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THE BELIEF OF TAWHEED

Dear Mumins!

Our religion is the religion of Tawheed. Tawheed means to accept that there is neither a creator nor a deity except Allah (s.w.t.). The belief of tawheed has been the basis of the divine messages from Adam (a.s.) to Muhammad (s.a.w.). During the history, all prophets (a.s.w.) had tried to put the belief of tawheed in the hearts and called the people to believe in the oneness of God, in the hereafter and in divine messages sent to them. Whenever people had distorted their religions by changing the belief of tawheed, Allah (s.w.t.) sent a new prophet and corrected the deviations in their belief. All prophets (a.s.w.) clearly emphasized in their messages that the worships must be performed only for Allah (s.w.t.). It has been said in Quran as follows: **"And certainly We raised in every nation a messenger saying: Serve Allah and shun the tâghût (false deities)"**¹

With a wider meaning, tawheed means that Allah's authority shall not be considered to be divided in any way, and any divine power must never be attributed to any other being, and the worships must be performed only for Him (s.w.t.). Because the owner of the superior attributes is only Allah (s.w.t.). To give one or some of His divine attributes to other beings would be shirk (polytheism). Shirk is such a big sin that Allah never forgives it unless tawbah is made.

Dear Mumins!

Human is created in a pure and clean way, and with a nature to accept the belief of tawheed easily. The flawlessness

in the creation of human, everything that he sees around, and the perfect creation of the nature tells him about tawheed. Human's responsibility is to adopt and protect this belief. Quran informs the components, which deform the belief of tawheed and destroy it one by one. For example, to be committed to the ancestors' belief ignorantly and blindly and to obey to pride and wishes of the nafs (soul). The way to be protected from all these dangers is to learn, understand, and live the religion correctly.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Our exalted Lord (s.w.t.) has created the jinn and the men only to worship Him. To look after anything other than the pleasure of Allah, to make some goodness for showing off to the people, to ask help or to wait healing from anyone other than Allah and so forth are the behaviors that are contrary to the belief of tawheed. I am finishing my khutba with the decree of Our Lord (s.w.t.) about protecting from shirk and holding fast to the tawheed: "Surely We have revealed to you the Book with the truth, therefore serve Allah, being sincere to Him in obedience."² **"Say: I am only a mortal like you. It is revealed to me that your god is one Allah, therefore whoever hopes to meet his Lord, he should do good deeds, and not join any one in the service of his Lord"**³

¹ 16 An-Nahl, 36.

² 39, Az-Zumar, 2.

³ 18, Al-Kahf, 110.