

**Opposing enemies among Jews, Mushriks,
and other non-Muslims**

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

All praise be to Allaah. Peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allaah, his family, his Companions, and those who follow his guidance. Some local newspapers published a declaration of a person speaking about the situation in the Middle East after the Israeli aggression against the Arabs in which he said, "We entertain no hostility towards the Jews and Judaism. We respect all divinely inspired faiths."

Since this declaration about the Jews and Judaism is contrary to the Evident Text of the Noble Book (Qur'aan) and the Purified Sunnah (whatever is reported from the Prophet). It also disagrees with the Islaamic `Aqeedah (creed). It is a declaration that can create confusion among some people. I thought it is necessary to warn people against the false statement included in it out of obedience to Allaah and sincerity to His Servants. I say that it is evident in the Book, Sunnah, and all Muslim Scholars that Muslims should disapprove the disbelief of the unbelievers such as the Jews, the Christians, and all other Mushriks. They should beware of loving them or taking them friends. Allaah the Glorified, in His manifest Book, to which no falsehood can come, informs us that the Jews and Mushriks are the most aggressive enemies of the believers.

Allaah (*Glorified be He*) says:

[O you who believe! Take not My enemies and your enemies (i.e. disbelievers and polytheists) as friends, showing affection towards them, while they have disbelieved in what has come to you of the truth (i.e. Islaamic Monotheism, this Qur'aan, and Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him))]

Until the Ayah,

[Indeed there has been an excellent example for you in Ibraaheem (Abraham) and those with him, when they said to their people: "Verily, we are free from you and whatever you worship besides Allaah: we have rejected you, and there has started between us and you hostility and hatred for ever until you believe in Allaah Alone"]]

Allaah (*Glorified be He*) also says:

[O you who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians as Auliya' (friends, protectors, helpers), they are but Auliya' of each other. And if any amongst you takes them (as

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Auliyyaa'), then surely he is one of them. Verily, Allaah guides not those people who are the Zaalimoon (polytheists and wrong-doers and unjust).]

Allaah (Glorified be He) also says:

[O you who believe! Take not as Auliyyaa' (supporters and helpers) your fathers and your brothers if they prefer disbelief to Belief. And whoever of you does so, then he is one of the Zaalimoon (wrong-doers).

Allaah (Glorified be He) also says with regard to the Jews :

[You see many of them taking the disbelievers as their Auliyyaa' (protectors and helpers). Evil indeed is that which their own selves have sent forward before them; for that (reason) Allaah's Wrath fell upon them, and in torment they will abide. And had they believed in Allaah, and in the Prophet (Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him)) and in what has been revealed to him, never would they have taken them (the disbelievers) as Auliyyaa' (protectors and helpers); but many of them are the Faasiqoon (rebellious, disobedient to Allaah). Verily, you will find the strongest among men in enmity to the believers (Muslims) the Jews and those who are Al-Mushrikoon]

Allaah (Glorified be He) also says:

[You (O Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him)) will not find any people who believe in Allaah and the Last Day, making friendship with those who oppose Allaah and His Messenger (Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him)), even though they were their fathers or their sons or their brothers or their kindred (people).]

There are many Ayahs comprising such meaning. They obviously indicate the obligatory aversion to the non-Muslims including the Jews, Christians and all other Mushriks. The Muslims should oppose them until they believe in Allaah Alone. They indicate the prohibition of befriending and supporting them, i.e. we should have enmity towards them and beware of their schemes. This is certainly because of their disbelief in Allaah, their opposition to His way, their enmity to His Servants, and their plot against Islaam and its people.

Allaah the Exalted states,

[O you who believe! Take not as (your) Bitaanah (advisors, consultants, protectors, helpers, friends) those outside your religion (pagans, Jews, Christians, and hypocrites) since they will not fail to do their best to corrupt you. They desire to harm you severely. Hatred has already appeared from their mouths, but what their breasts conceal is far worse. Indeed We have made plain to you the Aayaat (proofs, evidence, verses) if you understand. Lo! You are the ones who love them but they love you not, and you believe in

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all the Scriptures [i.e. you believe in the Tauraat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel), while they disbelieve in your Book, the Qur'aan]. And when they meet you, they say, "We believe." But when they are alone, they bite the tips of their fingers at you in rage. Say: "Perish in your rage. Certainly, Allaah knows what is in the breasts (all the secrets)." If a good befalls you, it grieves them, but if some evil overtakes you, they rejoice at it. But if you remain patient and become Al-Muttaqoon, not the least harm will their cunning do to you. Surely, Allaah surrounds all that they do.]

These Noble Ayahs exhort the believers to detest the disbelievers and oppose them in the Cause of Allaah, the Glorified, in many aspects. They also warn against taking them as advisors and clarify that the disbelievers save no effort to commit evil acts against us. This is the meaning of the Ayah in which Allaah the Exalted states, [...since they will not fail to do their best to corrupt you.] The word "Khabal" means corruption and destruction. Allaah, the Glorified, manifests that they wish us "'Anat" i.e. "distress." Allaah also clarifies that aversion is the exact translation of the words running on their tongues for anyone who thinks deeply and understands their speech. They have for us in their hearts more than envy and hatred and what they conceal of bad intentions is worse than that which they display. Allaah (*the Glorified and Exalted*) mentions that those disbelievers may falsely pretend to be Muslims to attain their malicious targets, but when they are alone with their devils (Satans, polytheists, hypocrites, etc.), they bite the tips of their fingers in rage. Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*) mentions that the good deeds that we get from honour, solidarity, triumph over enemies etc., cause them harm. Conversely, every distress that afflicts us such as defeat, disease, and the like brings them great pleasure. This is only because of their extreme enmity and aversion to us and our faith.

The attitudes of the Jews against Islaam, the Messenger of Islaam, and Muslim people form the evidence for what these Noble Ayahs indicate concerning their extreme aversion to Muslims. The actions of the Jews of our time, during the time of Prophethood, and during the age in-between bear witness to all this. Moreover, the actions of the Christians and others including all non-Muslims in respect to plotting against Islaam, fighting its people, exerting continuous efforts to create doubts about Islaam, drive people away from it and fill its followers with confusion, and spending vast amounts of money on evangelisers and preachers of Christianity are all comprising the same meaning indicated by these Noble Ayahs which is the obligation of detesting all non-Muslims and being cautious about them, their schemes, and beware of taking them as entourage.

The Muslims must be on guard of such matters; they should oppose and detest whomever Allaah commands us to oppose and detest them including the Jews, the Christians, and all other non-Muslims until they believe in Allaah Alone and abide by His laws, which He sent down to His Prophet Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*). Thus, they (Muslims) will be following the faith of their father Ibrahim and their Prophet Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) which

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Allaah clarified in the previous Ayah. In this Ayah Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*) says, Indeed there has been an excellent example for you in Ibraaheem (Abraham) and those with him, when they said to their people:

["Verily, we are free from you and whatever you worship besides Allaah: we have rejected you, and there has started between us and you hostility and hatred for ever until you believe in Allaah Alone"]

Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*) also says:

[And (remember) when Ibraaheem (Abraham) said to his father and his people: "Verily, I am innocent of what you worship, "Except Him (i.e. I worship none but Allaah Alone) Who did create me; and verily He will guide me."]

Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*) also says:

[O you who believe! Take not as Auliya' (protectors and helpers) those who take your religion as a mockery and fun from among those who received the Scripture (Jews and Christians) before you, and nor from among the disbelievers; and fear Allaah if you indeed are true believers.]

There are many Ayahs comprising this meaning.

Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*) also says:

[Verily, you will find the strongest among men in enmity to the believers (Muslims) the Jews and those who are Al-Mushrikoon.]

This Ayah is a manifest indication that all non-Muslims are enemies of the believers in Allaah, the Glorified, and His Messenger Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*). Yet, the Jews and Mushriks who worship idols are the most hostile to the believers. In this Ayah, Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*) urges the believers to oppose non-Muslims and Mushriks in general, and the Jews and Mushriks in particular in return for their extreme hostility to us. This is why we must be aware of their plots and enmity.

However, when Allaah, the Glorified, commands the believers to oppose the disbelievers, He at the same time enjoins justice on Muslims concerning their enemies.

Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*) states,

[O you who believe! Stand out firmly for Allaah as just witnesses; and let not the enmity and hatred of others make you avoid justice. Be just: that is nearer to piety.]

Thus Allaah, the Glorified, commanded the believers to establish justice with all their enemies and forbade them from being unjust to others out of their hatred for them. Allaah

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(*Glorified and Exalted be He*) declared that being just with enemies and adversaries as well enables us to be nearer to piety. This means that establishing justice with all people whether friends or enemies protects us from the wrath of Allaah and His punishment.

Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*) states,

[Verily, Allaah enjoins Al-'Adl (i.e. justice and worshipping none but Allaah Alone - Islaamic Monotheism) and Al-Ihsaan [i.e. to be patient in performing your duties to Allaah, totally for Allaah's sake and in accordance with the Sunnah (legal ways) of the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) in a perfect manner], and giving (help) to kith and kin (i.e. all that Allaah has ordered you to give them e.g., wealth, visiting, looking after them, or any other kind of help), and forbids Al-Faahisha' (i.e. all evil deeds, e.g. Illegal sexual acts, disobedience of parents, polytheism, to tell lies, to give false witness, to kill a life without right), and Al-Munkar (i.e. all that is prohibited by Islaamic law: polytheism of every kind, disbelief and every kind of evil deeds), and Al-Baghy (i.e. all kinds of oppression). He admonishes you, that you may take heed.]

This Noble Ayah is one of the most conclusive Ayahs that enjoin all good deeds and prohibit all evil deeds. It is narrated that the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) sent `Abdullah ibn Rawahah Al-Ansaaree to Khaybar to calculate the share of land-rent due on the Jews concerning the fruits of the palm trees. At that time, the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) had a deal with them to let them have half the fruits of the palm trees and the harvest in return for maintaining the palm trees and the land. `Abdullah calculated the amount due on the fruits of the palm trees, then the Jews alleged that such price was unjust. So `Abdullah (*may Allaah be pleased with them*) told them, "By Him in Whose Hands my soul is! My hatred for you is much more than my hatred for your monkeys and pigs. Yet, my hatred for you and my love for the Messenger of Allaah (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) will never make me treat you unjustly." Therefore the Jews said, "Upon such basis (justice), Heavens and Earth were established." Thus, justice is due for a relative or a stranger and a friend or an enemy; however, this does not mean we do not detest and oppose enemies of Allaah or not to love the pious people who believe in Allaah and support them, acting according the legal evidence from the Book (Qur'aan) and Sunnah. May Allaah grant us help! In regard to the saying of the writer that we respect all divinely inspired faiths, indeed this is our duty. However, the reader should know that these beliefs have been tarnished by many distortions and changes that no one can count but Allaah, the Glorified. Allaah sent down Islaam to His Prophet and best of His creatures, our Prophet Muhammad ibn `Abdullah (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*). Allaah brought Islaam and protected it from change and modification by guarding His Noble Book and the Sunnah of His trustworthy Messenger (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*).

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Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*) states,

[Verily, We, it is We Who have sent down the Dhikr (i.e. the Qur'aan) and surely, We will guard it (from corruption).]

Allaah has guarded the Islaamic faith and defended it against the schemes of the enemies through a group of great honest scholars who protected it from the distortions made by extremists, the arrogations of swindlers, lies told by slanderers and false interpretations of the ignorant. Thus no one can ever change or modify it without being disgraced by Allaah who nullifies their plots. In regard to other faiths, Allaah, the Glorified, did not ensure His protection for them but He entrusted it to some of His Servants who could not guard them. Therefore, many changes and distortions, whose number is only known by Allaah, were introduced to them. Moreover, Allaah the Glorified and Exalted states,

[Verily, We did send down the Taurat (Torah) [to Moosa (Moses)], therein was guidance and light, by which the Prophets, who submitted themselves to Allaah's Will, judged for the Jews. And the rabbis and the priests [too judged for the Jews by the Taurat (Torah) after those Prophets], for to them was entrusted the protection of Allaah's Book, and they were witnesses thereto.]

Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*) also says:

[O Messenger (Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him))! Let not those who hurry to fall into disbelief grieve you, of such who say: "We believe" with their mouths but their hearts have no faith. And of the Jews are men who listen much and eagerly to lies - listen to others who have not come to you. They change the words from their places ...]

Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*) says:

[Then woe to those who write the Book with their own hands and then say, "This is from Allaah," to purchase with it a little price! Woe to them for what their hands have written and woe to them for that they earn thereby.]

Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*) also says:

[And verily, among them is a party who distort the Book with their tongues (as they read), so that you may think it is from the Book, but it is not from the Book, and they say: "This is from Allaah," but it is not from Allaah; and they speak a lie against Allaah while they know it.]

There are many Ayahs which carry this meaning.

As for the parts of the past divine faiths that have remained sound and intact, they were later abrogated by the revelation of the Mission given to the Messenger of Allaah (*May the*

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peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him) and the sending down of the Noble Qur'aan upon him. Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*) sent His Messenger Muhammad to all people with His Sharee'ah (Islaamic law). He abrogated all other laws. He (Allaah) made His Noble Book uppermost above other Heavenly Books.

It is obligatory for all dwellers of the earth including Jinn (creatures created from fire) and humans whether from the Jews, the Christians or other races of Banoo Adam (descendents from Prophet Adam) and all races of the Jinn to embrace the way of Allaah with which He sent the last of all Messengers to all people. They must abide by it and act according to it, because Islaam is the only true faith other than which Allaah will not accept anyone.

Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*) states,

[Truly, the religion with Allaah is Islaam. Those who were given the Scripture (Jews and Christians) did not differ except, out of mutual jealousy, after knowledge had come to them. And whoever disbelieves in the Aayaat (proofs, evidence, verses, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allaah, then surely, Allaah is Swift in calling to account. So if they dispute with you (Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*)) say: "I have submitted myself to Allaah (in Islaam), and (so have) those who follow me." And say to those who were given the Scripture (Jews and Christians) and to those who are illiterates (Arab pagans): "Do you (also) submit yourselves (to Allaah in Islaam)?" If they do, they are rightly guided; but if they turn away, your duty is only to convey the Message; and Allaah is All-Seer of (His) slaves.]

Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*) also says:

[Say (O Muslims), "We believe in Allaah and that which has been sent down to us and that which has been sent down to Ibraaheem (Abraham), Ismaaeel (Ishmael), Ishaq (Isaac), Ya'qoob (Jacob), and to Al-Asbaat [the offspring of the twelve sons of Ya'qoob (Jacob)], and that which has been given to Moosa (Moses) and 'Isaa (Jesus), and that which has been given to the Prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and to Him we have submitted (in Islaam)." So if they believe in the like of that which you believe, then they are rightly guided; but if they turn away, then they are only in opposition. So Allaah will suffice you against them. And He is the All-Hearer, the All-Knower.]

Allaah (*Glorified and Exalted be He*) also says:

[And whoever seeks a religion other than Islaam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers.]

Addressing His Prophet Muhammad (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*), Allaah, the Exalted, mentions in Soorah Al-Maa'idah after mentioning Tawrah (Torah) and Injeel (Gospel), And We have sent down to you (O Muhammad (*May the peace*

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and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him) the Book (this Qur'aan) in truth, confirming the Scripture that came before it and Muhaymin (trustworthy in highness and a witness) over it (old Scriptures). So judge among them by what Allaah has revealed, and follow not their vain desires, diverging away from the truth that has come to you. To each among you, We have prescribed a law and a clear way. If Allaah had willed, He would have made you one nation, but that (He) may test you in what He has given you; so compete in good deeds. The return of you (all) is to Allaah; then He will inform you about that in which you used to differ. And so judge (you O Muhammad *May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) among them by what Allaah has revealed and follow not their vain desires, but beware of them lest they turn you (O Muhammad *May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) far away from some of that which Allaah has sent down to you. And if they turn away, then know that Allaah's Will is to punish them for some sins of theirs. And truly, most of men are Faasiqoon (rebellious and disobedient to Allaah). Do they then seek the judgement of (the days of) Ignorance? And who is better in judgement than Allaah for a people who have firm Faith.

These Noble Ayahs comprise the manifest evidence and the decisive proof on the obligation of judging between the Jews, the Christians and all other people according to the ordinances Allaah sent down to His Prophet Muhammad *May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*. The Ayahs also indicate that one cannot have true Islaam and guidance except by following its ordinances. Whoever acts in opposition to this will be considered one of the people of Jaahiliyyah (pre-Islaamic time of ignorance). In addition, they indicate that there is no judgment better than the Judgment of Allaah. Allaah the Exalted states in Soorah Al-A`raf :

"And ordain for us good in this world, and in the Hereafter. Certainly we have turned unto You." He said: (As to) My punishment I afflict therewith whom I will and My Mercy embraces all things. That (Mercy) I shall ordain for those who are the Muttaqoon (the pious - See V.2:2), and give Zakaat; and those who believe in Our Aayaat (proofs, evidence, verses, lessons, signs and revelations, etc.); Those who follow the Messenger, the Prophet who can neither read nor write (i.e. Muhammad *May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*) whom they find written with them in the Tauraat (Torah) (Deut, xviii 15) and the Injeel (Gospel) (John xiv, 16), - he commands them for Al-Ma'roof (i.e. Islaamic Monotheism and all that Islaam has ordained); and forbids them from Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief, polytheism of all kinds, and all that Islaam has forbidden); he allows them as lawful At-Tayyibât (i.e. all good and lawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons, foods), and prohibits them as unlawful Al-Khabâ'ith (i.e. all evil and unlawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons and foods), he releases them from their heavy burdens (of Allaah's Covenant with the children of Israel), and from the fetters (bindings) that were upon them. So those who believe in him (Muhammad *May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him*), honour him, help him, and follow the light (the Qur'aan) which has been sent down with him, it is they who will be successful.

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This Noble Ayah presents decisive evidence and irrefutable proof on the universality of the mission of the Prophet (peace be upon him) to the Jews and Christians as well. It indicates that he was sent to save them some burdens and that no nation during his time or after him until the Day of Resurrection will attain success and salvation unless they believe in him, support and reinforce him, and follow the light sent down with him. Allaah (Glorified and Exalted be He) emphasizes the Prophet's great rank and points out the universality of the Message saying, Say (O Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him)): "O mankind! Verily, I am sent to you all as the Messenger of Allaah - to Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. Lâ ilâha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He). It is He Who gives life and causes death. So believe in Allâh and His Messenger (Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him)), the Prophet who can neither read nor write (i.e. Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him)), who believes in Allâh and His Words [(this Qur'ân), the Taurât (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel) and also Allâh's Word: "Be!" - and he was, i.e. 'Isâ (Jesus) son of Maryam (Mary), عليهما السلام], and follow him so that you may be guided."

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It is evident in this Ayah and the previously mentioned Ayahs to every rational person that guidance, survival and happiness are only attained by those who believe in Muhammad (peace be upon him) and follow his guidance. Whoever deviates from this path is really in discord and falsehood and is away from true guidance. However, he is considered a disbeliever and deserves to be cast in the Hellfire on the Day of Resurrection. Allaah, the Glorified, states, "but those of the sects (Jews, Christians and all the other non-Muslim nations) that reject it (the Qur'ân), the Fire will be their promised meeting-place," And We have not sent you (O Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him)) except as a giver of glad tidings and a warner to all mankind Allaah (Glorified and Exalted be He) also says: And We have sent you (O Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him)): not but as a mercy for the 'Alamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists). And Blessed be He Who sent down the criterion (of right and wrong, i.e. this Qur'ân) to His slave (Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him)) that he may be a warner to the 'Alamîn (mankind and jinn).

It is narrated in the Two Sahih (authentic) Books of Hadith (i.e. Al-Bukhari and Muslim) that Jabir ibn `Abdullah (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace be upon him) stated, I have been conferred upon five (things) which were not granted to anyone before me (and these are): I have been supported by awe (by which the enemy is overwhelmed) from the distance (which one takes) one month to cover, the earth has been

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made sacred and pure and mosque for me, so whenever the time of prayer comes for any one of you he should pray whenever he is; the spoils of war have been made lawful for me, and these were never made lawful to anyone before me; I have been granted intercession; and every Prophet was sent particularly to his own people, whereas I have been sent to all mankind. .

It is narrated that in the Sahih of Muslim that Abu Hurayrah (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace be upon him) stated, By Him in whose Hand my soul is, every Jew or Christian of this Ummah who hears about me and dies unbelieving in me will be of the inhabitants of Hellfire.

There are many Ayahs and Hadith comprising this meaning. I hope that what

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we have mentioned include evidence and proof for the readers in respect of the obligatory aversion for all non-Muslims; be they the Jews or others; obligatory hatred for them for the Sake of Allaah, prohibition of loving them or taking them as friends, and the abrogation of all Divine Revelations, except Islaam which Allaah sent down to the last of all Prophets, the leader of Messengers, and the Imam of pious people; our Prophet Muhammad ibn `Abdullah (peace be upon him) and to all other Prophets and Messengers! May Allaah grant us the honor of being among those who follow them righteously until the Day of Resurrection! Verily, He is All-Powerful above all things. The abrogation of the previous revelations does not mean that they are not be respected, or that it is permissible to belittle them. The real purpose is to remove any kind of confusion that may lead some people to think that it is permissible to follow any of them or that those who abide by them, including the Jews or others are following the true guidance. Verily, they are abrogated revelations and it is not permissible to follow any ordinance mentioned in them even if their truthfulness is verified and are void of any change and modification. How can this be while we do not know many of their texts due to the introduction of distortions made by the enemies of Allaah who conceal the truth while knowing it, tell lies against Allaah and Islaam following their own caprices. They wrote texts with their own hands and out of their imagination ascribed them falsely to Allaah. Thus, every person with a minimum knowledge and insight can easily know that it is the duty of all Mukallafs (persons meeting the conditions to be held legally accountable for their actions) from the Jinn and the human beings to embrace the way of Allaah which is Islaam and abide by it. It is not permissible for any one either to renounce this faith or embrace Judaism, Christianity or other beliefs. It is enjoined on all Mukallafs to embrace Islaam and abide by it, as Allaah revealed the Mission to His Prophet and Messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) until the Day of Resurrection. Whoever thinks that it is permissible to renounce the Shari`ah of Muhammad (peace be upon him), drawing similarity to the case of Al-Khadir when he did not abide

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[partially] by the Shari`ah of Prophet Musa, he is indeed a Kafir (disbeliever) by the consensus of all scholars. He should be asked to repent and should be shown

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the evidence (of his falsehood). If he repents, he is forgiven; otherwise he will be subject to capital punishment. This is in accordance with the previously mentioned Qur'aanic verses and Prophet's Hadith which indicate the universality of the Message of Muhammad (peace be upon him) to all mankind. We seek help from Allaah Who is Sufficient for us, and is the Best Disposer of affairs. We ask Allaah, the Glorified and Exalted, to enable us to hold fast to His way, reform the affairs of all Muslims and grant His Servants the blessing of accepting His way and renouncing whatever opposes it. Verily, Allaah has power over all things. May peace and blessings be upon His Servant and Messenger Muhammad, all other Prophets and Messengers, and all rightly guided people! Praise be to Allaah.