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*In the Name of Allab Almighty,  
Most Beneficent and Most Munificent*



IF I WERE TO CLAIM that this speech was my own, they could cast me out. If I said, ‘These are my words’, I would cut myself off from the chain of the Sheikhs of our way. I would be alone. I would say: ‘I am here.’ And whoever says ‘I am’, must be cast out.



## INTRODUCTION

*In the Name of Allah Almighty,  
Most Beneficent and Most Munificent.*



IT IS DIFFICULT in our days to find someone who is willing to bear the burden of anyone else. We do not like to bear one another. We do not even want to bear with ourselves. Nearly everyone wants to be someone else, not himself and not herself, but somebody different.

So many people want to be rid of themselves. They pursue whatever helps them to disguise themselves, to forget themselves. They think that in order to reach that aim, it is not sufficient to be somebody else, it is better to be no one at all, a no-one. They think it is better to lose one's mind, even better not to be human. Millions come to look at them, to imitate them. It is a storm in our time, not just a wind: a mighty storm.

How do you speak to such people? How do you guide them to reality? They have lost their will. They have given up their intelligence. How then are they able to judge themselves? They claim that they have reached the highest degree of civilisation and yet they act worse than those whom they call uncivilised.

This mindlessness is still on the increase and because of it the world will split up into two camps. One will be populated by those who care about themselves and about reality: those who ask about the reason for their existence and about its meaning. The other will consist of those who never ask such questions, those who know everything already, who believe that life is only there to fulfill their desires. To eat, to drink, to 'live it up', as they say. Such people are only apparently human beings, but not in reality. To the degree that this tendency is increasing, humanity is being divided into two groups. One group says, there must be someone, or something, something immense, and we must try to understand it. The other, greater group, is interested in nobody and nothing but themselves. For billions of people in our time, life is just this relentless running after shadows, after their so-called needs. They know quite well the madness of it all and consent to wear the mask of madness because it allows them to follow their selfish desires even better. Others stand on both sides of the street, watching the parade and cheering. The young ones exhibit themselves and the old ones stare.

The sayings of the prophets mention the signs of the end of time, and we know that Allah Almighty is examining His servants. Now, in our days, He is testing us through the enemy of mankind. However, this enemy is not one who fits so well into the current picture of the time, this enemy is one whom we hardly recognise any more. All these masquerades and festivals, all these orgies of disguise are preparing mankind for this enemy. Whoever is attracted by such things will be amongst his first followers. For he attracts his followers through unusual and extraordinary things, through everything that shines and glitters.

What can you expect from people who have handed their will over to their ego? How can they understand the meaning of life, how can they have even the slightest inkling about the life of the spirit and about spiritual powers? They drink to wash their

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minds and their senses away. They refuse to be human, and they are close to succeeding. They get drunk on words, on the sound of their music, on alcohol, on sexuality. They even get drunk on Feast Days, in the name of their religion, in order to forget about it. Eventually, this madness will pull them into a big war. For such parades influence their personality. They become changed inside and driven to request the limitless satisfaction of their egoistic desires – to get everything out of this life during their lifetime, immediately, here and now. They have no more patience, no more eye for what is of real benefit.

The young people want change. They want to change their own lives and the lives of everybody. They grow up, and their only idea of change is that everybody should be like themselves. Whoever dares to oppose them is their enemy. They will not hesitate to hurt him or to simply shove him out of the picture.

We are living in a time where everything is reaching its climax. After reaching the top, you cannot continue. There are no further ways to continue.






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## INVITATION

*In the Name of Allah Almighty,  
Most Beneficent and Most Munificent.*

 HAT MOVES SOMEONE to approach Islam and what makes him run away? – Islam is not the property of a people or a nation of this earth, and it does not belong to a particular group of people. It was brought to all human beings and thus speaks to them all.

We are all born on a particular day and on a particular day we will die. Between that first day and the last, myriads of miseries and difficulties come down upon us, and we want all of them to be removed and ask for their causes to be healed.

Should we be left to our own devices with no one to help us? If anyone came to help us, would we send them away, would we turn the other way?

The Lord of the Heavens, the Lord of the Lands, the Lord of the Worlds, the Lord of all Creatures is not pleased to see His servants suffer, He would rather grant them a happy life. That is why He has sent prophets to mankind at all times, time and again: to bring them the good news.

These prophets were mostly sent to one tribe, one people, one nation only. But the last prophet was sent to all people. His message is Islam. If people really want what they claim to ask for, peace and a cure for their sufferings, then they could try Islam. They try out so many new ideas and ideologies, why not move to the core of the real?