

THE MESSAGE

FROM "DAAR" BACK TO "DAAR"



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Translator's Note

This translation work by our brothers was put together to call the attention of the general Muslims to a message which the organizers of the annual Daar Naim Conference have failed to come to terms with but which one of the Saudi special dignitaries had come to tell them in the culmination of the latest conference that was held between 25th December 2023 and 2nd January 2024.

There is no gainsaying the fact that the organizers of the Conference have been upon a methodology of mixing the good with the bad in Da'wah.

That methodology has always been evident in the annual conferences and which in the recent events was more screaming.

The organizers now freely invite people upon heretical understanding such as Ikhwaaniyyah, most especially, to present talks to the unsuspecting Muslim populace, and daring those who say they are wrong to voice their opinions.

Of course, several people of Sunnah did speak out, even an unexpected figure in the person of Abu Raheemah of Ibadan clinically berated the Ikhwaaniyyah aftermath the Conference.

But it seems the organizers of the Conference are adamant on their dangerous moves hence when the report came that the key speech-giver, Dr Awwad al-Anzee, who represented the position of the Saudi

Ministry of Religion, Guidance and Call, did tell the organizers that their call should be upon the Pure Sunnah without mixing it with heresies. The Envoy did not mince his words in calling out Al-Ikhwaan Al-Muslimoon and its founders such as Hasan al-Banna and Sayyid Qutb.

Miraculously however, the organizers, for the reason best known to them, refused to let that record go beyond the Conference Hall of Raddison Hotel.

Even if they did not let it out, for whatever reason, we expected them to somehow refute energetically or otherwise that position voiced by the Saudi Ministry, their pay masters. They rather kept quiet and went on as if there was nothing.

Thus we feel we should let them put the record straight, for posterity, as people say.

So we have the Arabic transcript and its translation into English here while the audio is also preserved.

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May Allaah reward everyone who has contributed in one way or the other in preserving these important facts.

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Being the Statement of His Excellency, Ash-Shaykh Awwad -Sabtee al-Anzee, A Special Envoy of the Saudi's Ministry of Islamic Affairs for Da'wah and Guidance, in a Meeting with some Da'wah Workers from Nigeria, Benin Republic, Togo and Ghana. Held at the Radison Hotel Lagos on.....

The Shaykh delivered his talk at the Dar Conference saying;

(After praising Allaah The Mighty) may the blessings and peace of Allaah be upon the family of Muhammad, his Companions and those who followed his path and examples until The Day of Recompense.

After that,

My brothers and comrades who are in this field of honour, the field of calling to Allaah the Mighty, the field of Jihaad which Allaah the Mighty talked about its status and position such that He even directed the attention of His Prophet ﷺ to this; He said about the Qur'aan:

{ وَجَاهِدْهُمْ بِهِ جِهَادًا كَبِيرًا }

'...but strive against them (by preaching) with the utmost endeavour, with it (the Qur'aan).' [Al-Furqân: 52]

I am honoured today to meet the people of knowledge and those entrusted with Da'wah, the callers to goodness, peace and knowledge. This is honour we should always desire and put into remembrance.

Allaah the Mighty Lord said:

{ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا مِّمَّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنَّنِي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ }

And who is better in speech than he who [says: “My Lord is Allah (believes in His Oneness),” and then stands straight (acts upon His Order), and] invites (men) to Allah’s (Islamic Monotheism), and does righteous deeds, and says: “I am one of the Muslims.”
[Fussilat: 33]

Therefore there is none better in speech than he who attributes himself to this great honour of calling to Allaah the Mighty.

Allaah the Mighty also said:

{ قُلْ هَذِهِ سَبِيلِي أَدْعُو إِلَى اللَّهِ عَلَىٰ بَصِيرَةٍ أَنَا وَمَنِ اتَّبَعَنِي وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ }

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with sure knowledge, I and whosoever follows me (also must invite others to Allah i.e to the Oneness of Allah – Islamic Monotheism) with sure knowledge. And Glorified and Exalted be Allah (above all that they associate as partners with Him). And I am not of the Mushrikun (polytheists, pagans, idolaters and disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah; those who worship others along with Allah or set up rivals or partners to Allah).”
[Surah Yûsuf: 108]

We have in the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ and his noble Companions the best of examples.

The excellence and honour in calling to Allaah is well-known to you but I'll like to inform you as regards my greatest joy - as well as its connection - and the pleasure in this meeting in what we are having this blessed event, learning our roles, the message, duty and the trust on our necks regarding the call to Allaah the Mighty.

Firstly, we should know the severity of the load of this trust. Our Lord the Mighty said:

{إِنَّا عَرَضْنَا الْأَمَانَةَ عَلَى السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَالْجِبَالِ فَأَبَيْنَ أَنْ يَحْمِلْنَهَا وَأَشْفَقْنَ مِنْهَا وَحَمَلَهَا الْإِنْسَانُ إِنَّهُ كَانَ ظَلُومًا جَهُولًا}

Truly, We did offer Al-Amanah (the trust or moral responsibility or honesty and all the duties which Allah has ordained) to the heavens and the earth, and the mountains, but they declined to bear it and were afraid of it (i.e. afraid of Allah's Torment). But man bore it. Verily, he was unjust (to himself) and ignorant (of its results).'

[Surah Al-Ahzâb: 72]

Secondly, this trust that has become a burden on us because we chose to bear it on behalf of the rest of our brothers who are also callers, upon what we have sealed over it of rewards with the Kingdom and its Ministry.

The fact has therefore moved from mere recommended acts to responsibility and rewards attached obligation.

We have chosen to bear this trust therefore we shall be questioned regarding it in the Sight of Allaah the Majestic; that's one. The second thing is that we are answerable to the rulers who have placed the trust on us - the trust of inviting others to Allaah the Mighty.

The purpose of this is that whenever we know the reason we have been entrusted with this task, we would never be tired of calling to Allaah the Mighty, not only that, we

would never forsake every means by which we can benefit the people. When the caller knows this, he will always follow that route, in fact he will know that it is imperative that he follows it.

This is the crux of our Da'wah, Inshaa Allaah.

Thus our brothers who are still active in the cause or those who have retired (from the service of the Kingdom), who don't work for the Ministry again but are always having feelings for the cause while they feel obliged to still expend their energy in the cause to benefit the people, no doubt that that is one of the potent ways to earn rewards (with Allaah).

The third issue - and this is very important; that calling to Allaah the Mighty should not be a pasture of all, neither should it be a pastime anyone venture into saying or doing whatever he likes.

There should be a great distinction which is calling to Allaah the Mighty upon Baseerah - Knowledge, Light and Guidance.

It is not for the ignorant to do Da'wah; what will he say to

the people? This is one of the reasons the matter of the deviants is held serious in Islaam. Why? The heretics turn people away from the Truth. They don't invite to Allaah they rather estrange people from Allaah the Majestic.

Therefore the caller must make it a principle that his Da'wah must to Allaah the Mighty upon Baseerah; in what he calls to, and upon Knowledge.

Therefore the one who lacks the requisite knowledge with which to invite others cannot benefit himself let alone others.

Another requirement of this Da'wah is that it must be on Ikhlaas - Sincerity, to Allaah the Mighty otherwise the caller will be deprived of the blessings of the Da'wah. Allaah does not accept deeds except the ones done for His Sake Alone, and meet the condition of the Sunnah of His Messenger ﷺ.

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Don't call to yourself nor to your Jama'ah nor to your party nor to your tribe nor to your location. Call to Allaah. We need to always reiterate this.

Sufyan bn Uyaynah or Sufyan ath-Thauree would say:

'What I treat most is my intention which changes always in me.'

The intention needs a strong will from its owner.

The Messenger of Allaah ﷺ:

إنما الأعمال بالنيات
'All deeds are by intention'

Al-Bukhari began his noble Collection with the Hadeeth of Intention, simply because of its imperativeness, and because it is the basis of all actions.

We need to always remind one another that our Da'wah should be for Allaah alone the Mighty and Majestic.

Ikhlaas should be our watchword. We should not desire self aggrandisement. **We should not strive to aid a Jama'ah or a hizb. We should not call to factions. No.**

Our Da'wah should be for Allaah the Mighty. It will never progress except it is with Ikhlaas, and Ikhlaas demands that the requirement of the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ is adhered to.

Whoever introduces anything into this religion will have it rejected as said by the Prophet ﷺ.

Don't desire to gather people who tend to heresies behind you otherwise Allaah the Mighty will not bless you.

If you also oppose the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ to amass the people, there will be no blessing for you from Allaah

the Mighty. Amassing the people is not what matters under the Shariah. Allaah says:

{ وَإِنْ تُطِيعُوا أَكْثَرَ مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ يُضِلُّوكُمْ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ إِنْ يَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا الظَّنَّ وَإِنْ هُمْ إِلَّا يَخْرُصُونَ }

And if you obey most of those on earth, they will mislead you far away from Allah's Path. They follow nothing but conjectures, and they do nothing but lie.

[Surah Al-An`âm: 116]

So what we desire is that people should be upon the truth not that we just gather a lot of people upon other than the Sunnah.

Many scholars say the groupings (of today) tend towards heresies (because of the desire to just amass the people). Ibn al-Jawzee mentioned (such) in Talbees Iblees so also was Ibn Al-Qayyim in his poem of Nooniyah, that the bulk of people heresies do tend towards abandoning the Sunnah, they will not apply it so as to appease the people.

The weight of opposing the Book comes into light when they saw the restrictions in His commands and prohibitions.

We need to make efforts on the Sunnah, be patient over it and hold onto it.

If you were tell the people that your own form Islam is to tell them what they like, and that they have whatever they want, dance as you like, hold any event you want, and so on; such that your version of Islam is devoid of commands and prohibitions. Weak words can gather the people but that is one of the ways of the people of deviations such as the Rawaafid who call people to doing whatever they like and desire such that there is nothing stopping one from doing whatever he wants.

A situation where the Da'wah is opposed to the Sunnah, and that is taken as the means (to achieving evil aims).

As for the Salafi caller who is upon the Sunnah whose Da'wah is upon the Book (of Allaah) and the Sunnah, and is upon the Manhaj of the Pious Forbearers, he will do his Da'wah with sincerity and in accordance with the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ. He will do his Da'wah to exalt the Commands of Allaah and the Commands of His Messenger ﷺ. His aim is not to amass the people. That people hearken to him is in the Hands of Allaah. Allaah alone brings progress to the Da'wah. The caller can only

exhort others, he can direct people to the truth, it is Allaah the Mighty that grants Guidance.

A Prophet will come on the Day of Resurrection with a few people, another will come with just a follower, another will come with no single follower. This was not his fault.

So don't tend towards the notion of 'I want to gather the people'. Those who did that in the past some devils in men and jinns took over their efforts and made them to start some partisan groupings, secret unions and parties which they dubbed 'Islamic groups' which are rather faraway from Islam. They are rather political groups calling to opposing (the government) and rebellion against the rulers, calling to fighting against (the government) and public incitement.

They abandoned teaching the people the correct Islaam, and calling to Allaah the Mighty.

This affair is not unknown to you, you that in the field of Da'wah. You are aware of groups such as the Jama'ah Ikhwaan Muslimoon that has spent about a hundred years in its call but still opposed to the manhaj of the Prophet ﷺ in Da'wah. They underrated the matters of Tawheed and

adopted the way of 'the high-priced Sufis', as its founder, Hasan al-Banna called it.

Then the movement jerked to political struggles via Sayyid Qutb, then to declaring the Muslims societies as infidels', that reforms should start from the rulers, so what concerns then is the matter of rulership.

This is our statement because we the callers should not be ignorant of this (fact about Ikhwaan), or the state of affairs of the Muslims.

The correct Salafi call in all lands however which you all reap from its fruits today, indeed you are reaping from the fruits the (Salafi) Da'wah.

Shaykh Muhammad bn Abdulwahhaab waged war against all forms of heresies and cut their wings. Allaah the Mighty got him helpers which we can all see today in Africa, Asia, Europe and everywhere. Why? The call is to reforming the people, that is the true Deen.

The deviants stood against it and made efforts to stamp it out but Allaah decreed victory for it.

The Da'wah is standing in Nigeria today, we can see different foundations that have spanned between fifty and sixty years or more; foundations established by some callers who have surrendered themselves to Allaah the Mighty, who exalt the Book of Allaah and the Sunnah.

This what the callers should be upon, that they exalt the Book of Allaah and the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ. The Da'wah must be to Allaah the Mighty not to a hizb or a Jamaa'ah. They shouldn't strive in such path.

The slave should rather prioritize what Allaah and His Messenger have prioritized. The preference should be for the Manhaj Salaf Saalih that is Clear and Pure, which is the Natural Deen. If you do that, Allaah will bless the efforts.

It is for this reason that I do emphasize in my meetings with brothers who are callers and workers in this Da'wah that we should strive towards purifying our intention to Allaah, also that we make efforts towards actualizing our obedience to the way of the Prophet ﷺ. Allaah will bless any effort done in His Cause. If the intention is for the fleeting things such as this world and its glamour, which

which now pushes someone to enter into political or partisan matters, and takes this as his way, he will abandon the Da'wah, fail to call to Allaah, or fail to invite the slaves of Allaah to Allaah.

This Da'wah stands upon Tawheed. Any Da'wah not tailored towards helping the cause of Tawheed, as well as teaching the people what Allaah has made obligatory upon them will vanish.

This is the manhaj of our scholars. Ash-Shaykh Hadiyatullah knew Ash-Shaykh bn Baz (rahimahuLlaah) who was one of the leading scholars of the Da'wah. He died while still running a commentary on Kitaab Tawheed. He would always stick to the book. Some students of knowledge when they read the book one or two times, they would stop. Shaykh (bn Baz) would rather not stop. He taught Fat'hul Majeed, the Commentary of Kitaab Tawheed (for many years).

That is the basis. Every time the Shaykh finished teaching the book he would start all over again. He would not start his own lectures. (Shaykh Hadiyatullah) knew this about the Shaykh very well.

Shaykh bn Baz would say what is obligatory upon the slaves is to know the right of Allaah which is Tawheed and purifying their deeds for Him.

This is the foundation which we the callers should always remind one another about, if we fail to, we would be deemed to have abandoned the Da'wah.

Yes the callers must balance his call to Tawheed and other acts of worship as well as how to relate with the people with good character and manners. The Deen is all-embracing but the greatest part of it is to call to Tawheed.

We would also talk about good character and how it is connected with the Faith. When the caller does that, he would have combined between the two matters. Good character is part of the Faith which is from the Deen.

إِنَّ مِنْ أَحَبِّكُمْ إِلَيَّ أَحْسَنَكُمْ أَخْلَاقًا.

'Indeed from the most beloved to me from amongst you are those of you good in character.'

This is because these acts are connected to actualization of Tawheed especially today when acts of Shirk such as belief in fetishism and grave-worship are widespread in the lands of the Muslims while some people still claim that this is part of Islam. They say the tomb of so-and-so lies there and people will throng it to seek succour and make devotions to it. They invoke it for their worldly worries to be removed, and therefore commit major acts of Shirk.

There might not be idols in some Muslim lands today but what is worse is there. Graves of dead 'saints' which they make supplications to beside Allaah the Mighty. You hear someone saying, 'Your support! Your support O Umar'.

You are aware of what the Sufis tariqahs do in terms of holding to other than Allaah the Mighty, upon the belief that those in the graves can cause harm or bring benefits beside Allaah the Mighty. If that is the case, what have they left for a Allaah?

This Da'wah has spread wide especially via the social media, and audio-visual channels. That is the trend today.

So let the callers be steadfast on the path and be committed to the foundations of the Da'wah which is calling to the

Correct Creed, and bringing it to the thoughts of the people, telling them about the Rights of Allaah and that of His Messenger ﷺ.

I say this to you from my heart, O brothers, seeking a cooperation that I wish to praise your efforts for, as I have heard about the Da'wah to Allaah the Mighty, and your concern to confront heresies and acts of Shirk, so also the efforts to spread the correct belief. This is a heavy responsibility. The trust is also heavy.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as you know does not request any reward or appreciation from anybody as far as the callers who align with it are concerned; it rather demands that the callers spread the Correct Creed and Pure Islam. That had been the way of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia since it was founded. That is also the protocol upon which the Kingdom's rules are based.

The Constitution says the state calls to the Correct Belief upon the Da'wah to the Correct Creed hence it has a ministry that looks after that, praise to Allaah.

The Kingdom thus enforces the Correct Syllabus upon the people to bring about good living.

The Islamic Courts are upon the Book of Allaah and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ. You all know this. You are all products of Saudi Arabia therefore you are the right people to defend the Kingdom.

We still appreciate you for these nice words that you have attributed to the Kingdom because you are its products and graduates while you remain among the bearers of its message.

The people of honour and well-being know for this State its honour and excellence. This is not strange.

We are in the dispensation of the Custodian of the Two Harams, King Salman, and His Eminence, the Crown Prince, Ameer Muhammad bn Salman, may Allaah protect both.

We recognise the efforts of the callers in the Islamic work, their connection with the Muslims and the feelings they have the people of all walks of life towards actualization of the spread of the message of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its Da'wah which is based on the middlecourse and fairness, as well as the responsibility of the guided leadership from this ministry representing the top echelons of this Ministry in the person of Ash-Shaykh ad-Duktoor Abdulateef bn Abdulazeez Aal Shaykh. It bears the message from the top echelona and in the international conferences, official visits, occasions, receiving delegations.