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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

Alhamdulillah, I structured this book on November 25, 1987 while waiting on the Brussels airport for a Pan Am flight to London. There I envisioned the agonizing state of the Ummah at that time which I portrayed in the Foreword. Unfortunately, since then the condition has gone from bad to worst.

No doubt, during this period, the number of independent Muslim states has increased to 52 but the plight of the Muslims in socio-economic-political domain has dwindled disastrously. Politically, they are being dictated every now and then through interference by the leading nations of the world in the internal affairs of each and every Muslim country. Economically, they are dominated/exploited by the dictates of IMF, World Bank and other lending agencies and developed countries of the world. Socially, the onslaught of the Western culture and its manifestations are fast penetrating deep into the Muslim societies in the name of liberalism and “open-mindedness”.

In this respect, the UN and its agencies are playing a dominant role. They all are bent upon destroying the very edifice of the Muslim culture, its life-pattern, its values and its moral background. From Jakarta to Casablanca, Muslim countries are practically more enslaved today to their Western masters than they were before winning their respective political freedom. Those who are unwilling to tow down the lines of the West are being coerced to remain as out-classed or out-casted. Iran, Sudan, Libya, Iraq have been declared as personal non grata of the world community. Just have a look

and see what a mess the Anglo-American-French-Zionist hegemony has created in the Muslim world to serve their secular ends.

* The War in Afghanistan which the brave Afghans fought and won with great sacrifice has been turned into internal skirmishes or civil war through conspiracies and interference of the forces who helped to defeat the Russian bear under the apprehension lest it may become a fundamental Muslim country. Afghanistan is fast bleeding and there is no peace in sight in near future. The possibility of establishing an Islamic state in Afghanistan has receded in the background. The enormous amount of sacrifices have apparently gone in vain.

* Pakistan, which was carved out of the sub-continent of India as a laboratory for Islam. is fast heading towards secularism. The influence of America and that of the world bodies is increasing by leaps and bounds. She has been forced and coerced to cap her nuclear program, antagonize the friendly regimes of Afghanistan, drift away from her old friends like China and Iran and give away her claim over Kashmir by agreeing in principle to accept the partition of the state or entrust it to the protectorate of UN. Under the constant interference from America, Pakistan looks like its satellite state with no gain but loses and set-backs at every front. Its economy stands ruined. Morally, it is fast becoming bankrupt. Politically, its sovereignty is dwindling at an accelerated pace and Islamically the people of Pakistan are being befooled in the name of Islam and liberalism.

* In the Middle East, the state of Israel is fast emerging as a dominant power to serve its Zionist program and act as the “policeman” of America. Palestinians have been rendered as serfdoms to Jews. They are butchered daily. Their houses are demolished. They are arrested in hundreds and thousands on

one plea or the other and send to concentration camps in deserts. They have no freedom, no human rights and leading a primitive life of nomads. Jordan has been turned into a stooge of America and Israel. The five Sheikdoms of ME are the puppets of America and eager to accept the belligerent state of Israel any moment. Egypt, another stooge of America and Israel, is harping on their tunes. Iraq is lying in shambles. Iran, Libya and Sudan have been declared as “terrorists countries” as they were not prepared to tow down the lines of America. America is determined to keep the oil of the Middle East and its flow under its total control. Israel is her agent. In that capacity, it is serving both the interests of America as well that of Zionists. This game of dominance has no justification under any cannon of justice or fairplay which America and its allies champion elsewhere in the world. Their attitude against the Muslim world will cause them to repent soon. Oppression, tyranny or high-handedness cannot last long. They should turn the pages of history and learn lesson from it. Meanwhile the Muslim world is the hot bed of Anglo-American-French- Zionists hegemonies.

* Bosnia-Herzegovina is tasting an uneasy peace under the Dayton agreement. Croatia and Serbs have not accepted its existence with open arms. Serbs have been rewarded with 49% of the Bosnian territory for their barbaric crimes on Bosnian Muslims. Europe appears restless on the existence of a Muslim state in its heart. They forced Bosnians to form a federation with Croats who are not sincere at all.. Time is not far off when again the Balkan war will reappear on the horizon. This time to partition the state of Bosnia into Croats and Serbs. Europe and America will again play the part of silent spectators. The state of Bosnia will wither away in its wake. Europe will feel free from the last vestige of Ottoman empire on the main land. Turkey is secular and is supportive

to their hegemonies in the Muslim world. Hence it is tolerable to some extent.

The Muslim Ummah is thus suffering a lot of humiliation, set-backs and ignominy as they were encountering a decade ago. The present condition is rather worst. The vested interests are playing a double game with the Muslim leadership. Those who do not prefer to follow them, they are removed from the pinnacles of power and those who prefer to become their henchmen /camp followers, they are supported to perpetuate their undemocratic and oppressive regimes to unlimited extents. Right from Indonesia to Casablanca, have a look; you will find Suharto, Mubarak, Hafiz, Hassans and many Sheikhs ruling their country illegally as usurpers for decades whereas they cannot tolerate any Faisal, Bashir, Zia, Rafsanjani or Hikmatyar anywhere. President Bush within a week of their birth directed the six Muslim states of Central Asia to follow secular Turkey as their model and not Iran or Pakistan. Now everywhere neo-communists are in power. The secular West is happy that Islam cannot make any headway in those countries for the near future. Thus the entire Muslim world, one way or the other, is at the mercy of their adversaries. What a great tragedy it is :

The cause of this tragedy is one and only one. We are not Muslim as Muslims ought to be. We claim to be Muslims, obedient to Allah and His Prophet (S), but in A'mal (action) we deny. Most of the Muslims have perhaps become the hypocrites of the first water. Then why Allah should take care of them. His commitment to Muslim is conditional. He clearly ordains,

“And fulfill your (part of the) covenant (to Allah), I shall fulfill My (part of the) the covenant (to You) and fear Me”.

(The Qur'an 2 : 40)

Let us meet our Commitment. How? This little book will tell you how to do it. The process and the program as envisaged in it were effective at the time when it was originally advocated for the Ummah to act accordingly. It will, Insha Allah, be more effective/valid today, if it is carried out with the same force and enthusiasm with which it is propounded in the following pages. The tradition of Allah (SWT) does not change with the change of time and situation. Let us change ourselves and struggle for His Deen. The rest depends on Allah. If we become true Mumin and Mumina, organize ourselves as Jama'ah and struggle for the establishment of His Deen on earth, the Batil forces will, Insha Allah, evaporate like morning dew. The entire secular world is like a house of spider and the weakest house as Allah (SWT) ordains is that of spider. It cannot stay before the will of Allah, if we become His true soldiers, the Mujahideen Fi Sabil Allah.

“Faint not nor grieve, for ye will overcome them (the Batil forces) if ye are (indeed) Mumin (believer)”

(The Qur'an 3:139)

Before I conclude, I must express my heartfelt gratitude to Br. Shamsheer Ali Baig for editing the contents of the second edition afresh, my son Javed S. Siddiqui and my nephew Anwer Adil for their valuable assistance in making this book camera ready. May Allah bless each of them immensely.

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FOREWORD

The condition of the Muslim Ummah in the existing world has always been distressing and agitating my mind. I always feel humiliated when:

- the so-called 'advanced nations' of the world treat Muslims with no respect;
- the tiny Zionist-Jewish state of Israel pounces upon its Muslim neighbor states at its will and treats its own Muslim population like slaves, cattle, and dogs;
- the Muslim nations around the world go with a beggar's bowl for arms and technical aid to those who nurture hate against them and are scared of Islam;
- the innocent blood of Muslims becomes the cheapest commodity of the world in the so-called secular state of India;
- the Muslims are treated as third grade citizens in the **Balkan states, Russia, China, Philippines and elsewhere in Europe, Asia and Africa;**
- the Muslims are tortured and persecuted by the despotic rulers and corrupt secular regimes of the so-called Muslim world.

My mental torture becomes more agonizing when I look towards my Muslim brothers and sisters and find them self-contented with their plight and decadence. My heart weeps when I see Muslims do not even visualize the position they were supposed to hold in the annals of history in comparison to what they have reduced themselves to today.

This was the state of mind when on November 21, 1987, I was sitting and waiting at Brussels airport for a flight to London. I was feeling stormed with the state of affairs of the Muslim world. My mind was analyzing the situation and trying to come out with the correct diagnosis of our ailing

Ummah. I immediately started writing and structured the contents of this article within an hour. I boarded a Pan Am plane, and reached London where I stayed for a few days with my beloved brother Prof. Ghulam Sarwar. In London, I discussed with many brothers about the fate of the Muslim Ummah. My mind was constantly working on the theme. With the grace of Allah, on return to New York, I completed this article within a few days time.

I acknowledge that the diagnosis made by me may taste bitter, but it matches the sickness which is chronic. It is for the patient who is lying on his death bed and needs strong doses for revival. He needs surgery, not a tranquilizer from our traditional ULMA, or mystic lores.

AL-HAMDULILLAH, in the following pages I have tried to draw the true picture of Muslims all over the world. What they have become against what they ought to be. How can they come out of the present quagmire of decadence? If Muslims do realize their position vis-à-vis Islam and what it demands from them and resort to the corrective measures ordained by their Creator Allah (SWT), I will feel contented that the job has been done. Whatever has been discussed in these pages is a reminder to the Muslims of America and to the Ummah at large.

May Allah save us from the ignominy which is our self-affliction and help us in building the Islamic Movement in the United States of America - the only way for Muslims to come out of their centuries old degradation.

Before concluding, I must acknowledge the valuable suggestions made by my beloved brothers Dr. Erdogan Gurman and Shamsheer A. Baig towards the improvement of this presentation. I equally feel grateful to my beloved

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INTRODUCTION

Perhaps the greatest tragedy of Muslim Ummah is their confusion and misunderstanding about Islam itself. Muslims have lost its concept and the mission for which it stands. Innumerable versions of Islam are prevalent in different nooks and corners of the Muslim World, irrespective of whether it is a predominantly Muslim country or the Muslims are a minority. In their midst the prime object for which the Messenger of Allah Subhanahu Wa Taalla (SWT) strove for the whole of his life is lost in oblivion. The Muslims are so detached from Islam and its message that their lives today stand to its contradiction.

Centuries old domination of Muslim kings/monarchs over the Muslim Ummah, hundreds of years of subjugation of the Muslim world by Western colonial powers, and the failure of the Muslims to establish Allah's Deen in its totality anywhere in this world after Khulafai Rashideen, have left the Muslims of the 20th century disenchanted about Islam. The Western civilization, its culture and permissiveness have blinded them to their faith. It has distracted them from their only mission in life, to be the true and obedient servants of Allah and invite others to the same attitude of life as DA'EE ELALLAH. The object now lies hidden either under the glittering shadow of worldly gains and comforts or lies buried under all-pervasive personal desires and caprices.

It would therefore be appropriate to remind ourselves of the position which we should have held today as the Just Nation of the world (UMMATUN WASATUN). For a better understanding of the situation, it is desirable to discuss the following aspects of the issue. It will depict the true picture of what a Muslim is today from what he ought to be, and how he can emerge out of the present quagmire with flying colors.

1. What is Islam and its mission?
2. What does Islam demand from each and every Muslim living on this earth?
3. How can the mission of Islam be fulfilled?
4. What is an ISLAMIC MOVEMENT ? What role can it play towards the fulfillment of the mission in America?
5. What is our obligation as Muslim and Muslimah and how can we accomplish it?

I will discuss the first three points in detail in order to maintain a logical sequence from the beginning to the point where the Islamic Movement starts its formation, with special reference to America. It will help the Muslims living in America and elsewhere in the Western countries to have a full grasp of the situation vis-à-vis their great responsibility of bringing the guidance to mankind in the present context of the world.

CHAPTER 1

WHAT IS ISLAM ?

Our way of life (Deen) is Islam.

"Lo! Religion (Deen) with Allah is Al-Islam" (The Submission to God).

(The Qur'an 3:19)

Islam means obedience and surrender to the Creator, Allah Subhanahu Wa Taalla - (SWT). It stands for total obedience to what Allah (SWT) has sent to mankind as guidance through His appointed messengers. It is the obedience which covers the entire spectrum of human life, individual as well as collective. If any aspect of life is not brought under the subordination of Allah's will or His given laws, the obedience is not complete. The partial obedience is not acceptable to the Creator. It is an insult to His authority. It tantamounts to revolt against His supreme rights. It is a declaration of war against His sovereignty and all-comprehensive loyalty. By doing so, we are actually challenging Allah (SWT), by saying, "O! God, in such and such aspects of life, we will carry out our wishes and the dictates of others like us. We shall worship Thy only in the four walls of the mosque and for the rest, either we will ignore Thy authority or accept others as partners with you." This partial or limited acceptance restricts Allah's authority only to some formats of worship and some religious rituals.

Today, Muslims stand in negation to what Allah demands from them. The tragedy is, however, of greater magnitude. They are so conditioned to their detracted and degenerated concept of Islam that if someone brings the true concept of

Deen before them, they cannot recognize it. They will pay no heed, rather they will oppose him or the Jama'ah which calls them to follow the path as laid down in the Qur'an and Sunnah.

Muslims are so detracted from Islam that if today a prophet was to come and advocate Islam as envisaged by Allah (SWT) in the Qur'an, they would oppose him tooth and nail. Opposition from the traditional Muslims would be much more bitter than what the evil forces would offer. The history of Bani-Israel is an open reminder for us. They opposed their own prophets when they reminded them to follow the Scripture and the prophet of the time. They resisted and put strong opposition to DA'WA ILLALAH.

They even killed prophets like Yahiya (John the Baptist) and conspired to kill Jesus (Peace Be Upon Him). It was because their life was quite different from what the Scripture demanded, as Muslims today are foreigners to their Deen-AI-Islam.

Muslims are so distant from the teachings of the Qur'an and Sunnah today that they look like something different from Islam. In other words, Islam and Muslims are two different things. They represent different identities in contrast to each other. By tongue we declare we are Muslims (obedient to Allah alone) but our actions do not confirm it. Our allegiance lies elsewhere. Muslims all over the world, with some exceptions here and there, have coined and adopted a new edition of Islam. It is in contradiction to what Allah (SWT) demands from us.

"O! ye who believe! come all of you (whole life) into submission (unto Him); and follow not the footstep of the devil. Lo! He is an open enemy for you."

(The Qur'an. 2:208)

This partial acceptance of Islam is restricted to the fields of prayer (Salah), fasting (Saum) and some cultural traditions. Zakah has lost its impact. Performance of Haj is like a routine being conducted under the tutelage of a corrupt monarchy. The entire economic and political structure is outside the dictates of Allah's authority. Sovereignty now belongs to the people - the incompetent men and women and not to the Creator of this universe. Allah's authority is limited to the mosque. The rest in this world is dominated by the devil and its forces. Allah's Deen is confined to the pages of the Holy Qur'an. This state of affairs invites great displeasure and condemnation from Allah (SWT).

“Who do not judge by the law which Allah has sent down are indeed the disbelievers”.

“Who do not judge by the law which Allah has sent down are Such are the wrong-doers”.

“Who do not judge by the law which Allah has sent down are indeed the transgressors”.

(The Qur'an V 44, 45, 47)

The Jews were condemned by Allah (SWT) for partial acceptance of their Deen. Today, we too are standing in the

same category. It caused disgrace to the Jews. It is causing disgrace and ignominy to us as well. As a consequence, the condemnation in the Hereafter (Akhira) can be well imagined by each of us. The following verse from Al-Qur'an should cause fear in our hearts. It should jolt us fervently to take corrective measures without any further lapse of time.

"Believe ye in part of the Scripture and disbelieve ye in part thereof? And what is the reward of those who do so save ignominy in the life of this world, and on the day of Resurrection they will be consigned to the most grievous doom. For Allah is not unaware of what ye do."

(The Qur'an: II:85)

What a great tragedy it is. Though we read this ayah every now and then, but pass on without thinking even for a moment the great displeasure which we are constantly inviting from Allah (SWT) for centuries together. As the cumulative effect of this negligence, we have totally lost this world to the enemies of Islam and the wrath of the Creator may perhaps be waiting for us in Akhira. (May Allah save all of us from His wrath!)

CHAPTER 2

ISLAM - THE COMMITMENT TO ALLAH

Since the dawn of humanity, Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'llah (SWT), in His infinite mercy, has been appointing His messengers to mankind with the Guidance as to how one should lead his/her life on this earth. The call of all the prophets was to be obedient to Allah alone and keep away from the Satanic forces. Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Mohammad (peace be upon all of them) brought the same message. There is no exception to it.

"And verily we have raised in every nation a messenger (proclaiming): serve Allah and shun false gods".

(The Qur'an: XVI: 36)

All the prophets of Allah had only one mission to fulfill, that is to establish Allah's Deen (code of conduct) on this earth. They struggled for their entire life to fulfill their goal and after their departure from this world, it was the utmost responsibility of their respective followers to accomplish the job left behind. We, the Muslims, are the last Ummah raised to bring the guidance to mankind as Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) did in his life time.

"He hath ordained for you that religion which He commended unto Noah and that which we inspire in you and that which we commended unto Abraham and Moses and Jesus saying: Establish the Deen and be not

divided therein."

(The Qur'an XLII : 13)

Allah's Guidance has been perfected in the form of the Qur'an. What Allah demands from us is meticulously stated in the following Ayah. The Qur'an advocates that He is:

"The Lord of mankind; The King of mankind; The God of mankind".

(The Qur'an CXIV: 1-3)

"All decisions rest with Allah only" who hath commanded you that ye be obedient to none but Him".

(The Qur'an XII: 40)

"Lo! this, your Ummah is one UMMAH and I am your Lord, so worship Me".

(The Qur'an XXI: 92)

"Did I not charge you, O ye sons of Adam that ye worship not the devil. Lo! He is your open enemy. But that ye worship Me. That was the right path".

(The Qur'an XXXV: 60-61)

"And they are ordained not to serve but Allah, keeping the Deen pure for Him"

(The Qur'an: XCVII: 5)

When a man accepts Allah as his Creator, Law Giver and Sustainer, he must be obedient to Him alone. When he enters into the fold of Allah, he actually enters into a deal with Him. His Iman in Allah is very demanding. He makes a commitment to Allah that he will remain subservient to Him alone. His existence in this world is to carry out only Allah's will. He will seek help from Him alone. The commitment is total and binding on him or her for all time. In turn, Allah (SWT) takes upon Himself to award Paradise to the Mumin who proves that his life and death, his worship and sacrifices are all for Him alone. Paradise will be awarded in the life Hereafter in lieu of his undertakings in this world and proving that his Iman is worthy of this award.

"Say: Lo! My worship and my sacrifice and my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds".

(The Qur'an: VI: 162)

The covenant between a Mumin and his Creator, Allah Subhanahu Wa Taalla (SWT) is of paramount importance. The commitment has a lot of implications which must be clearly understood by us, because on it depends the entire life of a Mumin and the way he carries out his commitment. A Muslim has to fulfill the following distinct demands and requisites before Allah fulfills His promise of paradise..

" Fulfill your (part of the) covenant, I shall fulfill my (part of the) covenant".

(The Qur'an: II: 40)

1. Allah (SWT) had ordained a complete guidance, Al-Islam, to follow. It governs each and every aspect of human life. It

must be followed in its entirety. Allah's authority must be accepted in every walk of life. Only Allah's given code of conduct (Shariah) should be practiced. Then only the demands of Iman in Allah are fulfilled.

“Lo! Religion (DEEN)
with Allah is Al-Islam.
(The Surrender)”
(The Qur’an 3:19)

“Seek they other than Deen of Allah, when unto Him submitted whosoever is in the heavens and the earth, willingly, or unwillingly, and unto Him they will be returned.
(The Qur’an 3:83)

2. Islam denies all authorities other than Allah. It denies the concept that while in the church/mosque/synagogue, one worships Allah and when outside, he obeys Caesar and man-made laws. There is no diarchy in Islam. Such duality of a character is clearly hypocrisy and it is totally forbidden in Islam.

3. Islam permits one to enjoy only what Allah has made Halal (what is permitted) and prohibits what Allah has made Haram.

4. Islam does not permit partnership with Allah, neither in person nor in His attributes. Shirk is the greatest sin in the sight of Allah.

"O, my dear son! Ascribe no partners unto Allah. Lo! to ascribe partner (unto Him) is a tremendous wrong."

(The Qur'an:XXXI: 13)

(The first advice from Luqman to his son)

5. The belief in Allah (SWT) knows no compromise. Allah demands a hundred percent allegiance from a Mumin. A Mumin cannot make a deal or compromise with Batil under any circumstances. It has been categorically denied in the Qur'an to Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) when the adulterers offered a deal of 'give and take'. This Ayah prohibits any compromise with BATIL, for each and every Muslim till the last day.

"Say! O, disbelievers! I worship not that which ye worship Nor worship ye that which I worship And I shall not worship that which ye worship, Nor will ye worship that which I **worship, Unto** you your religion (Deen) and unto me my Deen".

(The Qur'an: CVIII: 40)

6. Islam is a lifelong commitment. Once a person enters into the fold of Islam, he has to fulfill its obligations throughout his entire life.

"Lo! those who say: Our Lord is Allah and afterward are upright".

(The Qur'an: XLI: 30)

Lo! those who say: Our Lord is Allah and thereafter walk aright; then shall no fear come upon them neither shall they

grieve."

(The Qur'an: XLVI: 13)

Sufyan Bin Abdullah asked the Prophet (PBUH) to advise him one thing after which he need not ask anything from anyone. The Prophet (PBUH) said, "Say: I express my faith in Allah and be steadfast with it."

7. This concept becomes a challenge to the society where a Muslim proclaims that he is obedient to Allah alone, that he will accept only Allah's laws, that he denies the authority of any other than Allah. The Batil, the dominant forces of the time, have never accepted such a declaration in the past, nor will they accept it today or tomorrow. It brings confrontation with the evil forces of the time. They counteract this challenge and let loose all kinds of atrocities against Muslims. A Mumin has to sustain through this process of trial and tribulation. It may continue throughout his life. In this process either he succeeds in establishing Allah's Deen in the society where he lives or lays down his life for the cause. In either way he is successful in the sight of Allah. This trial is inevitable. It comes to test the claim of a Mumin as to whether his Iman is truthful, or his commitment to Allah is false.

"Do men imagine that they will be left (at ease) because they, say, we believe, and will not be tested with affliction? Lo! we tested those who were before you. Thus Allah knoweth those who are sincere (in their commitment) and knoweth those who feign."

(The Qur'an: XXIX: 2, 3)

However, the nature of trial may vary from person to person and place to place depending on the intensity of challenge which is exerted by the Muslims to route out the BATIL and establish the Deen of Allah.

"And surely we will try you with something of fear and hunger and loss of wealth and lives and crops; but give glad-tidings to the steadfast who say, when a misfortune strikes them: Lo! we are Allah's and Lo! unto Him we are returning.

(The Qur'an: II: 155,156)

The trial may be in one or in many fields at the same time. It comes from Allah to test our commitment to Him but not to destroy the Mumin. That is why those who sustain it with patience and remain committed to their Iman, do certainly get great rewards from Allah.

Trials are the integral part of the life of a Muslim who is true to his words and honest to his commitment. This is the condition laid down by Allah (SWT). It is a criterion to test the sincerity of Iman. This will inevitably happen only when a Muslim tries to stand by his commitment and goes ahead in the society to fulfill its demand. The road to heaven lies only through this way. Allah (SWT) says:

"So those who migrated and were driven out of their homes and suffered damages in My cause, fought and were slain,

verily I shall remit their evil deeds from them and verily I shall bring them into Gardens underneath which rivers flow- A reward from Allah, and with Allah is the fairest of rewards."

(The Qur'an: III: 195)

These are the essential requisites of Iman and of the life of a Mumin. This is the right sequence of his commitment to his Creator Allah (SWT). The entire concept of commitment and what I have discussed so far in its wake has been described by Allah (SWT) as a positive deal with Mumineen in the following verse of the Qur'an.

"Lo! Allah had bought from the believers their lives and their wealth in lieu of the Gardens (that will be theirs); they shall fight in the way of Allah and shall slay and be slain. It is a promise which is binding on Him in the Torah and the Gospel and the Qur'an, who fulfillleth his covenant better than Allah? Rejoice then in your bargain that ye have made for that is the Supreme triumph"

(The Qur'an: IX:111)

The character which this commitment develops in a Mumin has been comprehensively described in the next Ayah. The attainment of these qualities should be the cherished goal of

each and every Muslim on this earth. These are the accomplishments which glorify the life of a Mumin when he strives to fulfill his commitment to his Creator Allah (SWT).

"(Triumphant) are those who turn repentant (To Allah), those who serve (Him) those who praise (Him), those who struggle (in His way) those who bow down, those who fall prostrate (in worship), those who enjoin the right and who forbid the wrong and those who keep the limits (ordained) of Allah-and give glad tidings to believers!"

(The Qur'an: IX: 112)

CHAPTER 3

ROLE OF "THE JUST NATION"

The concept of Islam as presented above in terms of the Qur'an and propounded by Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), if practiced, transforms a Mumin into a dynamic personality. A group of such people who live and die for Allah (SWT) constitutes the "UMMAH" which in the terminology of the Qur'an is called the "JUST NATION" . They individually and collectively stand in the world as witness to mankind. They advocate Righteousness and fight against Batil-the evil designs of Satanic forces. They fight the ignorance and bring the light and Guidance to mankind in the same manner as Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and his illustrious companions did in their lifetime. It becomes the sole object of their lives.

“Thus, we have appointed you a nation, that ye may be witnesses against mankind and the messenger may be a witness against you.”

(The Qur'an: II: 143)

The status of the JUST NATION is a great honor and a great responsibility from Allah. It assigns to every Muslim and the

Ummah as a whole an immense responsibility to establish justice among the nations of the world. It has to serve as a model of honesty and integrity in every walk of life. They are to uphold the cause of the poor, downtrodden and oppressed. They are to fight against tyranny, injustice and unnatural inequalities wherever they see. In fact Muslims, individually and collectively as Ummah are a guarantee for

peace and justice for the entire human race. And when they are able to establish Allah's Deen anywhere in the world, that Islamic state will uphold this cause meticulously within its sovereign rights and champion it as the integral part of its foreign policy.

If we meet the requisites of our Iman, some day we may regain the position and Allah may entrust us the leadership of mankind. This is the responsibility assigned by Allah (SWT) to this Ummah and we have to prove worthy of it. This is the exact position which the companions of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) achieved through devotion, sacrifice and indeed by the mercy of Allah. They became the Just Nation and the Islamic society/state established by them became the true model of justice for mankind. History bears testimony to this fact. They helped the oppressed and fought against cruelty wherever it existed. They became the savior of mankind, That role is lying vacant since then. If we resolve to meet the demands of our commitment, we can regain that position by His mercy again.

"Faint not nor grieve for ye will overcome them, if you are indeed believers (Mumineen)".

(The Qur'an : 3 : 139)

It matters little how long and how hazardous this journey will be. We have to achieve it. We have to struggle for it to our last breath. We have to inspire our youth to cherish and strive for this position, the only position where the Muslims should be in this world. Allah's blessings are waiting for us, provided we fulfill our commitment with our Creator, Allah (SWT).

CHAPTER 4

TOWARDS FULFILLMENT OF THE COMMITMENT THE PROCESS

Meeting the obligation to be witness for mankind (SHUHADA'A ALANNAS) and playing the role of the JUST NATION are the goals set by Allah (SWT) for a Mumin and a Muminah to achieve in this world. This is the ultimate climax to which a Momin/Muminah reaches when he/she follows the Guidance from the Creator and surrenders to His authority in totality. The process of achieving this objective is very simple and natural.

The moment a person either enters into the fold of Allah (SWT) with a conscious expression of his/her will by reciting "SHAHADAH" or through realization of his/her position as Da'ee Ilallah in the midst of traditional Muslim society, the movement towards the goal starts immediately.

I. THE FIRST MOVE : PURIFICATION AND RECONSTRUCTION

A Muslim, with the realization of his exact position, severs his allegiance and loyalty from the rest of the world and converges it to the Creator alone. He makes a survey of things around him. He evaluates his each and every relation in the human society, He discards all those connections which are impediments to his obedience to Allah. Whatever lies in contradiction to the Qur'an and Sunnah, he/she eradicates it from his/her life. Whatever he finds un-Islamic at home, in his personal life, in his business, job, personal relations with his friends and relatives, he critically examines and reforms them as Allah ordains. Whatever shows the signs of obstinacy, he gives it up even at the cost of personal setbacks

and financial losses. The areas of reform include his ideas, concepts, feelings, approaches, values, dress-code, life-style and attitude towards life as a whole. Through his or her better knowledge and understanding of Islam and its demands, he/she gradually emerges into the new personality of a Mumin or a Muminah.

He is always willing to surrender to the will/dictates/laws of his Creator, Allah (SWT) and His Prophet Mohammed (PBUH). He transforms himself, his wife and children into a dynamic Islamic Unit answerable to Allah. He removes all inconsistencies from his personal life and the living conditions of his family. With a conscious feeling of accountability in Akhirah, he develops himself into a responsible man, an affectionate father, a loving husband, a benevolent neighbor who is always eager to do good to others just to seek the pleasure of Allah. The process continues until he and the inspiring Islamic environment of his family become an object to be reckoned with by his neighbors, friends and relatives as a model to follow.

This is the first stage of evolution which the conscious Muslim brings to himself and his family. This process of purification and reconstruction of self and family is however subject to the environment in which he lives. The permissive society, the secular system, the materialistic approach of life, the free-for-all sexual behavior of boys and girls in schools, colleges and university campuses, the free flow of lewdness through TV and the flooded markets of pornographic literature all around him present hurdles after hurdles for him and his family to lead the life of a true Muslim. He encounters a big contradiction between what he believes and what he sees around him. He realizes that he has no control over this modern Jahiliyah (ignorance).

He finds that he cannot practice what Allah demands from him. This brings him to the second move of his life, almost simultaneously, if he is sincere to his commitment to Allah and is certain to meet Him in the Hereafter.

2. THE SECOND MOVE : REFORMATION OF THE SOCIETY

At this point of self-evaluation and self-realization, it dawns upon him that his living conditions are 180 degrees opposite to what his Iman demands. He feels that the values prevalent in the society are contrary to the values he is holding. The society is governed by laws other than those of Allah. He finds that the sovereignty which should belong to Allah, belongs to the people. He discovers that the laws controlling his life, and rules governing his personal and public affairs do not come from Allah but are man-made. The economic system in which he is living with his children and family is surcharged with abnormal lust for sex, greed, luxuries and permissiveness. He sees exploitations all around him. The object of the life of his countrymen around him, is to generate more and more dollars, increase the standard of living and maximize their personal comforts and individual pleasures. The basic unit of human society - the family - is cracking and falling apart. He soon realizes that the people, the environment, the socio-economic- political system around him are totally different from what Allah demands from him. There is a complete contrast in what he believes and what he is surrounded with.

This brings him to another realization that he is deeply buried in the society and has become a tool of this godless set up. He is helping to run it smoothly and to keep it in an upright position. He is an integral part of the process that sustains the modern ignorance. His talents, his energies, his

capacities and his resources that Allah gave him for the establishment of His authority on earth, removing oppression and cruelty from human society, delivering justice to individuals as well as the nations of the world, are being abused in promoting injustices, helping oppression, creating a wider and wider, gap between "haves" and "have-nots" and advocating the cause of 'Batil' (wrong doings) and its stalwarts. Satan and his well wishers are happy to see the Muslims serving under their domination.

This realization is very alarming for a Muslim. He realizes that he cannot keep himself on the path of righteousness without changing the society and the environment around him; He has been trying to keep his home free from filth and dirt but he could not escape from it. He is meeting set-backs after setbacks because of the fact that the entire atmosphere around his home is polluted, suffocating and full of devastating lust. He comes to the decision that he cannot save himself and his family from the evil consequences of his surroundings until he makes a frontal attack on the society and its edifice which is producing and sustaining all this filth. If he and his family are to remain true Muslims, he must make frantic efforts to change the society, its people, and struggle to the last breath of his life, to eradicate the evil all around.

How can he practice Allah's laws and obey His authority until he makes extreme efforts to replace the man-made laws with Divine laws and reminds the people of the land that their "FALAH" (deliverance and redemption) lies only in accepting the authority of the Creator and establishing God's Kingdom on earth. This thinking process will lead him to the foremost question as how to do it. Where to begin?

3. THE THIRD MOVE : INDIVIDUAL CONTACTS

As a logical corollary of this process of thinking and the anxiety which is tarnishing his mind and feelings, he comes to the conclusion that he should desperately try to find like minded brothers and sisters. He is to move in the society, meet the people, discuss the hard facts of his existence in the West, convince them to rise and meet the greatest challenge of their Iman in Allah. He discusses with other brothers/sisters that they cannot save their children simply by attending "Sunday School." He emphasizes to the companions of his faith that they cannot save their families from the filth of the society just by reciting the Qur'an, offering five times prayers as a routine, fasting one month in a year, doing some Zikr, carrying a beautiful rosary in their hands, often watching TV in leisure time and doing their best to serve and sustain the secular system of which they are an integral part. This is a very dangerous and anomalous situation, believing in something but striving for something else which is diametrically opposite; claiming loyalty to Allah (SWT) but totally agreeing to live and accommodate within a liberal democratic system.

Muslims have adopted the same attitude about their Deen and faith in Allah what the Christians compromised centuries ago while fighting against the supremacy of the church. Christians turned their faith into a dogma leaving the world to secular forces. Muslims have deserted their Deen somewhere partially and somewhere totally. Thus, a right minded Muslim goes from one brother to another and shares his concern. He

depicts the lamentable and the grave situation in which Muslims have landed themselves today and exhorts them to get out of this quagmire forthwith.

4. THE FOURTH MOVE : COLLECTIVE EFFORT

Through a meet-the-brothers campaign, he observes that there are many brothers and sisters in the society who are moaning and lamenting in the same way as he is. Through his dedicated, devoted and serious efforts and search for like-minded brothers/sisters, he creates close contacts with them, brings them together, organizes collective programs to increase their knowledge and understanding of Islam, develop dependable and a trustworthy character in each Da'ee Ilallah and make joint and concerted efforts to introduce Allah's Deen in the society.

How will he initiate his efforts ?

A) To begin with, he/she invites the people of the land to accept the authority of God in every walk of life, be obedient to their Creator, worship none **but one who** is Supreme, accept Him as Law Giver/Sustainer and ascribe no partner to Him, either in His person or in His attributes. God alone is the Sovereign, not the king, the parliament or the Congress or the Senate. Everyone is subservient to God. He advocates monotheism and discards polytheism in all its forms and shapes. He tries to convince his countrymen that they cannot resolve any problem until they accept the Guidance from their Creator and act upon it in their right earnest.

B) He advocates the concept of accountability in the life Hereafter to the people of the land and the changes which this belief brings in the life of an individual. Without this belief

men and women will not feel and behave like responsible citizens. This concept alone can revolutionize their lives. They will seek the guidance from their Creator, and by following it, they will bring their lives in conformity with the commandments of Allah (SWT).

C) Through a collective and organized effort Muslims will try to educate the people against the prevailing evils in the society. Through wide publicity, convincing literature, catch words, effective slogans, rallies, symposiums, demonstrations, and meet-the-people campaigns, Muslims have to reach the grass-roots of this society. If the common folk comprehend the horrible consequences which the society is confronted with, they will realize that their future is doomed. **If they do not immediately stop drugs, alcohol, nudity, free sale of pornographic material and all kinds of display of lewdness on TV and commercial ads, they are heading toward their catastrophic end.** Natural laws of decay and destruction have become operative. There will be no escape from it, if the corrective measures are not taken forthwith. When they, the people of the land (non Muslims) will realize that a section of their own society (Muslims) is exerting their best to save them and this society from the devastating effects of their (people's) bad tastes, they will certainly extend their cooperation in eradicating the evils from the society. The average American men and women will feel obliged to the initiative taken by the Muslims. The right minded Christians and Jews will gradually come forward in multitudes to make their society cleansed and normalized. This joint effort will open opportunities for Muslims to come in contact with the people of the land. This active process of Dawah Ilallah will augment the avenues which otherwise could not be available to Muslims.

5. THE CULMINATING POINT : DAWAH ILALLAH

The process of picking up like minded brothers/sisters, making joint efforts in inviting the people of the land to the fold of the Creator, involvement of common folk in fighting the evils of the society are the integral part of DAWAH ILALLAH. It is incumbent upon every Muslim whether he is a new convert or comes from the traditional Muslim family.

This is the call of his Iman, the commitment to Allah. The Iman of a Muslim is meaningless and good for nothing if he sits in his home as a silent spectator, while the evil forces are rampant in creating transgression on the earth. He is accountable to Allah for all that is going on around him. He cannot compromise with the Batil as a choice. He has no alternative but to grapple with the evil forces and fight them out with wisdom and in an orderly fashion.

The fight will gain momentum gradually. The more the people are convinced with the evil consequences of their free for-all- life here and in the Hereafter, the more they will respond to the call. The greater the response, the more acceleration to the pace of challenge against the evil forces. It will pave the path for removing the evils from the society. The common-will will ultimately influence the law-making and law-enforcing **authorities** to respond to the call in getting the evils (MUNKAR) eradicated from the society. Today what Muslims cannot do will be possible tomorrow with the active cooperation of the people of the land. By the grace of Allah, the new Muslims may turn out to be better

than what we are today. Iman in Allah will turn into a latent force of character to rout out the evils from the society. This will generate opportunities for the people of the land to better understand Islam. It may help in mitigating the centuries old prejudices against Islam. It may also open a new era for the spread of DAWAH ILLALLAH. The process to establish the authority of Allah will begin in the wake of these responses from the people of the land.

At present, the future is obscure. But, as Muslims we are to proceed in the right direction, come what may. If we make a true and sincere effort to seek the pleasure of Allah, He may make our task easy. Only through this process, there is hope. Our children may secure a better environment to live like Muslims than what is around us today. If we do not move, we may lose ourselves, our children and our future. The consequences we will face in Akhira cannot be better and are known to Allah alone. So there is yet time to act and act fast!

DAWAH ILALLAH is the only way open to Muslims to come **out of** their deep slumber, shake off their sluggishness and **embark upon the path boldly for the** success in this world and the **world Hereafter**. This is the only way open to Muslims to add safety- plugs to the future of their children about whom they are extremely worried. DAWAH ILALLAH is the only means to prepare the society to give ear to the call of Islam. DAWAH ILALLAH, is the genuine effort towards the development of the Islamic movement. It motivates a Muslim to move around in his vicinity (community and neighborhood) and undertake all that has been developed in these pages. It is a movement to mobilize the Muslims on one hand and on the other to convey the message of Allah (SWT) to the common folk of the country. It is the only way for the Muslims to regain their lost position and for the humanity to get peace and justice.

DAWAH ILALLAH is not an end in itself. It is a glorious means, recommended by Allah Himself to Muslims to be active and make genuine efforts towards the establishment of His authority and AL-DEEN AL-ISLAM in the society in which they live.

"And who is better in speech than him who calls (others) unto his Lord and doth right and saith. Lo! I am of those who surrender unto Him."

(The Qur'an: XLI: 33)

DAWAH ILALLAH is the process to create unity among Muslims. When all will struggle for one and only one cause, the unity which we all desire will emerge out of it. But unity is not an end by itself. It is a by-product of total efforts for the establishment of Allah's Deen. It happened so in the time of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH). It cemented the hearts of Aus and Khazraj when together they struggled for Allah's Deen.

Through the same process, we can achieve the desired result today, provided we all struggle for the same cause.

It is a very stupendous task. It needs untiring energies and enthusiasm of great magnitude. Our youth can play a dominant role in this respect. We have to inspire them to make Allah's Deen dominant on earth as the sole object of their lives. They have the potential to meet the challenge. The obligation of DAWAH ILALLAH will make them aggressive in that respect. Their object in life at one hand will be to excel in higher education in order to equip themselves with technical know-how to challenge the adversaries of Islam. On

the other, they will undertake to struggle in the way of Allah (SWT) for the establishment of His Deen. This will bring our youth to the forefront of the events that shape the world history.

I will shed more light on this aspect as to how our youth can play a dominant role in shaping the destiny of mankind later on. I would like to add here that the foregoing role of our youth may look very odd but, it is an integral part of Islamic history. The Prophet's (PBUH) companions had no status in the eyes of the world during their long stay of 13 years in Mecca and a couple of years more in Madina, but very soon, with the treaty of Hudaibiyah and the conquest of Mecca, they could not be ignored. Their mission of life to make Allah's Deen dominant transformed them into a power to be reckoned with. They soon became saviors of mankind. This is the process to gain success in this world, and the same must be undertaken by Muslim youth. Through struggling in the way of Allah, if our dedicated youth even meet their death, they will be rewarded with glorious success, waiting for them in the life Hereafter. That is Allah's promise, and who can be more truthful to his commitment than Allah Himself.

"And that is the supreme triumph"

(The Qur'an: IX: 111)

"If ye help Allah's cause, He will help you and make your foot hold firm."

(The Qur'an: XLVII :7)

CHAPTER 5

THE VEHICLE - THE ISLAMIC MOVEMENT

A) THE CONCEPT

What I have discussed so far can be termed as the process towards the building of the Islamic Movement. It is the vehicle towards the fulfillment of the commitment to Allah. The process of building up the Islamic Movement is a joint, concerted and organized effort by Muslims to call the humanity, both Muslims and non-Muslims, back to the fold of Allah (SWT) with the sole object of establishing His Deen, Al-Islam, in their respective societies in which they live. For this onerous task, they are to put the maximum possible sacrifice of time, talents and resources by making it the number one priority of their lives. This is the logical goal of their commitment to their Creator Allah (SWT). If a Muslim does not fulfill this obligation, his or her Iman is just lip service. All the Ibadah are prescribed in Islam to serve this goal. They prepare a Muslim for the maximum sacrifice of life and wealth in the way of Allah. A Muslim lives and dies to make Allah's Deen dominant over all other Deen. This was the sole mission of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

"He it is who hath sent His messenger with the guidance and the religion (Deen) of truth that he makes it dominant over all other religions, however

much the idolaters may be averse (to it)."

(The Qur'an 61: 9)

If a Muslim forgets or negates this supreme obligation of his existence on earth, he/she becomes an aimless wonderer. He/she commands no respect, and has no say in the affairs of this world. He and the Ummah which is comprised of people like him become an easy prey to the caprices of the enemies of Islam.

This responsibility becomes an utmost obligation when nowhere on the earth Allah's Deen is in a dominant position. In such a situation, every Muslim has to act and meet this obligation in accordance to his capacity. Every Muslim is a Da'ee EAllah if he communicates even an Ayah as commanded by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), "Communicate from me to others, even if it is an Ayah."

Everyone will then contribute up to his maximum capacity towards the common cause of this Ummah which, if upheld properly, will salvage it from its present malaise.

B) ROLE OF THE ISLAMIC MOVEMENT

Islamic movement, when structured in America in its natural process as described earlier in this paper, will cater to the different needs of Muslims of this country and abroad. Its importance can be visualized by going through the following facts which the Islamic Movement can and will achieve. They are enumerated in brief. It will illustrate the great spectrum in which the Islamic Movement works. It will give an idea to a Muslim to understand the Movement. **It is the only means**

available to a Muslim to fulfill his commitment to Allah (SWT)

1. It will galvanize the entire Muslim community of America (and of the world at large in due course of time) into a motivated Jamma'ah to **live and die for the cause which is most dear to every Mumin and Muminah on earth.**
2. It will provide a criterion to every **Muslim to judge his or her** Iman as to whether it is in conformity with his or her commitment to Allah (SWT).
3. It will provide the **basic Islamic education to every Muslim and Muslimah suitable to meet the challenge of the time.**
4. It will impart proper training to Muslims in building individual character, self purification (Tazkiyah), **inculcating Taqwa (Allah consciousness) wisdom (HIKMAH) and patience (SABR),** the essential characteristics to fight **the evil designs** of the **Batil** and the forces opposing the Deen of Allah.
5. The Islamic Movement will build up the team of DA'EE ILALLAH. It will **train Da'ees and the workers of the Islamic Movement in the art, techniques and methodology** of Dawah. It will educate them to meet different situations with suitable methods, how to maintain restraint in the event of all kinds of provocations, and how to retreat with dignity and decorum if the situation becomes unsuitable and non-conducive to Dawah work.
6. **Muslim youth will be especially involved in the Movement. They will be motivated to realize the gravity of the situation through which the world is passing. The**

Islamic Movement will equip them with the required characteristics to be an efficient DA'EE ILALLAH. They will be inspired to uphold the cause of the poor, the needy, the downtrodden and the oppressed people of the land. Islam is a guarantee for the poor and the oppressed wherever they live. Islam creates a peaceful, natural flow of wealth/resources from the "haves" to the "have-nots." It has the guarantee for both the poor and the affluent to live in harmony and seek the consent of Allah.

The cause of the poor and the oppressed whether they are in North or South America, in Asia, Europe or Africa will be championed by the Islamic Movement of America. Muslim youth will be its torch bearers. They will ventilate the cause of the poor and fight for their rights. By fighting for the cause of the oppressed of the world (MUSTADAFEENA FIL ARDE), they will emerge as an entity more powerful, more sincere and more dedicated than the so-called communist/socialist and the other humanitarian lobbies in the world. Through championing this cause which was dear to all the Prophets of Islam (Peace be upon all of them), Muslim youth will generate sterling qualities in their character. They will emerge in the political arena of this country and that of the world as a team of dedicated workers/leaders, fighting for the cause of justice and fair play wherever it is needed.

Islamic Movement will augment this struggle and pave the ground for world leadership. With the passage of time, it may emerge as a balancing force fighting for the Truth. The movement will then become a real challenge to the forces of Batil, irrespective of the fact whether it is the communist block or the Western societies or even the so-called Muslim world. This is the real role which Allah has assigned to this

Ummah and the Islamic Movement has to play it in this world.

"How should ye not fight for the cause of Allah and of the feeble among men and of the women and the children who are crying; our Lord! Bring us forth from out this town of which the people are oppressors! Oh! give us from Thy presence some protecting friend! Oh! give us from Thy presence some defenders ! "

(The Qur'an: IV: 75)

7. Islamic Movement will undertake to develop an economically independent Muslim community to serve as a model both for Muslims and non-Muslims. It will attempt to demonstrate a true Islamic environment in the midst of this secular and materialistic society. The impending potential Muslims will get an idea of an Islamic society to aspire for. Without this practical model, people of our time cannot visualize and have a full grasp of an Islamic state. A practical model will be more effective than scores of books of descriptions and hundreds of speeches giving a true concept of a future ideal Islamic society/state.

This will be possible only with the help of the devoted and dedicated workers of Islamic Movement. They will present a model of exemplary behavior, inspiring character, honest living, just economic activities, equality in opportunities/dealings, service-to-humanity-oriented

political activities, all based on the principle of consultation (SHURA), Allah consciousness (TAQWA) and accountability in the life Hereafter. They will generate through their actions and deeds a glimpse of what an Islamic State will be, if Allah's Deen is established in America or anywhere in this world. Development of a model community is an integral part of Islamic Movement and a practical step towards the fulfillment of our commitment to Allah (SWT).

8. The Islamic Movement of America will be an instrument in developing a team of Muslim scholars in different departments of Islamic studies-TAFSEER, HADITH, FIQH, HISTORY and SEERAH. It will develop a comprehensive understanding of the issues of contemporary world/Muslim Ummah and various socio-economic- political problems with which it is confronted from the Islamic point of view. In the light of the Qur'an and Sunnah, it will develop the guidelines for every walk of life for Muslims to follow in the present context of the world. This team will produce literature for Muslims as well as for non-Muslims. They may emerge as a brain trust (AHLAL-HAL-WALAQD) for the Muslim Ummah by the turn of this century or early in the 21st Century. This is an important role which has been neglected for centuries together.

9. Al-Qur'an is a book of guidance for all times. Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) applied the teachings of the Qur'an and solved the problems which the society was facing at that time. He practically showed us how the Qur'anic principles and guidelines could be applied to the existing problems. He reformed and redesigned the entire structure of the society as ordained by Allah (SWT). He demonstrated to us how the chronic social, moral, economic and political problems could be resolved to serve the best interest of mankind. Thus, he

taught us the process as to how an Islamic society/state could be built up again on that pattern.

Based on the teachings of the Qur'an and Sunnah, a model society was established 1400 years ago. Why can't a model on the same lines be reproduced today?

No doubt, since the time of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), human society has developed to a greater degree and substantially. It has practically undergone a total change. From a simplistic way of life it has been transformed into a complicated form. Innumerable scientific inventions, technological developments, unbelievably enormous changes in means of transportation and communications - from camel to satellite/skylab age - have a cumulative effect on life, its style and its problems. Branches of knowledge are vast and innumerable. This is an age of specialization. Innumerable theories/concepts have been developed in social, economic and political fields. International relations and foreign trade have become complicated and time-consuming affairs.

Simultaneously, the world is afraid of war and fearful of its own destructive weapons. In spite of all the material progress and technical knowledge, man has become more of a slave to his physical urges. The ultimate pursuit of the modern man is to maximize his personal pleasure and comforts. He has carved out new idols of worship. Man, in fact, has not changed since the time of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Only the means have changed which satisfy his physical urges. It fundamentally makes no difference. Human problems are thus not incurable.

This state of affairs demands a fresh approach to the problems which human society is facing today to find out their solution in the light of the Qur'an and Sunnah. Al-Qur'an is the book

of guidance for all times and ages. It can also resolve the human problems of today and of the future. Islamic Movement and its adherents will study the problems, apply the principles of the Qur'an and the teachings of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), and present their solution in the terminology and the language understandable to the people of our time. The Fiqh, addressing various issues and questions for the highly technical and scientifically advanced society/world of the 21st Century is to be prepared through this process of application and discussion by the team of learned scholars mentioned above. This is a very immense task, involving heavy responsibilities. Only a comprehensive and responsible Islamic Movement of the 20th/21st Century can render this onerous task into a reality.

This great undertaking will enable the Islamic Movement to present Islam as a viable and alternative code of conduct for the guidance of mankind in every walk of life. Through this accomplishment, the Islamic Movement of America will bridge the gap between the different schools of thought - THE HANAFI, THE MALKI, THE SHAFAI, THE HAMBALI and the needs of the modern and the post-modern age. This will make Islam attractive and acceptable to the modern man as an alternate way of life to the different existing systems, dogmas and cults.

The Islamic Movement of America will then pave the way for the emergence of a modern Islamic state sometime and somewhere in the 21st century. The world is desperate to find some ideology to believe in and follow. The Islamic Movement of America will play a dominant role in providing and presenting the ideology of Islam in a palatable as well as practical form. If we start The First Move in right earnest, as discussed above, the Second, the Third and the Fourth stage will follow automatically. Passing through this process,

Islamic Movement will, if God is willing, gain momentum by the middle of the next decade. It will then produce the desired results by the turn of the 20th or early in the 21st century. This is a time-consuming task and the Muslims of America have to realize this great responsibility which now rests on their shoulders. They can resolve their existing problems, as well as provide the future leadership to mankind, if they act now and meet their COMMITMENT to their Creator, Allah (SWT).

CHAPTER 6

OUR OBLIGATION

I have discussed in brief what Islam is. What does it demand from Muslims? How should Muslims react to the problems they are facing? What is the natural process to build the Islamic Movement in this country? What part can Islamic Movement play in resurrecting the Ummah? What contributions can it make in reconstructing the human society based on justice, equality and fair play? All this is possible and within our reach, if we profess ourselves to be true Muslims and resolve to meet our commitment.

"Faint not nor grieve, for ye will overcome them if ye are (indeed) believers (mumineen)."

(The Qur'an: III: 139)

Though the task ahead appears to be monumental, still it is not a big price for the attainment of paradise. The way to paradise lies only through struggle in the way of Allah (SWT). **If really we resolve to meet the commitment of our Iman, follow the process elaborated above, make an organized collective effort towards introducing Allah's Deen to the common folk of this society with sincerity of purpose and sacrifice of time and resources at our disposal, Allah will take care of the rest. It is His Deen. It is His will that His Deen must prevail and be dominant on this earth but through our hands the believers in Allah. Once a group of people transform themselves into a dynamic Islamic Movement, Allah will shower His blessings. He may open the hearts of the people of the land and make them receptive. He may change their hearts and minds and incline them to accept**

the Guidance from their Creator in great multitudes. Everything is possible if we fulfill our commitment. Allah's commitment in return is extremely clear and full of love and affection for those who undertake to fulfill it.

"As for those who strive in Us
(in His way). We surely guide
them to Our paths, and Lo!
Allah is with the good"

(The Qur'an: 29 : 69)

"To help believers is incumbent
upon Us."

(The Qur'an: 30 : 47)

My Muslim brothers and sisters, Allah's commitment is at hand. Let us come forward and make ourselves worthy of this undertaking. The Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) and the Forum for Islamic Work are committed to build the Islamic Movement of America. They are making every effort to introduce Islam to the people. Your prime obligation is to rise to their call and be part of the Movement forthwith. Let us put our strength and resources in turning the call into a momentum. We should not harbor any fear either of losing the comforts of this life or harassment from the people or from the government.

"Allah will protect thee from
mankind"

(The Qur'an: 5: 67)

It would be a crime to remain indolent for Islam and be the integral part of the BATIL society. A Muslim in the USA or elsewhere has only three options:

i- He or she must stand up and exert his or her best to establish the Deen of Allah on self, in his or her family and in the society where he or she has settled down for good;

ii- He or she must Join the Jama'ah which is struggling to establish Allah's Deen in this country where he or she resides:

or

iii- He or she joins the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) which has the sole objective to struggle for Iqamatuddin in America.

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