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Our Ruler

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Our Ruler	is Only One, that is	Allah, Blessed and Exalted	No one besides Allah
Our Leader (Imam)		Muhammad ﷺ, the Messenger of Allah	Not a sectarian imam
Our Religion		Islam, chosen by Allah	Not a sectarian religion
Our Name		Muslimeen, given by Allah	Not a sectarian name
Our Basis of Love		Connection with Allah Almighty	Not worldly attachments
Our Matter of Pride		Faith in Allah the Supreme	Not homeland or language

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A ruler implies that sovereign whose sovereignty is eternal and everlasting, whose obedience is absolute and unconditional, who is the supreme legislator, whose legislature is perfect and unalterable, and who has the right to enforce obedience. Allah Almighty created the Jinn and mankind solely for His worship, as is His sublime declaration:

And I did not create the jinn
and mankind except to
worship Me

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ
وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا
لِيَعْبُدُونِ

Surah Az Zariyat 51 V.56

If worship here is taken to mean only establish prayer (Salah), fasting (Sawm), remembrance (Dhikr), or spiritual recitations, then a major complication arises. This is because performing other actions in life besides these would then contradict the purpose of creation. There would be no business or trade, no eating or drinking, and no marriage etc. The consequence would be the end of the human race; there would be neither life nor worship, and the purpose of creation would remain unfulfilled.

Establishing Prayers, fasting, etc., are definitely worship, but not under every circumstance. For example, if a person performs four units (rak'ahs) for the Maghrib prayer instead of three, he might be a worshiper in the literal sense of the word, but from an Islamic Legislature standpoint, he will be considered a rebel against Allah.

Their prayer will no longer remain an act of worship; rather, it will be counted as defiance. Hence, the true purpose of creation will be lost.

Similarly, if a person establishes voluntary prayers after the Fajr prayer but before sunrise, he will indeed be a worshiper (in practice), but under the Islamic legislature (Shariah), he will be declared a rebel against Allah.

In the same way, if a person observes fast on the day of Eid, that fast will not be considered worship. Anyone who regards this fast as a source of reward or an act of worship will not only be a sinner but will also fall into infidelity (disbelief).

Hundreds of such examples can be given. Reflect upon why these acts of worship are ultimately being counted as rebellion. If you ponder even a little, you will reach the conclusion that because these rituals are not being performed in accordance with Allah's commands and within His prescribed boundaries, they no longer remain acts of worship. In these practices, Allah's commands are being violated and deviation from His obedience takes place; therefore, in the light of Islamic legislature, these cannot be termed as worship. From the above clarification, it is concluded that worship is actually another name for obedience. This is also supported by the following verses:

Did I not enjoin upon you, O children of Adam, that you not worship Satan? Indeed, he is to you a clear enemy

أَلَمْ أَعْهَدْ إِلَيْكُمْ
يُحِبُّونِي أَدَمَ أَنْ لَا
تَعْبُدُوا الشَّيْطَانَ -

إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ
مُبِينٌ

Surah Yasin 36 V.60

Consider this! Does anyone prostrate before Satan? Does anyone offer a sacrifice in his name? or recite invocations in his name? or give charity in his name? Not at all! So what does "worshiping Satan" mean? Plainly, worshiping Satan means obeying Satan. It is by obeying Satan that people fall into disbelief, polytheism, immorality, and transgression, deviating from the straight path and plain denial. For this reason, Allah states right after:

And that you worship Me?
This is a straight path

وَأَنْ اَعْبُدُونِي
هَذَا صِرَاطٌ مُسْتَقِيمٌ

Surah Yasin 36 V.61

In this verse, Allah mentions worshiping Him in contrast to worshiping Satan. Since worshiping Satan is obeying Satan, worshiping Allah is obeying Allah.

The summary of the above verses and discussion is that Allah Almighty created human beings to obey Him; therefore, obedience is solely the right of Allah. Unless permitted by Him, no one else can or should be obeyed. If someone is obeyed without His permission, this constitutes polytheism in obedience, which means polytheism in worship. What greater polytheism could there be than one that completely overturns the purpose of life creation?

Allah Almighty says:

فَالْهَكُمْ إِلَهُ وَاحِدٌ
فَلَهُ اسْلِمُوا

For your Lord is one Lord, so Surah Al hajj 22 V.34
to Him submit (obey Him
only)

Another name for this obedience is **Islam**. The meaning of Islam is "obedience to Allah Almighty". Therefore, a person who obeys Allah is a Muslim; one who turns away from Divine obedience is a non-Muslim. Such a person has cast the purpose of life aside and is rebellious for not bowing down before their Creator.

Islam is the code of life according to which every individual must live. If obedience to Allah is reflected in all affairs of life, then all those affairs become worship. If prayer is established according to Allah's command, it is worship. If fasting is observed according to Allah's command, it is worship. If trade or business is conducted according to Allah's command, that trade is worship. Similarly, all actions in life—walking, sleeping, waking up, sitting, eating, drinking, marriage, transactions, divorce, emancipation, warfare, enmities, love, and compassion—if performed in accordance with the commands of Allah Almighty, are all acts of worship. In this manner, one's entire life becomes an act of worship, and the purpose of creation is fulfilled.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

Whatever expense you incur seeking thereby the pleasure of Allah, you will surely be rewarded for it, even for the morsel of food that you put into your wife's mouth

إِنَّكَ لَن تَنْفِقَ
نَفَقَةً تَبْتَغِي بِهَا
وَجْهَ اللَّهِ إِلَّا أَجْرْتَ
عَلَيْهَا حَتَّى مَا
تَجْعَلَ فِي فَمِ
أَمْرًا تَكُ

Sahih Bukhari , Kitab ul Eeman,
hadith # 56 Sahih Muslim
Hadith 4409/1628

Obedience to Allah is realized by acting upon Allah's legislature. The legislature is Allah Himself, as stated in the honorable verse:

He has ordained for you of
religion

شَرَعَ لَكُم مِّنَ
الدِّينِ

Surah Ash Shura 42 V.13

No one is a partner to Allah in legislation; this legislature belongs purely to Allah, as He Himself says:

Unquestionably, to Allah
belongs the pure religion

أَلَّا لِلَّهِ
الدِّينِ الْخَالِصُ

Surah Az zumr 39 V. 3

Therefore, there is no partnership in this religion. Considering anyone else as a legislator, adopting his principles as religion, giving his Juristic exertion (Ijtehad), edicts (fatawa) and analogical deduction (qiyas) as religious status is some sort of polytheism. Allah Almighty declares:

Or have they partners who
have legislated for them a
religion which Allah has not
given permission for?

أَمْ لَهُمْ شُرَكَاءُ
شَرَعُوا لَهُمْ مِّنَ
الدِّينِ مَا لَمْ
يَأْذَنْ بِهِ اللَّهُ

Surah Ash-Shura: 42, V. 21

Allah Almighty states:

And He shares His command
with none

وَلَا يُشْرِكُ فِي حُكْمِهِ
أَحَدًا

Surah Al Kahaf: 18, V. 26

Allah Almighty is the sole Ruler without any shared authority. There is no partner to Him in His commands. Allah Almighty declares:

Legislation is not but for Allah.
He has commanded that you
worship not except Him

إِنِ الْحُكْمُ لِلَّهِ
أَمَرَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا
إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ

Surah Yusuf: 12, V. 40

The authority to declare things lawful (Halal) and unlawful (Haram) belongs solely to Allah Almighty. Allah, Mighty and Majestic, states:

And do not say about what
your tongues assert of
untruth, 'This is lawful and
this is unlawful,' to invent
untruth about Allah

وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَا
تَصِفُ أَلْسِنَتُكُمُ
الْكَذِبَ هَذَا حَلَلٌ
وَهَذَا حَرَامٌ
لِّتَفْتَرُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ
الْكَذِبَ

Surah An-Nahl: 16, V. 116

In short, nothing can become lawful or unlawful through the edicts (Fatwas) of scholars. Lawful is only that which Allah Almighty declares lawful, and unlawful is only that which Allah Almighty declares unlawful.

Similarly, nothing can become lawful or unlawful through the verdict of a judge (Qadi). A judge's verdict is merely a ruling; it cannot become an absolute law. If that verdict is correct, then well and good; if it is not correct, it will be rejected. Even if it is mistakenly enforced, its implementation will only be temporary.

Moreover, that same judge can change his previous verdict in another similar case. Another judge can also decide contrary to his verdict. A judge's verdict does not hold the status of eternal law; eternal law is only the law revealed by Allah. Whoever judges according to this law is a Muslim; whoever judges contrary to it is not a Muslim. Allah Almighty says:

And whoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed – then it is those who are the disbelievers

وَمَنْ لَّمْ يَحْكَمْ بِمَا
أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأُولَئِكَ
هُمُ الْكَافِرُونَ

Surah Al Maeda 5 V.44

Only the laws revealed by Allah should be followed; this is true Monotheism. Following other things is forbidden. Allah Almighty says:

Follow, [O mankind], what has been revealed to you from your Lord and do not follow other allies besides Him. Little do you remember

اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ
إِلَيْكُمْ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ
وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا مِنْ
دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ
قَلِيلًا مَّا تَذَكَّرُونَ

Surah Al Aaraf 7 V.3

Allah's law alone is the final authority in every matter; declaring anyone else's edicts or opinion as the final authority is polytheism. The People of the scripture also agreed with this creed of the Muslims. Based on this commonality of faith, Allah Almighty invited them to Islam, saying:

Say, 'O People of the Scripture, come to a word that is equitable between us and you – that we will not worship except Allah and not associate anything with Him and not take one another as lords instead of Allah.' But if they turn away, then say, 'Bear witness that we are Muslims

قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ
الْكِتَابِ تَعَالَوْا
إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ
بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ أَلَّا
نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ وَلَا
نُشْرِكَ بِهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا
يَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا
أَرْبَابًا مِّنْ دُونِ
اللَّهِ فَإِن تَوَلَّوْا
فَقُولُوا اشْهَدُوا
بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ

Surah Aal e Imran 3 V 64

Despite this shared belief, they were practically involved in polytheism. Despite believing in taking no lord other than Allah, they had made their scholars and monks their lords.

Allah Almighty declares:

They have taken their scholars and monks as lords besides Allah, and [also] the Messiah, the son of Mary. And they were not commanded except to worship one God; there is no deity except Him. Exalted is He above whatever they associate with Him.

اتَّخَذُوا أَحْبَارَهُمْ
وَرُهْبَانَهُمْ أَرْبَابًا
مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ
وَالْمَسِيحَ ابْنَ
مَرْيَمَ وَمَا أُمِرُوا
إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا إِلَهًا
وَّاحِدًا لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا
هُوَ سُبْحَنَهُ عَمَّا
يُشْرِكُونَ

The summary of this is that the Sovereign/Ruler is only Allah Almighty. The right to absolute obedience belongs solely to Allah Almighty. The final authority is only the command of Allah Almighty. To consider anyone else worthy of absolute obedience, or to treat their opinion or edict as the final word, is to associate partners with Allah Almighty. This constitutes polytheism in worship; it can also be called polytheism in obedience, polytheism in command, and polytheism in legislation.

As Allah Almighty alone is the True Ruler, therefore, obedience to Allah Almighty is perpetual and eternal. Obedience to Allah Almighty is unconditional and absolute. Obedience to Allah Almighty is not restricted by time or space. Ultimate success in this world and the Hereafter lies only in the obedience of Allah Almighty.

Because Allah Almighty alone is originally entitled to obedience, the obedience of anyone else becomes necessary only when Allah Almighty Himself commands their obedience. Allah Almighty, for the implementation of His commands, declared obedience to His Messengers as obligatory. Therefore, obedience to the Messengers is mandatory by Divine Decree.

The call of "Jama'at-ul-Muslimeen" is precisely this: let us all unite to accept Allah alone as our Sovereign/Ruler. Let us submit to the sovereignty of Allah Almighty alone, and follow only the legislature revealed by Allah. The legislature of Allah Almighty is preserved only in the Quran and Hadith. The Quran and Hadith are revealed

by Allah. Within these two sources, Allah Almighty completed His religion. We must consider these two things as mandatory to implement, cast aside sectarianism and biased school-of-thought allegiances, end all sectarianism, and unite as one by accepting Allah Almighty as the sole Sovereign/Ruler.

“Accept the call of Jama'at-ul-Muslimeen and support it”