

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْوَلَدِ أَدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,

The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon

His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

Shah Wali'ullah's Jihad against the Shi'a

It is mentioned that when the Indo Pak sub-continent was been attacked through Philosophy and other un-Islamic studies, at that time in history, it was only Shah Wali'ullah Muhaddith Dehlwi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - who continued to teach people the Qur'an and Ahadith. He also translated the Qur'an in the Persian language and also wrote many other religious books which were extremely beneficial to the Ahle Sunnah wa Jamaah.

Shah Wali'ullah Muhaddith Dehlwi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - also stayed a little while in the Haramain Sharaef. During the time of Shah Alam, who was the king at that time, the main ambassador of the government was a person called Najaf Khan. It was through him that the Shi'as received much support. In fact, in various Masaajids in Dehli, some even stopped mentioning the name of the Khulafah and the blessed

Ashaab in their Jumu'ah khutbah. There were Taaziyah and other Shi'a functions everywhere.

In this background, Shah Wali'ullah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was forced to write his masterpiece entitled, "Izaalatul Khafaa". When this book appeared in the market, there was a large outcry among the Shi'a populace. When the ambassador, Najaf Khan, heard about this, he sent a special request to the great scholar not to write such books as this was a great cause of distress to the Shi'a.

However, Shah Wali'ullah Muhaddith Dehlwi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - bravely replied, "This is my Fard as a scholar of Islam that I should write and speak about the truth. I can never stop my tongue and pen from helping and assisting the Ahle Sunnah wa Jamaah".

When he heard these brave words, Najaf Khan then ordered the great scholar and his brother, Hadrat Shah Abdul Qadir - *may Allah be pleased with him*, to leave the city of Dehli.

It is mentioned that Shah Wali'ullah Muhaddith Dehlwi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - only returned to Dehli after this tyrant died. Shah Wali'ullah Muhaddith Dehlwi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was born on the 25th of Ramadan 1159 A.H. and passed away on the 7th of Shawwal 1239 A.H. ('Ulama Haq, 51)

Two important lessons to be learnt from this incident.

1. We can see that the 'Ulama of truth certainly faced many moments of difficulty and oppression during their life in this world. But, all they were doing was serving the Ahle Sunnah wa Jammah. However, even in these most difficult of times, they never allowed the boat of truth to sink or disappear. They continued to save and protect the true teachings of the Qur'an and the teachings of the Holy Prophet – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*. This is how we are able to say that we have the message of the Ahle Sunnah wa Jamaah with us today. There is no doubt that even if the entire present day generation gives thanks to these dedicated 'Ulama of truth, they would certainly never be able to repay them for this immense dedication to Islam and the Ahle Sunna wa Jamaah.

Therefore, those Muslims who continue to attack and insult the ‘Ulama should certainly get a wakeup call from these types of incidents. Some of them even utter such Kufr as saying that the ‘Ulama only know to break the utensils of the Masjid and try and collect monies from people.

Look at the example of Mujaddid Alif Thani - *may Allah be pleased with him*. If he had not stood up to corrupt people like Sultan Mohammed Akbar and Sultan Shah Jehan, today, it would be very difficult to know what the real message of the Ahle Sunnah wa Jamaah would be. The message of Islam would also have been hidden from the masses in the Indo Pak sub-continent.

In like manner, if people like Shah Wali’ullah Muhaddith Dehlwi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and Shah Abdul Aziz Dehlwi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - had not stood up against the Shi’a menace, perhaps today, the true message of the Ahle Sunnah wa Jamaah would have also been obliterated. Yet, it is through the Jihad of the true ‘Ulama that the corrupt beliefs of “Deen Ilaahi” as propagated by Sultan Mohammed Akbar has become ideas which only exist in history books and nothing else. It is through these ‘Ulama that the message of the Ahle Sunnah wa Jamaah has continued to exist and spread.

2. The present day ‘Ulama should also learn a lesson from such incidents. They should also bear in mind that when the ‘Ulama of truth experienced such difficulty in their life when spreading the religion, they should also be prepared to face such hardship. In today’s time the ‘Ulama, in general, do not have to face the same type of hardship as experienced by the pious predecessors of Islam. In fact, we can safely say that the present day ‘Ulama do not even face one tenth of what the previous ‘Ulama of the Ahle Sunnah wa Jamaah had to face in the sense of hardships and trials. And yet today, instead of trying to make the message of the Ahle Sunnah wa Jamaah more powerful and strong, they fold their hands and look around. They are not active in spreading the true message of Islam. They take no interest in spreading literature. They are not even able to create an international think tank that can protect the Ahle Sunnah was Jamaah.

If we look around, we will see that non-religious beliefs are continuing to spread far and wide and this is also damaging the very youth of Islam and yet sadly, the ‘Ulama of the

Ahle Sunnah wa Jamaah merely stand around and look. They display no concern for what is happening. When the Sunnis call out, they put in in one ear and take it out from the other ear. An Arabic poet has alluded to this in the following manner. “If you call out to someone who is alive, he will certainly listen to your call and also answer you. But, you call out to someone who displays no life. If you blow into a fire, certainly more flames would appear, yet, sadly, today, you are actually blowing into the ashes. (How do you expect to get flames)”.

Therefore, the ‘Ulama should certainly get a wakeup call and the people who have some financial means among the Sunnis should get an even greater wake up call. It takes both communities to take the Ahle Sunnah wa Jamaah forward. As long as there is no interaction in both communities, success is very difficult to see.