

A Generation of *D'āwah* and *Jihād*:

A Generation of *D'āwah* (propagation of Islām) and *Jihād*, as the Companions of the Prophet (ﷺ), *Muhājirūn* (Emigrants) and *Anṣār* (Supporters) were. They derive their light from the Companions, and they tread in their steps. They fight against their whims for Allāh's sake as well as against Allāh's enemy and theirs. They engage in both fights simultaneously. They are in a continuous battle against their inner enemies - the evil soul and Satan- and the outer one - the real enemy of Islām. They are in a constant struggle against the doers of inequity inside and the disbelievers outside. They do not lay arms aside, nor rest after a battle until there is no more persecution and all religion belongs Allāh.

The spacious earth of Allāh (ﷻ) is their battlefield, and the Muslim states their homeland. You may see an Arab fighting the red communist invasion in Afghanistan and some Pakistani fighting the black Jewish plague in Palestine or in Lebanon. Infidelity is but one denomination:

﴿ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ ﴾ (الأنفال - الآية : ٧٣)

«The unbelievers are allies of one another.» (Qur'ān 8: 73)

﴿ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتُ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ ﴾ (التوبة - الآية : ٧١)

«The believers, men and women, are *Awliyā'* [protectors, friends, supporters] of one another.» (Qur'ān 9:71)

They fight in Allāh's cause in every battle and with all weapons available and, if necessary with money, if *Jihād* needs it. Nevertheless, *Jihād* needs funds badly!

"He who prepares a *Ghāzī* (Muslim fighter) going in Allah's Cause is (given a reward equal to that of) the *Ghāzī*." (Ḥadīth)

﴿ انْفِرُوا خِفَافًا وَثِقَالًا وَجَاهِدُوا بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنْفُسِكُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ﴾

(التوبة - الآية : ٤١)

«And strive hard with your wealth and your lives in the Cause of Allāh.» (Qur'ān 9:41)

Jihād may be also with the tongue - if it is necessary - that is, spelling out the word of truth, audible or visual - before unjust men. If they cannot fight with arms, surely they can do it with the Qur'ān, which is the great *Jihād* as so named by Allāh (ﷻ):

﴿ فَلَا تُطِعِ الْكَافِرِينَ وَجَاهِدْهُمْ بِهِ جِهَادًا كَبِيرًا ﴾ (الفرقان - الآية - ٥٢)

«Therefore, obey not the unbelievers, but strive against them with the utmost striving, "with the Qur'an."» (Qur'ān 25: 52)

Their religion is so precious to them that their worldly life has become despicable. Their tenet is so valuable that their lives and properties have become valueless, or as the proverb goes: (He, who proposes to the beautiful girl, shall not withhold her due dowry.)

Allāh (ﷻ) has made a deal with the believers, and they have accepted it with no regrets. What a profitable deal! Allāh (ﷻ) bought the souls He (ﷻ) had created, and the properties He (ﷻ) had provided. Then He (ﷻ) said: Here is the price, a garden broader than the heaven and earth! Truthful are the words of Allāh (ﷻ) when He (ﷻ) says: