

Allah said in Surat Ali Imran (3:104) what translates to:

"Let there arise out of you a band of people inviting to all that is good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong. They are the ones to attain felicity (success)."

If we read through this verse carefully, we observe that it conveys a clear affirmative command from Allah ﷻ to the Muslim believers to form a party (a group). Such a command is directed to the Muslims as a whole, and is a type of command that scholars call "fard kifayah." This means that it is sufficient for a part of the Muslim Ummah to fulfill this command, since Allah ﷻ did not address the command to each and every individual.

Through this verse Allah ﷻ designates the responsibilities of such a group or party. These responsibilities are:

FIRST: Inviting to all that is good, which means to call for Islam, for there is nothing more "good" than this religion, the last message conveyed by Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him.

SECOND: Enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong. This includes calling people to abide by the Islamic legislation (Shari'a), and calling for rulership among people according to the teachings and traditions of the Prophet ﷺ.

For those who carry this responsibility, Allah ﷻ has promised for them success. Success in Islam implies happiness in this life and in the hereafter.

This verse addresses the need for a special kind of Muslims who are qualified to carry on these responsibilities, which we may label as political responsibilities. The concept of "Enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong" is a political one as it applies to both the rulers and those who are ruled, and covers all private and public affairs. In this regard, it is important for us to relate to the proper meaning of the word politics as the business of managing, caring for, and looking after the affairs of people.

As we all know, looking after the interest of the Ummah is the responsibility of the ruler in Islam. However, the command in this verse includes, as well as exceeds, the ruler's role, it involves having a party of Muslims who would audit the ruler as well. A party that works closely to the people enjoining

what is good, and rejecting what is evil. The effort of this party should encompass both the people as well as the rulers. Again, it is proper to call such party a political party.

It is important to realize that politics and political work has been the target of the non believers. It is common nowadays to link politics to fraud, hypocrisy and lies. The non believers helped to establish many political parties that indeed realized these qualities. For this reason, Muslims nowadays shy away from anything that has to do with politics or political parties. In fact Muslims have actually abandoned politics to leaders who are humiliating them rather than serving them.

The western political system has contributed to convolute the situation further. While claiming that its political parties audit the rulers and monitor their actions and their decisions, the west have worked hard to prevent Muslims from exercising their rights and duties of forming such parties, (that is Islamic political parties) in the Islamic world.

Our prophet peace be upon him was very eager to form such a party. That party was the group of companions (Sahaba); they participated in the duties of calling to Islam, enjoining what was right and forbidding what was evil. The same function was carried on by the following generations of sincere Muslims. They were like a fire against evil and a light of guidance for humanity. Most of us nowadays are Muslims simply because of their sincere efforts in promoting the religion of Islam.

Dear Muslim brothers, by the noblest brotherhood of Islam, I address you: fulfilling the duty of "inviting to all that is good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong" is difficult, but the reward is great, happiness in this life and the hereafter. Who other than you is capable of fulfilling this duty. Amongst you are great scholars, and most of the rest are about to become so. You are the conscience of the Islamic Ummah, and you are its hope as well. Why shouldn't you be so, You are the descendants of the great companions of the Prophet ﷺ, such as Abu Bakr Assidiq, Bilal Alhabashi, Souhaib Arroumi, and Salman Alfaresi. And you are the descendants of great Muslim Commanders such as Khalid Ibn-ul-Waleed, Saad Ibn Abi-Waqqas, Tariq Ibn-u-Ziyad, and Muhammad-ul-Fatih. And you are the descendants of great Muslim scholars such as Albukhari, Muslim, Alkharizmi, and Ibn-ul-Haytham.

Brothers: the war between good and evil is going on until the day of judgment. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said what means: "Islam shall have many ups and downs, so stick to Islam wherever it goes. Verily Qur'an and the rulership shall diverge (one from the other), so stick to the book." The current situation in the world inflames such war. There shall be many ideological battles between the western culture and the Islamic culture. Yet we are assured that Islam will emerge victoriously, In-sha-Allah.

Brothers: Not long ago, the world was overwhelmed with communism and socialism, and the west was terrified from them, now they are history. We recognize that the communist ideology is based on rotten and void concepts that are against human nature. With such concepts as a basis, all the arms and might the Soviet Union had could not save the communist ideology.

Brothers: With the Soviet Union out of the way, all of the west's energy now is directed towards targeting Islam. But we have to stand firm and resist their pressure. Our arms in this war are the Islamic ideology and culture, and we shall crush the enemies of Islam and null their plots In-sha-Allah. There is nothing in the Western culture better than the communist culture. Both are corrupt ideologies that do not agree with the way the Creator intended for Mankind. Neither can lead to any form of happiness or security. This Western way of life is lying on a corroding basis that is apt to collapse just like the Soviet Union did.

Dear Brothers: The war here is not between Islam and Christianity, but between the Islamic culture and ideology on one side, and the western culture and ideology on the other. The war is now taking place worldwide especially in the Muslim lands where the western ideology, regrettably, is being adopted by many Muslims.

Our ancestors guided humanity, as Allah ﷻ import D:\\NL\\NLGRAPHS\\SWT.TIF * mergeformatﷻ ﷻ described in the Qur'an (3:110), ﷻ import D:\\NL\\NLGRAPHS\\TOM.TIF * mergeformatﷻ ﷻ : "You are the best of peoples evolved for mankind, enjoining what is right, forbidding what is wrong, and believing in Allah." We should follow their trends and quench the thirst of humanity for self security and satisfaction.

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