

Gradation in conveying Islam

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Question:

Has the gradual communication of the Islamic legislation ended by the completion of delivering the Message? Is it permissible for a Da`ee (caller to Islam) to tell a new Muslim about the commands and the prohibitions of Islam gradually, so that they are not shocked?

Answer:

It is permissible to convey the Message of Islam to others gradually, acting upon the Hadeeth of Mu`adh when he was sent by the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)¹ to Yemen. The Six Hadeeth Compilers (Al-Bukhaaree, Muslim, Aboo Daawood, Al-Tirmidhee, Al-Nisaa'ee, and Ibn Maajah) reported from Ibn `Abbas (رضي الله عنهما)² that the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) told Mu`adh ibn Jabal when he sent him to Yemen: **You are going to people of a (Divine) Book. So when you come to them call them to testify that there is no god worthy of worship but Allaah alone and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah. If they obey you in that, inform them that Allaah has enjoined on them five Salaahs (to be offered) in every day and night. If they obey you in that, inform them that Allaah has enjoined on them Sadaqah (obligatory charity) to be taken from the rich among them and given to the poor among them. If they obey you in that, beware (not to take as obligatory charity) their precious property! And fear the supplication of a wronged person, for there is no barrier between them and Allaah.**

As for Islamic legislation, it has come to an end by the death of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), as Allaah (Exalted be He) says: **This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islaam as your religion.**

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¹ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

² (رضي الله عنهما) (rad iyallaahu 'anhumaa) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with them both

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