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Interfaith Deceit

"You are the best community which has been raised up for the guidance of mankind; you enjoin what is right (mar'oof), and forbid what is wrong (Munkar) and believe in Allah. Had these people of the Book also believed, it would have surely been better for them." TMQ 3:110

Today there exist Muslim imams, scholars and leaders meeting and joining with non-Muslims in what they refer to as "interfaith meetings," and other forms of kufr associations. What do they discuss in these meetings? If it is other than what Allah (swt) has directed Muslims to convey, then it is of no avail. It is not to say that Muslims should not talk to non-Muslims, in fact it is a duty that Muslims engage the non-Muslims. What we are saying is that if Muslims are going to discuss matters of religion or social relations, then the matter becomes the duty to convey the Message of Islam. It is a serious responsibility on Muslims when they meet with non-Muslims as to what is said between them. If Muslims fail to deliver the message, the consequences are quite severe. Prophet Muhammad (saw) said,

"By the One in whose Hand lies my soul, you must order the mar'oof, and forbid the munkar, or Allah will be about to send a punishment, then you will supplicate to Him, and you will not be answered." Reported by Tirmidhi

Allah (swt) also tells the Muslims not to listen to the disbelievers in certain matters.

"And beware of them lest they deviate you from any of that (teaching) which Allah has sent down to you." TMQ 5:52

This is a warning to Muslims not to listen to the behest of disbelievers

wherein Muslims take compromising positions on matters that are un-Islamic, or taking on Western thoughts and ideas while thinking they can promote Islam. Allah tells us that in the Qur'an is a Message for all.

The Interfaith Idea

Say: "O People of the Book! come to common terms as between us and you: That we worship none but Allah; that we associate no partners with him; that we erect not, from among ourselves, Lords and patrons other than Allah." If then they turn back, say ye:



"Bear witness that we (at least) are Muslims (bowing to Allah's Will). TMQ 3:64

Just what is the meaning of 'interfaith?' It means to exchange, to come to a mutual agreement with one another,

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O You Who Believe

"O you who believe! What is the matter with you that when you are asked to go forth in the Cause of Allah, you cling heavily to the earth? Do you prefer the life of this world to the hereafter? But little is the comfort of this life, as compared with the Hereafter." TMQ 9:38

Allah demands that we be sincere believers in Islam. That we believe in all of the tenets and principles of Islam. Moreover, after belief, we are judged upon our actions in Islam. We cannot give mere "lip service," and expect to enter Jannah, for our actions must be consistent with our beliefs. As brothers and sisters, we must encourage one another to strive to be more than mere Muslims who have submitted to Islam, but believers in what we have claimed to believe. Only true believers will respond to the Call of Allah with action.

"Do men think that they will be left alone on saying, "We believe", and not be tested?" TMQ 29:2.

The major test that we have in America is to stand up and speak the truth in a politically corrupt climate that pressures us to remain silent in the face of Kufr (where institutions allow and promote Haraam while physically attacking the Muslim lands). Nevertheless, we have an obligation to carry the da'wah -as the prophet (saw) did, and struggle with the Kufr concepts by

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