religion (Islâm) which He ordained for Nûh (Noah), and that which We have inspired in you (O Muhammad SALLALAAHU 'ALAIHI WASALLAM), and that which We ordained for Ibrahîm (Abraham), Mûsa (Moses) and 'Iesa (Jesus) saying you should establish religion (i.e. to do what it orders you to do practically), and make no divisions in it (religion) (i.e. various sects in religion). Intolerable for the Mushrikûn, is that to which you (O Muhammad SAW) call them. Allâh chooses for Himself whom He wills, and guides unto Himself who turns to Him in repentance and in obedience” (Ash-Shura 42:13)

Allah also said,

وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا فَتَفْشَلُوا وَتَذْهَبَ رِيحُكُمْ وَاصْبِرُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ

“And obey Allâh and His Messenger, and do not dispute (with one another) lest you lose courage and your strength depart, and be patient. Surely, Allâh is with those who are As-Sâbirin (the patient ones, etc.)” (Al-Anfal 8:46)

The religion of al-Islam has forbidden all the things that are harmful to man from foods and drinks.

Allah, the Most High said

يُحِلُّ لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَبَائِثَ

“He allows them as lawful At-Taiyibât [(i.e. all good and lawful) as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons, foods, etc.], and prohibits them as unlawful Al-Khabâ'ith (i.e. all evil and unlawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons, foods, etc.),” (Al-A'raf 7:157)

The prophet (ﷺ) said,

لا ضرر ولا ضرار

“There should be neither harming nor reciprocating harm.” -

The religion of al-Islam has got many distinguishing characteristics and outstanding qualities that no other religion has. So it is binding upon all to embrace this religion, to be steadfast on it and to disown all other religions which contradict with this true religion.

Allah, the Most High said,

أَفَعَبِّرْ دِينَ اللَّهِ يَبْتَغُونَ وَلَهُ أَسْلَمَ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ طَوْعًا وَكَرْهًا وَإِلَيْهِ يُرْجَعُونَ

“Do they seek other than the religion of Allâh (the true Islâmic Monotheism worshipping none but Allâh Alone), while to Him submitted all creatures in the heavens and the earth, willingly or unwillingly. And to Him shall they all be returned” (Aali Imran 3:83)

Allah, the Most High also said,

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

“And whoever seeks a religion other than Islâm, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers” (Aali Imran 3:85)