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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

All praise be to Allaah who has chosen Islaam as the religion for the people of Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)¹, made the Sharee'ah (Islaamic law) of Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) the last and the most perfect one and sent it upon His best creation Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).

I have read what was published in Al Youm Newspaper, issue no. (4080), dated 12/8/1404 A.H. in the last page under the title which reads, "A Strange Temple for Sikhism in the Emirates reported from Gulf News Agency. This piece of news stated the following: (It has been indicated by one of the Muslim Scholars in Dubai Dr. Mahmud Ibraaheem al-Dik that this temple represents a serious danger for Muslims and should be removed. He proceeded saying, "Truly, the religions permitted in the Emirates are only those with a Divine Book but other religion are false creeds whose temples should be destroyed and whose rituals should be prohibited from being practiced lest they should affect Muslims on this very land." End of his words.

Whoever reads the words of Dr. Mahmud al-Dik will realise two matters:

First: The Judaism and Christianity are permitted in the Emirates; whether to embrace them or to establish temples for them to celebrate all their rituals. This means that Christian evangelism is open and officially permitted there and this is truly a serious issue.

Second: What is worse indeed is the implicit meaning of the words of the speaker that the divine religions such as Judaism and Christianity are not disbelieving religions, consequently it is permissible to embrace and call to them and preach them through missionary practices. I will not discuss the issue of the temple of Sikhism because Shaykh `Abdul-Jabbar Al-Majid, the Director of Religious Endowments in Dubai said that the municipality will destroy the temple. May Allaah grant him all the blessings! This is necessary because the existence of this temple encourages people to call to the worship of idols that should be rejected.

In respect to the speech of Dr. Mahmud al-Dik, it is evident that it contains falsehood and bunkum, because Islaam is the true religion which all people on earth are required to

¹ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

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embrace. Allaah (سبحانه)² says, [And whoever seeks a religion other than Islaam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers.] Allaah (سبحانه) also says: [Truly, the religion with Allaah is Islaam. Those who were given the Scripture (Jews and Christians) did not differ except, out of mutual jealousy, after knowledge had come to them. And whoever disbelieves in the Aayaat (proofs, evidence, verses, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allaah, then surely, Allaah is Swift in calling to account.] [So if they dispute with you (Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)) say: "I have submitted myself to Allaah (in Islaam), and (so have) those who follow me." And say to those who were given the Scripture (Jews and Christians) and to those who are illiterates (Arab pagans): "Do you (also) submit yourselves (to Allaah in Islaam)?" If they do, they are rightly guided; but if they turn away, your duty is only to convey the Message; and Allaah is All-Seer of (His) slaves.] Allaah (عزوجل)³ has described the Jews and Christians with Kufr (disbelief) for what they alleged against Allaah, the Tahreef (distortion of the meaning) and changes they made in their Books and for exceeding the limits in words and deeds according to their tongues talk and their evil souls desire. May Allaah's Curse be on them, how they are deluded away from the truth! Allaah (سبحانه) says, [Surely, in disbelief are they who say that Allaah is the Messiah, son of Maryam (Mary). Say (O Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)): "Who then has the least power against Allaah, if He were to destroy the Messiah, son of Maryam (Mary), his mother, and all those who are on the earth together?"]

Allaah (سبحانه) says, [Surely, they have disbelieved who say: "Allaah is the Messiah [‘Isaa (Jesus)], son of Maryam (Mary)." But the Messiah [‘Isaa (Jesus)] said: "O Children of Israaeel! Worship Allaah, my Lord and your Lord." Verily, whosoever sets up partners (in worship) with Allaah, then Allaah has forbidden Paradise to him, and the Fire will be his abode. And for the Zaalimoon (polytheists and wrong-doers) there are no helpers.] [Surely, disbelievers are those who said: "Allaah is the third of the three (in a Trinity)." But there is no Ilaah (god) (none who has the right to be worshipped) but One Ilaah (God - Allaah). And if they cease not from what they say, verily, a painful torment will befall on the disbelievers among them.] [Will they not turn with repentance to Allaah and ask His Forgiveness? For Allaah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.] Allaah (سبحانه) also says: [And the Jews say: ‘Uzair (Ezra) is the son of Allaah, and the Christians say: Messiah is the son of Allaah. That is their saying with their mouths, resembling the saying of those who disbelieved aforetime. Allaah’s Curse be on them, how they are deluded away from the truth!] [They (Jews and Christians) took their rabbis and their monks to be their lords besides Allaah (by obeying them in things which they made lawful or unlawful according to their own desires without being ordered by Allaah), and (they also took as their Lord) Messiah, son of Maryam (Mary), while they (Jews and Christians) were commanded [in the Tauraat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)] to worship none but One Ilaah (God - Allaah)

² (سبحانه) (Subhanahu) Exalted be He

³ (عزوجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Glorified and Exalted be He

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Laa ilaaha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He). Praise and glory be to Him (far above is He) from having the partners they associate (with Him)."]

There are many Ayahs (Qur'aanic verses) that comprise this meaning and this indicates that Judaism and Christianity have been abrogated by the Law of Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ). This also indicates that every truth included in these two religions is emphasised by Islaam and all their untruthful matters are mere distortions and changes made by people to be convenient for their desires in order to purchase with it some ill-gotten gain. Indeed, worst is that which they bought! Thus, Islaam is the true religion which people are commanded to accept and it is the religion which all the prophets preached.

An-Nasaa'ee narrated that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) saw in the hand of `Umar Ibn Al-Khattaab (رضي الله عنه)⁴ a page from the Tawrah (Torah). Thereupon, he said, "Are you sceptical about it? O Ibn al-Khattaab! Verily, I have brought this (religion) to you, bright and pure; and if Moosa (Moses) were alive then you followed him and abandoned me, you would have been astray."

In another narration, this Hadeeth states, "If Moosa (Moses) were alive, he could not but follow me." So `Umar (رضي الله عنه) said, "I am satisfied to accept Allaah as my Lord, Islaam as my religion, and Muhammad as the Prophet."

Moreover, `Isaa (Jesus, (عليه السلام)) revived the religion of Moosa to make lawful to them some of what was forbidden to them. Allaah (سبحانه) says, [And I have come confirming that which was before me of the Tauraat (Torah), and to make lawful to you part of what was forbidden to you, and I have come to you with a proof from your Lord. So fear Allaah and obey me.] [Truly! Allaah is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him (Alone). This is the Straight Path.]

He (Jesus (عليه السلام)) will also descend at the end of time to renew the Message of Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), as indicated in the Hadeeth which says, ["Son of Mary i.e. Jesus, will shortly descend amongst you (i.e. Muslims) as a just ruler who will break the Cross, kill the swine, and abolish the Jizyah (poll tax required from non-Muslims living in an Islaamic state)."]⁵ Commenting on this Hadeeth, Al-Nawawee said: His saying: "to abolish Jizyah" means that he will not accept (from people) but to accept Islaam or fight them." When the people of the earth see this miracle, those whom Allaah guides will return to Islaam and the Jews and Christians whom Allaah enlightens their insight will embrace it. Thus, they will believe in Jesus (عليه السلام) after they see the manifest signs which reflect the brilliant light of truth. Believing in Jesus (عليه السلام) - at that time - will be through the belief in the Message of Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) and in the religion revealed to him by Allaah, which is Islaam. Then, there comes the disclosure of all lies and the clarification of all the

⁴ (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him

⁵ It is narrated by Muslim

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falsity that was added to Judaism and Christianity at the hands of rabbis and monks to delude people and cause confusion in their religion. Allaah (سبحانه) in the story of Jesus (عليه السلام) with the People of the Book who said that they had killed him, indicates their falsehood and clarifies that some of them will believe in Jesus (عليه السلام) before their death, because death is a due right on all humans in the life of this world. Allaah says, **[But Allaah raised him [‘Isaa (Jesus)] up (with his body and soul) unto Himself (and he (عليه السلام) is in the heavens). And Allaah is Ever All-Powerful, All-Wise.] [And there is none of the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians) but must believe in him [‘Isaa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary), as only a Messenger of Allaah and a human being] before his [‘Isaa (Jesus) (عليه السلام) or a Jew’s or a Christian’s] death (at the time of the appearance of the angel of death). And on the Day of Resurrection, he [‘Isaa (Jesus)] will be a witness against them.]**

This situation that was manifested by the Noble Qur'aan was mentioned after Allaah (سبحانه) had described them with Kufr (disbelief) in a previous Ayah which reads, **[And because of their (Jews) disbelief and uttering against Maryam (Mary (عليهما السلام)⁶) a grave false charge (that she has committed illegal sexual intercourse);] [And because of their saying (in boast), "We killed Messiah ‘Isaa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary), the Messenger of Allaah," - but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but it appeared so to them [the resemblance of ‘Isaa (Jesus) was put over another man (and they killed that man)]]**

During the age of the Messenger of Allaah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) and after the Islaamic Law had been clarified for the people of the earth, the Jews and Christians whom Allaah enlightened their insight, embraced Islaam after they recognised the truth and renounced all the beliefs that oppose the Law which Allaah enacted for His Servants. This Law is to believe in the Oneness of Allaah (سبحانه) and not to associate partners in worshipping Him. Indeed, Islaam is the religion that Allaah has accepted from His Prophets from the beginning of time. Allaah (سبحانه) says, **[Truly, the religion with Allaah is Islaam.]**

He (سبحانه) says, **[And who turns away from the religion of Ibraaheem (Abraham) (i.e. Islaamic Monotheism) except him who befools himself? Truly, We chose him in this world and verily, in the Hereafter he will be among the righteous.] [When his Lord said to him, "Submit (i.e. be a Muslim)!" He said, "I have submitted myself (as a Muslim) to the Lord of the ‘Alameen (mankind, jinn and all that exists)."] [And this (submission to Allaah, Islaam) was enjoined by Ibraaheem (Abraham) upon his sons and by Ya’qoob (Jacob) (saying), "O my sons! Allaah has chosen for you the (true) religion, then die not except in the Faith of Islaam (as Muslims - Islaamic Monotheism)."]**

Islaam is the straight path leading to Allaah (سبحانه) as mentioned in the interpretation of Soorah al-Faatihah (the opening chapter in the Qur'aan). A Muslim supplicates His Lord to

⁶ (عليهما السلام) (Peace be upon her)

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guide him to the straight path, to keep him away from the path of those who earn His anger i.e. The Jews who disobeyed Allaah knowingly and intentionally, and to keep him away from the path of those who went astray i.e. The Christians who worship Allaah with ignorance and misguidance.

Consequently, it is clear that the only way to Allaah is Islam with which He has sent His Prophet Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) as well as all other Messengers. It is also clear that all other religions such as Judaism, Christianity, Zoroastrianism, idolatry, or any other disbelieving creed are false. These creeds do not lead to the way of Allaah nor lead to His Paradise, yet, they provoke His Anger and Torment. Allaah (سُبْحَانَهُ) says, **[And whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers.]**

The Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said, **["No one hears of me from this Ummah (nation), whether a Jew or a Christian, and then dies without believing in what I have been sent with but he will be among the dwellers of Hellfire."]**⁷ We ask Allaah to grant us and all Muslims deep understanding of religion and persistence in holding fast to it. May Allaah refine our hearts and deeds, guide us all to the straight path, and keep us away from the path of those who earned His anger and those who went astray! Indeed, Allaah is the Owner of everything and has power over everything. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

⁷ This Hadeeth was narrated by Muslim in his Saheeh.