

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، نَحْمَدُهُ سُبْحَانَهُ كَمَا يَنْبَغِي لِجَلَالِ وَجْهِهِ وَعَظِيمِ سُلْطَانِهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ  
أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ،

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ وَسَلَّمَ وَبَارَكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ  
وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

All praise is for Allah, as is befitting His great Sovereignty and Glorious Status. I bear witness that there is no deity but Him, having no associates. To Him belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatever is within them. And He is over all things competent.

I also testify that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

وَلَقَدْ فَتَنَّا الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ الْكَاذِبِينَ

“We put to test those preceded them (the believers) and God knows the truthful from those who lie” (29:3)

- **Fitnah:** Temptation, Trial, Enticement, Fascination, Commotion, Sedition, Confusion, Affliction, Torture And Strife.
- 60x Qur'an - Hadith: Kitab al Fitan
- Fitna – **Religion**
- Fitna – **Wealth**
- Fitna – **Health**
- Fitna – **Temptation**
- Fitna – **Trial**
- Fitna – **Oppression**

وَجَعَلْنَا بَعْضَكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ فِتْنَةً أَتَصْبِرُونَ وَكَانَ رَبُّكَ بَصِيرًا

“And We have made some of you [people] as trial for others - will you have patience? And ever is your Lord, Seeing.” (25:20)

## Fitna, Fanaticism & Extremism Vs Moderation, Balance & Justice

يَتَقَارَبُ الزَّمَانُ، وَيَنْقُصُ الْعَمَلُ، وَيُلْقَى الشُّحُّ، وَتَظْهَرُ الْفِتْنُ، وَيَكْثُرُ الْهَرْجُ  
قَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ أَيُّهُ هُوَ. قَالَ " الْقَتْلُ الْقَتْلُ "

The Prophet ﷺ said, "Time will pass rapidly, good deeds will decrease, miserliness will be thrown in the hearts of the people, afflictions will appear and there will be much 'Al-Harj." They said, "O Allah's Apostle! What is "Al-Harj?" He said, "Killing! Killing!" (Bukhari)

" سَتَكُونُ فِتْنٌ الْقَاعِدُ فِيهَا خَيْرٌ مِنَ الْقَائِمِ، وَالْقَائِمُ فِيهَا خَيْرٌ مِنَ الْمَاشِي، وَالْمَاشِي فِيهَا خَيْرٌ مِنَ  
السَّاعِي، مَنْ تَشَرَّفَ لَهَا تَسْتَشْرِفُهُ، فَمَنْ وَجَدَ فِيهَا مَلْجَأً أَوْ مَعَاذًا فَلْيُعِذْ بِهِ "

The Prophet ﷺ said, "There will be afflictions (in the near future) during which a sitting person will be better than a standing one, and the standing one will be better than the walking one, and the walking one will be better than the running one, and whoever will expose himself to these afflictions, they will destroy him. So whoever can find a place of protection or refuge from them, should take shelter in it." (Bukhari)

## Fitna, Fanaticism & Extremism Vs Moderation, Balance & Justice

- Fitna leads to Fanaticism, and Fanaticism Lead to Extremism
- Al- Ta'assub – **Over Zealous**
- Al-Ghuluww – **Excessiveness**
- Al-Tashdid – **Exceedingly Restrictive**
- Al-Tatarruf – **Periphery**, moving to the farthest point away from the centre of moderation and balance.
- Fanaticism is an inherently emotive, rigid, imbalanced, immature, undeveloped individual who is unable to articulate his/her thoughts and express emotions in a constructive manner.

إياكم والغلو في الدين فإنما أهلك من كان قبلكم الغلو في الدين

- “Beware of excessiveness in religion, people before you have perished as a result of such excessiveness” (Ibn Majah)

( هلك المتنطعون )

أي المتعمقون الغالون المجاوزون الحدود في أقوالهم وأفعالهم

The Prophet ﷺ “Ruined were those who indulged in hair-splitting details. i.e., those who go beyond the limit in their utterance as well as in their action.

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وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ أُمَّةً وَسَطًا لِتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَيَكُونَ الرَّسُولُ عَلَيْكُمْ شَهِيدًا

“Thus we have made of you a community justly balanced that you might be witnesses over the nations and the messenger a witness over yourselves (2:143)

يَسِّرُوا وَلَا تُعَسِّرُوا، وَبَشِّرُوا وَلَا تُنْفِرُوا

"Facilitate things for people, and do not make it hard for them and give them good tidings and do not make them run away. (Bukhari)

### Moderation – Wasatiyyah – Middle Path

- **Tawassut** – Ease
- **I'tidal** – Just
- **Tawaazun** – Equality
- Muslims - morals, manners, physically, financially, religiously BALANCED
- Prophet ﷺ neither tall or short
- Beard neither long or short
- Moderate social affairs, family friends, speech.
- Neither stingy or extravagant
- Clothing, Food, Salah, Khutbah, Dua
- Never fail the Test – Lead Corruption – Lead Fanaticism & Extremism
- Do your best in all tests from Allah – Remain Balanced and Moderate