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All praise be to Allah alone, and may His peace and blessings be on the final Messenger, Muhammad.

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The call to the religion of Allah is a connected procession that has been carried by a long chain of Messengers throughout the history of humanity. Indeed, each Messenger has come to his people with the same message that “there is no deity other than Allah”, despite there being differences in their scriptures and the specifics of their laws, as each Messenger conformed to the needs of his nation and generation. After the

establishment of each message, people would not fail to deviate and completely stray from the religion of Allah. Nonetheless, Allah would yet send another Messenger with the task of renewing the belief in Allah's Exclusiveness, Uniqueness, Supremacy and Sovereignty, as well as all of His other rights and characteristics. The Messenger would also eliminate the corruption that his nation was situated in. Allah the Almighty sealed this long line of revelations with the message of Islam. As a result, Islam became the required religion for all people, across all times and places.

Establishing the religion of Allah on earth and in people's lives requires two elements that are interdependent, and both were revealed by Allah (swt).

The first element is the principles and concepts that define every matter of this religion. This is also referred to as the ideology.

As for the second element, it is the required means and methods for establishing this religion on earth and in people's lives; and this is what is referred to as the methodology.

These two factors were both outlined by Allah the Almighty. Allah determined an ideology for this religion, just as He ordained a methodology for establishing this religion on earth.

This matter is of the utmost importance, and must be thoroughly comprehended by any Muslim group that is striving to implement Allah's laws on earth.

It is neither permissible nor acceptable for the Muslim group to adopt the Islamic ideology - with all its concepts and principles - from Allah the Almighty, and thereafter adopt the methodological movement and the methodology for establishing Islam on earth from a source contrary to Allah. That can never be!

Separating the ideology of Islam from its methodology will cause disaster. It would cause conflict among the people and society as they will not agree upon one righteous path. Furthermore, a group that does so will become undeserving of Allah's aid and support, and will also be at a great loss; a loss that Allah, Exalted is He, rescued them from when He established a methodology for them to adopt.

This is the truth that the Holy Quran clarifies for us through the stories of the Messengers of Allah, may Allah's peace and blessings be upon them all. Allah tells us in the Quran:

“And each [story] We relate to you from the news of the Messengers is that by which We make firm your heart. And there has come to you, in

this, the truth and an instruction and a reminder for the believers.” [The Holy Quran, Hud: 120]

Indeed, the Holy Book of Allah narrates the stories of His Messengers (pbut), not only to teach us lessons, but also to clarify the following matters:

- Firstly, it clarifies the ideology that Islam is built upon, which is the belief in the Oneness of Allah, the belief in His unique names and characteristics, as well as the belief and certainty that Allah has absolute rights to govern and be exclusively worshiped.
- The second matter that is clarified in the Quran is the methodology for establishing Islam on earth and in people’s lives, and this is what the scholars refer to as “the methodology of the Islamic movement”.

Therefore, we can see that the methodology of the Islamic movement and the means which the members of the Muslim group use to establish Islam on earth is not left to their opinions, reasoning or interests. Rather, those matters were defined for them in the form of a Divine methodology. This methodology was established by Allah for the Islamic advocates to adopt. All of the Messengers adhered to this Divine methodology. The Messenger Muhammad (pbuh) carried it out in his life. His biography was

then documented so that all who follow him can use it as an example and guide.



## The story of mankind and the methodology for the reinstatement of Islam

Islam was the first belief and religion that was known to mankind. When people deviated from the path of Islam, their beliefs, ideologies, societies and lives became corrupt. They began worshiping lords contrary to Allah. They worshiped idols, planets and various other things. They also worshiped and followed rulers and chiefs of tribes who had usurped the rights of Allah. This all indicated that humanity had strayed from the ideology and concept of Tawheed, and had fallen into Shirk, which is the prohibited act of associating partners with Allah in any way, shape or form. When humanity strays in such a manner, they are considered to be living in Jahiliyah; a life that is void of the true practice of Islam and its teachings. At that point, Allah sends a Messenger to remove people from the life of Jahiliyah and return them to Islam. After calling their nation for a period of time, the Messengers find followers who accept their call and believe in the message that they carry, and these people then become the

Muslims who form an Islamic society and group under the leadership of their Messenger. In opposition, a group of people reject and refuse to accept the message of Allah brought by the Messenger, and thereby remain in their state of wrongfully and unjustly associating partners with Allah. They continue to live within the Jahili society and under its leadership. The moment that the Muslims disassociate themselves from their society, Allah comes forth with His command, destroying those who disbelieved and rescuing the Muslims. Allah does not rule between the Believers and disbelievers until the Truth is proclaimed and until the Believers disassociate themselves from the disbelievers. Furthermore, Allah does not rule between them until the Muslims wholeheartedly obey and submit to Allah the Almighty. That is the established way of Allah in regards to the call of the Messengers. It is the methodology of the Islamic movement and the methodology for establishing Islam on earth and in people's lives. This recurring history clearly shows the necessity of adhering to the Divine and Islamic ideology and methodology. It also confirms the necessity of solely obtaining this methodology from Allah, and not from any other source.



## The biography of the Messenger (pbuh) is proof of his adherence to the Divine methodology

When we take a look at the life of the last Messenger, Muhammad peace be upon him, we can further comprehend the methodology of the Islamic movement. In summary, this is how the Messenger (pbuh) implemented it:

Allah, by His will, decreed for the Messenger (pbuh) to begin the Islamic advocacy by calling people to bear witness to the testimony, “there is no divinity but Allah and Muhammad is His Messenger”. Throughout the following thirteen years, the chapters of the Quran that were revealed solely focused on explaining the matter of Tawheed and the Islamic creed. The first revelations of the Quran did not delve into the detailed laws and principles of Islam. The wisdom behind this approach was to strengthen and firmly establish the Islamic creed in the hearts of the Believers. The first group of Believers increased in numbers each day. They began to call people to worship Allah alone and abandon the worship of anyone or anything contrary to Allah. In the following period, the Muslims became emotionally detached from the Jahili society and decided to lead a life that was based on the concept of Tawheed; a life that was exclusively governed

by Allah from all aspects. However, they did not eliminate all connections with the individuals of their society as they continued to live amongst them and trade with them. Nonetheless, the Islamic movement began to confront the surrounding Jahiliyah under the leadership of the Messenger (pbuh).

When Islam was first established in Mekkah, the Muslims did not have any authority or power within the society. They also did not live a separate life in which they could carry out the laws of the Sharia. For that reason, Allah did not reveal any regulations or legislations in that period. Rather, He (swt) revealed to them the fundamental and core belief of Islam as well as the morals and ethics that resulted from it.

When Allah permitted for His Messenger (pbuh) to migrate to Medina, the Muslims gained power and control and were thus able to establish a state of their own. It was in that later period of Islam that Allah revealed His legislations and laws so that they could be used to govern the newly established Muslim society. These laws were preserved and fulfilled at all times through the power and authority of the Islamic state.

This is the summary of the biography of the Messenger (pbuh). Through studying the way in which the Messenger (pbuh) adhered to the Islamic methodology, one can clearly see the profound connection

between the ideology of Islam that was revealed in the Quran, and the methodology of the Islamic movement that was revealed to establish a Muslim society. This methodology was applied by the first group of Muslims under the leadership of the last Messenger, Muhammad (pbuh).



## The methodical steps of the Islamic movement

The Islamic movement must begin by calling people to the testimony of Islam and the concept of Tawheed, as that is the first step to embracing Islam. It must then select the righteous individuals who accept this call and wish to join the Believers under the rightly guided leadership. Conversely, the polytheists who insist on obeying other than Allah will stand in an opposing group under a Jahili leadership. The period of time for this stage may be prolonged due to the wisdom and will of Allah; however, it will be followed by a stage in which the Muslims will be required to openly proclaim the Truth. Lastly, the Believers will become distinguished and disassociated from the Jahili society, and Allah's promise of victory will be seen. The victory which Allah chooses for the Muslims can either come in the form of Islam's establishment on earth or

the Muslims being chosen to become martyrs, or any other form willed by Allah the Almighty.

That is the life story and methodology of the Messenger (pbuh). It is an example to be followed, not only for the past generations but also for all Islamic advocates regardless of their location and era. Indeed, there can be no substitute for this Divinely ordained methodology as it is the final form and means to establishing Islam on earth.

The societies of this day are in dire need of embracing Islam and abandoning the life of Jahiliyah; the life of darkness that they have succumbed to. No doubt, calling them to Islam is a great responsibility and task that has been set on the shoulders of the righteous Muslim group. This group must carry out that task according to the Divine methodology that was adhered to by all of the Messengers of Allah.



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