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{So whoever hopes for the meeting with his Lord, let him work righteousness and associate none as a partner in the worship of his Lord} [18:110]

Notes

بِسِم اللهِ الوُحَمِنِ الوُحِيم

مِن أَعجَبِ الْعَجَابِ وَأَكبِر الآياتِ الَّدَالِة عَلَى قُلرِة الْمِلكِ الْغَلابِ سِّتُهُ أُصُولٍ بَّيْنَهَا اللهُ تَعَالَى بَيانَا وَاضِحًا لِلْعَوَامِ فُوقَ مَا يَظُنُن الظَّأْنُونَ ثُمَّ بَعَدَ هَذَا غِلطَ فَيَهَا كِثَيْر مِن أَذْكِياءِ الْعَالِمُ وَتُعَفَلاء بَنِي آدَمَ إَلا أَقَلُ الْقِلْيِل.

In the name of Allāh, the Most Merciful the Bestower of Mercy.	
From the most amazing affairs and the greatest signs that demonstrate the ability of al-Malik (the Sovereign Owner) and al-Ghallāb (the Victorious), are six principles that Allāh, the most High, has clearly explained for the common people.	
[He did this in a manner] above and beyond the thinking of those who doubt.	
Despite this, many of the clever people of this world and the intelligent ones from the children of Ādam erred with regards to them – except a very little few.	

الأصل الأول: إخلاص الدين له تعالى وحده لا شريك له وبَيان ضِدِه الذي هو الشّرك باللهو كون أكثر القرآن في بَيان هذا الأصل من وُجُوه شَتَى بكلام يفهمه أبلد العامة. ثمّ لها صار على أكثر الأمية ما صار ، أظهر لهم الشّيطان الإخلاص في صُورة تَنتُقصِ الصَّالِحين والتقصير في مُحقوقهم وأظهر كلهم السَّيطان الإجلاس في مُورة تَنتُقصِ الصَّالِحين والتقصير في مُحقوقهم وأظهر كلهم السِّرك بالله في صُورة تحمَّية الصَّالِحين والتباعهم.

The first principle: Al-Ikhlāṣ	
(sincerity) in actions, for the sake of Allāh alone; He has no partners. Also an explanation of its opposite	
which is to commit acts of shirk with Allāh.	
Most of the Qur'an - from various	
angles - is an explanation of this principle. [It has been explained so	
clearly] that even the most unintelligent of the common people	
can understand.	
Despite this, when the situation of	
most of the Ummah changed to what it is, Shaytān [deceived the	
people] by making sincerity appear to mean diminishing the status and	
rights of the righteous people and	
he made Shirk with Allāh to appear to mean loving the righteous people	
and their followers.	

الأصل الثاني: أمر الله بالاجتماع في الدين و تمى عن التقرق فيه. فبين الله هذا بَيانا شاقيا تفهمه العوام و كهانا أن نكون كالذين تقوُقوا واختلفوا قبلنا فهلكوا وذكر أنه أمر النمسلمين بالاجتماع في الدين و كهاهم عن التقرق فيه. و في يده و ضوحا ما وركت به السُّنة من العجب العجاب في ذلك ثم صار الأمر إلى أن الإفتراق في أصول الدين و فروعه مو العلم والفقه في الدين و صار الأمر بالإجتماع في الدين كا يقوله إلا زنديق أو مجنون.

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The Second Principle: The command of Allāh to be united upon the religion and the prohibition of division and discord regarding it.	
Allāh has explained this in a very clear manner that even the common people are able to understand. He forbade us from resembling the people who differed and became divided before us and so they were destroyed.	
He mentioned that He also ordered the Messengers with being united in the religion and forbade them from division and discord due to it. This matter is made clearer by what is found in the Sunnah.	
Then, from the most strange affairs is that differing in the core principles of the religion as well as its subsidiary branches [appeared as] knowledge and understanding of the religion.	
As for unity in religion, it became such that nobody spoke about it except a heretic or a mad person.	

الأصل الَّثالِثُ: أَنَّ مِن تَمَامِ الإجِتَماعِ السَّمَعِ وَالطَّاعَة لِمَن تَأْمَر عَليَنا وَلُو كَانَ عَبُّدا حَبِشَّيا. فَبَّينَ الَّنِبِّي ﷺ هَذَا بَيَانًا شَائِعًا ذَائِعًا بِكُلِ وَجِهِ مِن أَنُواعِ الْبَيَانِ شَرِعًا وَقَلَرًا ، ثُمَّ صَار هَذَا الأصل لا يُعَرفُ عِندَ أَكْثِر مَن رَيَّدعِي العِلمَ فَكَيفَ الْعَمَلِ بِه. The Third Principle: From the perfection and completion of unity is: hearing and obeying the one who has authority over us, even if he is an Abyssinian slave. Allāh explained this in a very clear, manifest and sufficient manner, using various means - both religious as well as universal. Despite this, this principle became unknown amongst the people who claim knowledge, so how could it be applied and practised?!

الأصل الرابع: بَيان العلم والعَلماء والفقه والفقهاء ، وبَيان من تشَبه بِهم وليسَ مِنهم ، وقد بَيْن الله تعالى هذا الأصل في أول سُورة البقرة من قوله: ﴿يَا بِنِي إِسرَائِيل الأكروا نِعَمِتِي اللهِ اَنْعَمتُ عَليكُم وَأُوفُوا بَعَهِدِي أُوفِ بِعَهِدِكُم وَإِيايَ فَارَهُبُونِ إِلَى قولِه قبل ذِكر إِبَواهِيم عَليه السَّلام: ﴿يَا بِنِي إِسرَائِيل الأكروا نِعَمِتِي الْتِي أَنْعَمتُ عَليكُم وَإِيَّايَ فَارَهُبُونِ ﴾ إلى قولِه قبل ذِكر إبراهيم عَليه السَّلام: ﴿يَا بِنِي إِسرَائِيل الأكروا نِعَمِتِي الْتِي أَنْعَمتُ عَليكُم وَإِيَّا فَضَّلْتُكُم عَلَى الْعَالِمِينَ ﴾ الآية [البقرة: 47-40]

The Fourth Principle: A clarification of knowledge and the people of knowledge, and Fiqh and the people of Fiqh. Also, a clarification of those who resemble them but are not actually from them.	
Allāh has explained this principle in the beginning of Sūrah al-Baqarah; from His saying,	
{O Children of Isrāīl, remember My favour which I have bestowed upon you and fulfil My covenant [upon you] that I will fulfil your covenant [from Me], and be afraid of [only] Me}	
to His saying before the mention of Ibrāhīm ('alayhi as-salām)	
{O Children of Isrāīl, remember My favour that I have bestowed upon you and that I preferred you over the worlds} [02:40-47]	

وَيْرِيْدُهُ وُضُوعًا مَا صَوَّحت بِهِ السُّنَة فِي هَذَا مِن الكَلاِم الكِثيرِ البِّينِ الواضِحِ لِلعابِّمِيّ البِليد مُمَّ صَار هَذَا أَعْرَبَ الْأَشْيَاءِ وَصَار الْعِلْم وَالْفَقُهُ هُو الْبَدَعُ وَالضَّلَالاتِ ، وَحِيار مَا عِندُهم لَبسُ الحَقِّ بِالبَاطِلِ. وَصَار الْعِلْم اللهَ تَعالَى عَلَى الخلق وَمَدَحُه لا يَتَقَوَّهُ بِه إِلّا زِندِيْقُ أَو مَجُنونٌ وَصَار مَن أَنكُوهُ وَعَاداُه وَصَّنفَ فِي التَّحِذِيرِ مِنْهُ وَالنَّهِي عَنْهُ هُو الفِقيهُ العالِم.

This principle is made even more manifest due to the emphatic statements of the Sunnah in which there are many clear statements for even the unintelligent common person.	
Despite this, [this very same principle] became from the strangest affairs. Knowledge and Fiqh were seen to be innovations and misguidance, whilst the closest they have to it is mixing truth with falsehood.	
falsehood. Similarly, knowledge that Allāh, the most High, has obligated upon creation and praised, is [seen to] only be followed by heretics or insane people and the one who forbids this [true] knowledge, shows animosity towards it and authors in warning against it — he is the scholar and Faqīh.	

الأصل الخامس: بَيانُ الله سُبحانه لِأُولياء الله وَتفريقه بَينهم وَبين المُمَتَتَبِهِينَ بِهِم مِن أَعَداء الله وَالمُنافِقينَ وَالْفَجَارِ، وَيكفِه يَ عَذَا آيَّة فِي آلِ عَمَانَ وَهِي قُولُه: ﴿قُلْ إِن كُنتُم يُحِبُونَ الله فَاتبُعُونِي يُحِببُكُم الله.. ﴾ وَالْفَجَارِ، وَيكفِه يَ عَذَا آيَّة فِي المائِدة وَهِي قُولُه: ﴿ يَا أَيها الَّذِينَ آمُنُواْ مَن يَرتَد مِنكُم عَن دِينِه فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِي الله بَقُوم يُحِبُونُه ... ﴾ [المائدة: 54] الآية

The Fifth Principle: An	
explanation by Allāh, may He be Glorified, regarding the Awliyā of	
Allāh; and how He distinguished	
between them and between those who merely resemble them; in	
reality they are from the enemies of Allāh, hypocrites and disobedient	
people.	
The following verse in Sūrah al- Imrān is sufficient for this: {Say, [O	
Muhammad]: "If you truly love	
Allāh, then follow me; [so] Allāh will love you and forgive for you	
your sins." Allāh is Forgiving and Merciful} [03:31]	
Also the verse in Sūrah al-Māidah:	
(O you who have believed,	
whoever of you should revert	
from his religion - Allāh will bring forth [in place of them] a people	
He will love and who will love	
Him} [05:54]	

وَآيَّة فِي مُونْسَ وَهِيَ قُولُه: ﴿ أَلا إِنَّ أُولِياءَ اللهِ لَا خُوفٌ عَلَيْهِم وَلَا مُم يَحَرُنُونَ * الذينَ آمُنواوَ كَأُنوا يَتُقُونَ ﴾ [يونس: 62-63] مُثم صَار الأَمُر عِندَ أَكْثِر مَن يَدْعِي العِلم وَأَنْه مِن مُهْدَاةِ الحَلِق وَمُحَفَاظِ الشَّوعِ إِلَى النَّولِيم وَأَنْه مِن مُهْم وَلا بُدَ مِن تَوك الجَهادِ. فَمن جَاهدَ فَليسَ مِنْهم وَلا بُدَ مِن تَوك الجَهادِ. فَمن جَاهدَ فَليسَ مِنْهم. وَلا بُدَ مِن تَوك الإيمانِ وَالتَقُوى. فَمن تَقَيد بِالإيمانِ وَالتَّقُوى فَليسَ مِنْهُم. يَارَّبنا نَسألك العَفو وَالعافِية إَنك سَمِيعُ الدَّعاء.

Also the verse in Sūrah Yūnus, {Verily, for the Awliyā of Allāh	
there will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve; those who	
believe and have Taqwa} [10:62]	
This then changed with most of the people who claim to have	
knowledge; claiming they are the ones who guide creation and are	
the protectors of the Sharī'ah: that they consider the Awliyā to be those	
who abandon following the Sunnah	
and whosoever follows it is not from the Awliyā. Similarly, one has to	
abandon Jihād, so whoever fights Jihād is not from the Awliyā.	
Also, one has to abandon Imān and	
Taqwa, and whosoever maintains them is not from the Awliyā.	
O our Lord, we ask You for safety	
and pardoning, indeed You are the One who hears [and responds] to	
the supplications.	

الأصل السَّادِس: رَدُ الشَّبَهِة الِتِي وَضَعَها الشَّيطَانُ فِي تَرِكِ الْقُرْآنِ وَالسُّنَة وَإِتَبَاعِ الآراء وَالأَهْوَاء الْمُتَقَرِّقَة اللهُ حَتِلَفِة وَهِيَ أَنَ الْقَرْآنَ وَالسُّنَة لَا يَعِرُفُهُمَا إَلا المُجَتِهِدُ المُطلَقُ ، وَالمُجَتِهُدُ هُو المُوصُوفُ بِكَذَاوَكَذَا المُحَتِلَفِة وَهِيَ أَنَ الْقَرْآنَ وَالسُّنَة لَا يَعِرُفُهُمَا إَلا المُجَتِهِدُ المُطلَقُ ، وَالمُجَتِهُدُ هُو المُوصُوفُ بِكَذَاوَكَذَا وَصَافًا لَعَلَها لَا تُو جَدُ تَأَمَّة فِي أَبِي بَكِرٍ وَعُمَر. فَإِن لَم يَكُن الإِنسَانُ كَذَلِكَ فَلْيعِرض عَنْهُمَا فَرضًا حَتَّما لَا شَكَولًا إِشْكَالَ فِيه ، وَمَن طَلَبَ اللهَدَى مِنْهُمَا قُهُو إِمَّمَا زِنِدِيقُ وَإِمَا مُجُنُونٌ لِلْأَجِلِ صُعُوبِتِهِمَا.

The Sixth Principle: Refuting the doubt that Shaytan has placed to abandon the Qur'ān and Sunnah, and instead to follow many differing opinions and desires.	
[The essence of the doubt is] that the Qur'ān and Sunnah can only be known by an absolute Mujtahid.	
And the Mujtahid is the one who has certain qualities and characteristics - to the extent that these qualities would not be completely found even in Abu Bakr and Umar!	
So whoever does not possess these characteristics, he should completely avoid the Qur'ān and Sunnah; this being an obligation without any reasoning or doubt; and whoever takes his guidance from the Qur'ān and Sunnah is either a heretic or a mad person; this being due to the difficulty in understanding them both.	

فُسُبَحَانَ الله وَبِحَمِدِه : كُم بَيْنَ الله سُبَحَانُه شَرِعًا وَقَلَوًا ، خَلَقًا وَأَمُوا ، فِي رَدّ هَذِه الشَّبَهِة المَلْعُونِة مِن وُجُوه شَتَى بَلَغت إِلَى حَد الطَّرُورِ يَاتِ الْعَامِة : ﴿ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثُر النَّاسِ لَا يَعَلَمُونَ ﴾ وُجُوه شَتَى بَلَغت إِلَى حَد الطَّرُهِم فَهُم لَا يُؤمنُونَ * إِنَا جَعَلنا فِي أَعَناقِهِم أَغَلاً لا فَهِي إِلَى الأَذقانِ فَهُم هُلُقَد حَقَّ القولُ عَلَى أَكثرِهم فَهُم لا يُؤمنُونَ * إِنَا جَعَلنا فِي أَعَناقِهم أَغَلاً لا فَهِي إِلَى الأَذقانِ فَهُم مُم مُعَلِق فَهُم كَا يُبِيعِمُونَ * وَسَواءً عَليهِم مُم مُعَلِق فَهُم مَا لا يُبِيعِمُونَ * وَسَواءً عَليهِم أَمْ لَم تُنذِرُهُم لَا يُؤمنُونَ * إِنَمَا تُنذِرُ مَنِ النَّبَعَ الدِّكُرُ وَخَشِيَ الرُّحَمَنَ بِالْغَيْبِ فَبُشِرُهُ بِمَغِفَرة وَأَجْرٍ كَرِيمٍ ﴾ [سورة يس ، الآيات: 7-11]

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May Allāh be glorified and by His praise, how much has Allāh clarified this, both in the Sharī'ah	
and universal law, and due to [law	
of] creation as well as His command. [How much as he]	
refuted this cursed doubt in so	
many different ways, such that it has become from those matters	
which are known by necessity - yet most people are ignorant of this.	
{Already the word has come into	
effect upon most of them, so they do not believe.	
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Indeed, We have put shackles on their necks, and they are to	
their chins, so they are with heads [kept] aloft.	
And We have put before them a	
barrier and behind them a	
barrier and covered them, so they do not see	
And it is all the same for them	
whether you warn them or do not warn them - they will not	
believe.	
You can only warn one who follows the message and fears	
the Most Merciful unseen. So	
give him good tidings of forgiveness and noble reward}	
[36: 07-11]	

In ending, all praise is due to Allāh, the Lord of the Worlds. May the many peace and blessings of Allāh be upon our Master Muḥammad, upon his family and companion until the Day of Resurrection.

آخِوُه ، وَالْحُمْدُ لِلهِ رَبِّ الْعَالِمْيَن ، وَصَّلَى الله عَلَى سَيِّيدَنَا مُحَتَّمَدٍ وَعَلَى وَ آلِه وَصَحْبِه وَسَلَّمَ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيُّرًا إِلَى