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The means which the hypocrites use to turn people away from the *Deen* of Allah

Nifaq is a serious disease which attacks the hearts of people and thus changes their position from *Iman* to *Kufr* and from being worthy of admission to *al-Jannah* to being worthy of admission to the lowest depths of the Hell-fire.

The hypocrites are a source of *fitna* and test for the *Ummah*. They work to turn people away from the *Deen* of Allah and to fight against those who call people to it.

What makes the danger of the hypocrites greater than that of other enemies is that they are familiar with the affairs of Muslims. They live among them and know the points of their strengths; and so they endeavour to weaken them, and they know their weaknesses; and so they exploit them- or disclose both to their enemies.

They hypocrites use many means to turn people away from Islam:

1) One of their wicked means is their continuous efforts to silence those who convey the *Deen* of Allah; those who call to the truth and guidance; those who disclose their falsehood and corruption. They – the hypocrites- resort to stirring up the public, politicians, governments and the forces of *Kufr* against the *Ulama*, *Du'at*, Islamic workers and adherents making false claims against them under the pretexts of radicalism, extremism and terrorism and the likes of these terms. They do not hesitate to use any dirty mean such as lying, falsification and deception to achieve what they aim at. They use the same method which their predecessors used during the time of the Prophet (*salla Allahu alaihi wa sallam*) when they (the hypocrites) induced the *Mushrikeen* of Makkah to invade Madinah and when they encouraged the Jews who were living in Madinah to join in the fighting against Muslims, promising to help them and stand on their side – as Allah explained in *surah al-Hashr*.

2) One of the weapons which the hypocrites use in turning people away from the *Deen* of Allah is mocking at the *Deen* and its followers; its scholars and *Du'at* in order to make people turn away and avoid them. This was the same way which the ancient *Mushrikeen* used in the past with the Prophets of Allah as Allah (*subhanahu wa ta'ala*) says in the Qur'an: "Even before you (O Prophet,) many messengers were ridiculed. Those who laughed at them were, then, surrounded by what they used to ridicule."

What the ancient *Mushrikeen* did of ridiculing the prophets and their followers, the hypocrites did during the time of the Prophet (*salla Allahu alaihi wa sallam*) when they ridiculed the *Qaris* of the Qur'an from among the *Sahaba* of Rasulullah (*salla Allahu alaihi wa sallam*.) Allah revealed regarding them – the hypocrites – Qur'an which is read until the Day of Resurrection. Abdullah Ibn Umar (*Radhiya Allahu 'anhuma*) said: A man said in one of the meetings during the battle of *Tabuk*: 'We have not seen any people like our *Qaris*. They are the most food greedy, biggest liars and most coward in fighting. A man said: You lied; you say this because you are a hypocrite. I will tell Rasulullah (*salla Allahu alaihi wa sallam*.) The news reached the Prophet (*salla Allahu alaihi wa sallam*) and the Qur'an was revealed. Abdullah Ibn Umar said: I saw him (the man who made the remark about the *Qaris*) holding to the

she-camel of Rsulullah (*salla Allahu alaihi wa sallam*) and saying: ‘O Messenger of Allah! We were just chatting and having fun’ and Rasulullah (*salla Allahu alaihi wa sallam*) saying: “Was it at Allah and His revelations and His Messenger that you were making fun? Make no excuses. You became disbelievers after you had professed faith.”

Ridiculing those who carry and represent the *Deen*; the scholars, the *Du'ats* and the adherents of Islam or persecuting them, is one of the most wicked methods which the *Kuffar* and the *Munafiqueen* use in their fight against the *Deen*. This *Deen* cannot be established on earth and in the life of people by its mere revelation from Allah (*subhanahu wa ta'ala*) and delivery to people or by a miracle or by divine force. It can only be established on earth by a group of people, who firmly believe in it, adhere to it and implement it in real life. This is what Allah (*subhanahu wa ta'ala*) has decreed for this *Deen* and this is the way how it works.

So, ridiculing those who believe, embody and attempt to implement it or persecuting them is without doubt a fight against the *Deen* itself. This is truth of the matter regardless of what the hypocrites say. Whoever stands with the hypocrites in their ridiculing of the carriers of the *Deen* or approves their actions is one of them.

3) One of the means which the hypocrites use to turn people away from the *Deen* is the exploitation of the media in their war against Islam. They carry out media campaigns whereby they distort the facts, fabricate lies, throw doubts over the Islamic convictions, attempt to change the concepts and spread fear in the hearts of the weak. Some of the methods which they use in this regard include:

- i) Dividing Islam into political and non-political Islam; implying that politics has no basis in the *Deen* and is only an invention of the Islamic movements. In this way they believe in some of the *Deen* and disbelieve in some. They wage fierce media wars- in collaboration with their *Kafir* allies against what they call the ‘political Islam groups.’ The reality is that there is no such thing as political Islam and non-political Islam. The religion of Allah is one comprehensive *Deen* which encompasses everything in life.
- ii) Distorting the Islamic concept of loyalty to the believer and disloyalty to the disbelievers – because this concept separates human beings and does not unite them. Do Muslims want to unite just over anything? Perhaps the *Kuffar* themselves do not wish to unite with us anyway, and certainly they do not want to join with us in *Iman* as we don’t want to unite with them over *Kufr*. The hypocrites also seek to weaken and perhaps eradicate the Islamic rite of *al-Amr bil-Marouf wan-Nahi 'anil-Munkr* (enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong) – which is one of the characteristics of the best *Ummah* raised up for human kind.
- iii) Spreading rumours which dishearten and demoralise Muslims. They frighten them of the *Kufr* forces especially the super power of our time picturing it as an undefeatable force and that the Muslims cannot face it and it is better for them to surrender to it and submit to its dominance.

These are only a few examples of what the hypocrites do in their media war against Islam and Muslims.

The strongest weapon which Muslims have that will foil the projects of the hypocrites and turn their plans against them is the believers’ holding fast to their *Deen*, being patient and certain of the promise of Allah against the *Munafiqueen*. It is their certainty that after difficulty comes ease and that all things are in the hands of Allah, and He will aid those who support His cause and let down those who oppose Him.