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PREFACE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الحمد لله رب العالمين، والصلاة والسلام على سيدنا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين

Muslims around the Globe can broadly be divided into different categories. They are identified in this book by their characteristics. It is an interesting book that will help Muslims to come back to the right path of Islam.



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TRUE MUSLIMS

Their believe in Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) and this cosmos is as per truthful Islamic teachings and practices. They are the people of Iman and Ihsan. They focus their attention on Allah's Being (وجود الہی). They consider all the things in the Cosmos to be appropriate at their places and recognize the differences in their ranks in behavioral interactions. They keep the facts of the things in mind and deal with them as per their exigencies. They understand the difference between the Divinity of Allah's Unity and servant-hood of people. They visualize Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) as per the Hadith of Ihsan. Servant-hood is their crown. They lead their lives in simplicity, away from materialistic desires.

Among true Muslims, truthful Sahih-ul-Aqeedah Sufi Shuyookh of Ihsan (**not Sufi Babas who cheat people**) are more pious and knowledgeable. They help in purification of hearts of the people (tazkia nafs), correct people's notions, educate them in inner values and significance of Islam and draw people's attention towards Divine signs and secrets in the cosmos.

They follow Prophet Mohammad's (صلی اللہ علیہ و آلہ وسلم) foot steps in propagation of Islamic teachings and purification of people's hearts. Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) has described them as His friends (اولیاء اللہ). It is difficult to identify them among masses. If we find them, we should try to associate with them and learn Islamic teachings and practices in their company.

It is in Quran - يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ [O' you who believe, Be afraid of Allah and be with those who are truthful (Muslims).] (**At-Tauba - 119**).

It is in Quran - وَمَنْ يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ فَأُولَئِكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّالِحِينَ وَحَسُنَ أُولَئِكَ رَفِيقًا [And whosoever obeys Allah and the Apostle (صلی اللہ علیہ و آلہ وسلم), then they will be in the company of those on whom Allah has bestowed His Grace; like Prophets, the Siddiqun, the martyrs, and the righteous. And how excellent these companions are.] (**An-Nisa - 69**).

True Muslims respect their parents (Rabbiyan-e-Saghira) as per Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) commandments. They believe that the ranks of their Muslim parents are greater than themselves in the eyes of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) which demands their attention and service towards them particularly when they are old. They give respect to their teachers. They never mention the word 'equality' with their teachers. They think that what they are today is the result and efforts of their parents and teachers.

True Muslims also respect prominent Sufi Shuyookh of Ihsan, Sahabah, Imams, Awliya Allah because of their high status given to them by Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ), and His Apostle (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم). True Muslims look at them as their heroes, icons and role models in life.

It is in Quran - أَلَا إِنَّ أَوْلِيَاءَ اللَّهِ لَا خَوْفَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ - الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَكَانُوا يَتَّقُونَ - لَهُمْ - ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ [Behold the friends of Allah ! On them shall come no fear, nor shall they grieve. These are they, who have believed in Allah and are mindful of (close to) Him and (have consequently abstained from everything evil). To them tidings come (from Allah) of a happy life both in this world and in Hereafter. The word of Allah is never revoked. This in itself is a great felicity" (Yunus - 62-64).

It is in Hadith - "Whoever takes a **Wali of Mine** an enemy, I will wage war on him; and My slave will not perform any act with which he draws closer to Me, more beloved to Me than when he fulfills what I have ordained on him; and My salve will keep drawing closer to Me by performing the Nawafil (voluntary acts of worship) until I love him, and when I love him, I will be his hearing with which he hears, his sight with which he sees, his hands with which he strikes, and his legs with which he walks; and if he asks Me, I will give him; and if he seeks refuge with Me, I will grant him refuge" (Bukhari).

The emphasis on "**Wali of mine**" in the above Hadith shows that Awliya Allah among true Muslims chosen ones by Allah (سبحانه و تعالی).

Mohammad Rasulallah (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) is highest ranking among Prophets. This means, after Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ), the respect of Prophet Mohammed (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) is highest in the Cosmos. Quran is full of Prophet Mohammad's (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) praise. We are commanded not to call him by name, as we do to each other. We are commanded to obey his orders without asking questions. Prophet's (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) word is treated as word of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) and his obedience is treated as obedience to Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ).

It is in Quran - وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ - إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ - (Prophet Mohammad ﷺ) does not say anything with his self desire, except that this is the revelation which is coming to him (from Allah).] (An-Najm - 3-4).

True Muslims never compare common people with Prophets, particularly with the Prophet of Islam (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم). They never compare themselves with Sahabah and with legendary Shuyookh of Ihsan. They always seek Allah's (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) forgiveness for their known and unknown shortcomings.

SECULAR MUSLIMS

Secular Muslims do not care much about religious laws. They make fun of religious people and always try to pick and portray their human shortcomings to malign them in society. They always try to find a bizarre logic behind Islamic laws. They interpret Islamic laws as per their whims and fancies.

If they are told that freedom of unlawful intimation among men and women is contrary to Islamic values as it leads to adultery in human society; they say that stoppage of adultery is actually meant to prevent trouble in society. If men and women have consensual sexual relations and use protective contraceptives to avoid pregnancies and dreaded infections like HIV, there is nothing wrong in dating multiple partners and having sex with them as a routine. For them institution of marriage does not mean anything. They do not mind living with Muslim or non-Muslim partners and enjoy sexual relations with them and sometimes bear children with them without any formal matrimonial obligations. They say, men and women have their own minds and if they chose to have sex outside formal marriage with other partners, there is no harm.

If they are told that co-education in schools and colleges, free movement of boys and girls as boy friends / girl friends produces harmful effects on the minds of the youth and unwanted / illegitimate pregnancies, they raise hue and cry, seek media support and generate public opinion against it. They say that such suggestions are against the interests of Muslims' development in the world. They are eager to adopt liberal western values in the name of modernity.

They do not regard Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) as the chief law maker. They make laws as per their convenience and do not bother if their laws are in direct conflict with laws of religion.

Many Islamic Governments in the world call themselves secular and feel pride in it. Our men in power should take care that secularism teaches tolerance among various religions. This is good. But secularism should not be allowed to tress pass its limits to support degradation of human values in the name of modernity.

If someone talks of religious consequence of an unlawful / unhealthy / immoral practice in public in the name of consensual sex, the secular Muslims regard him as fundamentalist and extremist. They follow the foot steps of advanced nations and feel pride in men and women dating and living in live-in relationships. For them religion is simply an I-card.

Secular Muslims are very serious about raising the standard of living of Muslims all over the world. If atrocities are committed on Muslims in any part of the world, they raise their voices against the oppressors. If there is a riot against a Muslim population, or a natural calamity befalls on a Muslim country, they work actively to help the needy, collect money for rehabilitation work and support the affected people. They do charitable work and try to uplift Muslim community economically.

LIBERAL MUSLIMS

Liberal Muslims are not afraid of Allah's (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) punishment. They do not regard religious laws as mandatory. They will make certain rules in their own lives based on certain philosophies.

They will adopt anything which is beneficial for them economically. They take advantage of secular/liberal Governmental laws of their countries. If religious laws create road blocks, they go to the country's court for registered marriages with people from other religions.

Many Muslim political leaders, public figures, movie/TV actors, celebrities, businessmen and economically affluent class generally fall under this category.

They question religious laws and blame religious people for all the ills in Muslim society. They keep religion out of day to day life.

Generally, they don't go to mosques to avoid being branded as religious Muslims. Sometimes they go to mosques and pray along with Muslims.

To maintain close relationships with their non-Muslim friends, they visit temples, churches, gurdwaras and carry out worship as per the norms of these religious places and feel proud of their actions. They happily marry their daughters and sons with Non-Muslims. They do not mind their children to have live-in relationships with men and women of different faiths and denominations. They say civilization is different and religion is different.

SECTARIAN MUSLIMS

Some Sectarian Muslims emphasize affection for the members of Prophet Mohammad's (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) family which is a common issue for all Muslims. Their different groups are centered around the mourning of the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (رضي الله تعالى عنه), the grandson of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم). Forefront of this group are Shias.

They create division among the companions of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم). They dispute and deny certain Ahadiths of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) though these are mentioned in authentic books of Hadiths.

They continue with the practice of 'contract marriages for a specified period' known as 'Muta' and Misyar which is banned in Islam.

They regard certain Sahabah and some Imams as good but carry on with their foul mouth-ness towards other Sahabah and Imams.

They claim that the family of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) did not get the authority to rule which was their due right and that is the reason they made their separate groups.

There are some Muslims among Ahle Sunnah who are busy in certain rituals without knowing why they are involved in it. They celebrate 'Urs' of their Shaikhs, arrange 'Sama' gatherings, make people 'mureed' (pupils), but they do not follow the 'taqwa' of their Shuyookh. They have not undergone the training for purification of their hearts. They are arrogant in their dealings with the people who come to them with problems. Instead of solving their problems, they take advantage of the innocent hapless Muslims. Since morning till evening they are in the look out for money, gifts and donations from people. They think that only rituals are sufficient for their salvation and salvation of their followers. They dress like their Shuyookh and demand people give them respect like that of their Shuyookh during Sama gatherings in nights, but during the day they involve in all kinds of shameful activities. They are like shells without the nuts. **They are a major cause of embarrassment for truthful Muslims.**

SECTARIAN MISSIONARY MUSLIMS

There are many groups of Sectarian Missionary Muslims in the world. Some of them share common ideology. Some of them are extreme, determined and militant in their resolve. Together they are formidable, organized, affluent and influential.

The followers of these groups spend their lifetimes in propagation of their sect's beliefs. Forefront of this group are Salafis, Deobandis, and their likeminded subgroups. They target young Muslims with the slogan of Kalima, Salah and Islamic deeds. Innocent young men and women get overwhelmed with their outward religious appearance and agree to learn Islam from them. Initially they teach simple Islamic rules, but gradually they shift their focus to the principles of their sects' faith in such a way that the innocent soul gradually gets convinced. Since young people are not fully aware of the rules of their religion, they become soft targets of these groups. Young people cannot understand the tricky misinterpretations of Quran and Hadith. Once a youth is baptized, it is very rare that he will ever be able to understand the facts of his religion.

They ask people to come to their mosques and special gatherings. In these gatherings they win over the confidence of young people by their oratory skills. Later they take these young people to their regional, national and international Centers for baptizing. They teach Da'wa skills to young people in order to spread their net deep into villages and towns. They carry out campaigns at all levels; radio, television, internet, social media, mass meetings, schools and colleges. Their hi-tech data banks are efficiently networked throughout the world which are full of answers to the questions posed by various people. Their answers are based on misinterpretation of Quranic verses and Ahadith.

They reject many Ahadiths as fabricated (Maudhu), if these are in conflict with their faith. Backed by massive financial and organizational support they have infiltrated into cities, villages and rural areas throughout the world. Their victims are poor Muslims whose beliefs are changed in the guise of financial assistance. Almost all Madrasas are run by their support throughout the world.

Sectarian Missionary Muslims claim they are virtuous and do not need any teacher to help them to lead on the right path. In essence they rebel against the Prophet's (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) authority in religion (though they do not say it openly) and treat him on par with common sinful human beings.

They should understand that though Prophets are human beings, but they are the highest ranking human beings in Allah's (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) court.

Insulting elders, high ranking responsible person and down grading their status, is treated as crime in every nation which is punishable by penal laws. In the same way, insulting prophets by equating them with sinful human beings is an unpardonable religious crime which is punishable by Islamic Sharia. If you commit a crime, you cannot get away with it. If not in this world, you will sure be punished in Hereafter. What may happen to these people in the court of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) on the Day of Judgment is anybody's guess.

The root cause of deviation of Sectarian Missionary Muslims from the right path is their rejection of the requirement of Imams and religious advisers / teachers. How can anyone understand the heavenly word of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) (the Holy Quran) and the traditions of His Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) (Ahadith) without expert guide and support.

Cleansing and purification of hearts is important to understand these subjects. Religious teachers are like anklets of the chain of love which join us with Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) emotionally in an eternal bond. Their verbal claim of love of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) does not hide the disrespectful beliefs they have about the Prophet of Islam (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم).

Their rebellious attitude keeps them away from reformation of their attributes (tazkia nafs) which is a basic requirement. Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) declared that the struggle for purification of hearts (tazkia nafs) is a supreme war (Jihad-e-Akbar) and took special care of his companions in this regard. The world saw the results. Each of His companions became a solid rock and they collectively changed the map of the world.

It is important that we learn religion from Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم), his companions, then from Imams of Jurisprudential schools, then from people who are prominent Shuyookh of Ihsan and skilled Tazkia Nafs doctors in our times. In their company, we learn the skills to distinguish between right and wrong.

So much Da'wa has been done in the name of Islam by these Sects/groups. So many of their groups are working actively around the Globe. Membership of their sects is swelling by the day. After all these decades and centuries' organized propagation and after so many people coming under their fold, what has been achieved?

If their sects' believes were truthful, then where are the results? Where is Allah's (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) support? Why are they falling down and being humiliated in the World? Why are

they treated as protégé of big powers? Why they are killed mercilessly around the globe in the name of terrorism? Why their countries are falling apart one by one into anarchy?

It is in Quran - وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ الرَّسُولَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ الْهُدَىٰ وَيَتَّبِعْ غَيْرَ سَبِيلِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ نُوَلِّهِ مَا تَوَلَّىٰ وَنُصَلِّهِ جَهَنَّمَ وَسَاءَتْ مَصِيرًا [And when someone opposes the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) when the truth had been unfolded to him and walks on a path different from Muslims, then We (Allah) will leave him on that path which he has chosen for himself and he will be put in Hell, which indeed is a place of torment.] **(An-Nisa - 115).**

They should search their conscience. They will realize that what they have earned is the Wrath of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) and His Apostle (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم).

What is needed is an urgent change of attitude. They should accept the folly of their past deeds and turn towards Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) and ask for His forgiveness for their high handedness. Then see, how the help of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) comes and change the status of Muslims in this world and in Hereafter.

It is in Quran - وَهُوَ الْغَفُورُ الْوَدُودُ - ذُو الْعَرْشِ الْمَجِيدُ - فَعَالٌ لِّمَا يُرِيدُ [And He (Allah) alone is truly forgiving, all embracing in His love, in sublime Almightyness enthroned, a Sovereign doer of whatever He wills.] **(Al-Buruj - 14-16).**