

A Sincere Advice to the People of the Sunnah Worldwide Regarding the Pandemic

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Shaykh Abū Khadījah (حفظه الله) began by reminding the brothers and sisters to have taqwá of Allāh (سبحانه و تعالی) and to have patience and to bear that which is placed upon them of burdens and hardships, because all of that is a trial from Allāh (سبحانه و تعالی). The lockdown has forced many people to stay at home and shops have been closed. People cannot attend the masājid, even in the last 10 nights of Ramaḍān in many cities around the world.

It is upon us to have ṣabr and to not become angry or be reactionary, because these affairs are not in our control.

Ask Allāh (سبحانه و تعالی) For Ṣabr And Not To Become Angry:

Have ṣabr and call upon Allāh (سبحانه و تعالی) to free you and to save you from these calamities. Do not become angry with your family members or neighbors. Do not despair and lose hope. Ask Allāh to give us patience as Allāh (عز وجل) says:

﴿رَبَّنَا أَفْرِغْ عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَتَوَقَّنَا مُسْلِمِينَ﴾

“Our Lord! pour out on us patience and cause us to die as Muslims.”

[Sūrah Al-‘Arāf 7:126]

¹ http://mpubs.org/files/AKAW_TL_20210510_advice_to_ahl_sunnah_worldwide_on_pandemic.mp3

Trials and tribulations are sent upon the righteous people just as Muḥammad (ﷺ) said, **“Indeed those who are tried the most by Allāh are the Prophets then those who resemble them, then those who resemble them.”**

Advise Those Who Are In Authority

If you are a worshiper of Allāh, then you obey Allāh; you do not disobey Allāh or fall into that which is ḥarām. Do not wrong the people. Do not wrong those who have no control over the affair. The opening and closing of the masājid is in the hands of the authorities. Do not shout and demonstrate in the streets.

We are patient, we make du‘ā’ and we advise those in authority because that is the duty of the Muslim, as the prophet (ﷺ) said: **“Indeed Allāh is pleased with you with three things and Allāh is displeased with you with three things.”**

What Are The 3 Things That Allāh Is Pleased With?

1. That you worship Allāh and that you do not associate partners with Allāh.
2. That you hold onto the rope of Allāh (The Book and the Sunnah) and that you do not divide.
3. That you give sincere advice to those in authority over you.

This is how we behave when we see something from those in authority that displeases us - we advise them; we do not rebel and start shouting and giving demonstrations in the streets because this is not the way of the Prophet (ﷺ).

We Can Disseminate Authentic Knowledge In Religion And In Science:

If you have knowledge in science and medicine then there is no harm in conveying that knowledge, but do not rile up the people against their rulers in the Muslim lands. Do not be among those people who cause commotion in the Non-Muslim lands.

Advise and teach the people that which is good or bad for them in the dīn and dunya as Allāh says:

﴿ رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴾

"Our Lord! Give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and save us from the torment of the Fire!"

[Sūrah Al-Baqarah 2:201]

We ask Allāh for all that is good in this world and the next and that which will bring us closer to Him, that which will protect us and our families from harm and we do not despair.

The one who loves and hates for Allāh, gives and takes for Allāh, indeed he has perfected imān.

There Are Numerous Ways Of Earning Goodness Even During The Lockdown:

If we see an obstacle in the path, we remove the obstacle from the path because it is a ṣadaqah for you. We enjoin the good and forbid the evil as this is a ṣadaqah. Helping people in need, like helping a blind man to cross the road, feeding and clothing yourself as well as your children, being patient with your family and neighbors are all forms of ṣadaqah. If your neighbour needs help and you give him what he needs or help remove some of the hardships he is going through, all of this is ṣadaqah.

The doors of goodness and earning the reward of Allāh are numerous and they are not closed to you even in lockdown. May Allāh ease this affair for the Muslims and for all of mankind in general and relieve them of these difficulties and hardships.

You have time now. Do not get angry. Of course, it is difficult to control your anger, but you should control it. The Prophet (ﷺ) said: **"The strong is not the one who overcomes the people by his strength, but the strong is the one who controls himself while in anger."** (Bukhāri)

The strong one is not one who is strong in body, rather the strong one is one who controls his nafs in times of anger. Do not make ḥulm on others!

Work In Your Communities To Resolve These Differences

You can contact people in authority and advise them that the lockdown is difficult on the people and that there is no need for it. Share the proof from a scientific background. Tell them you understand what they are doing but ask if there is any way

you can circumvent some of the hardships that you are going through to make it easy for you because 'Eid is coming. Ask if there is anything you can do to make things easy for the people.

This is part of collaborating upon birr and taqwá and it can be with anyone including your wife, your neighbors and communities. Cooperate with the Salafiyyūn and the people of the Sunnah.

Likewise, you can speak to a Non-Muslim with kind words, advising them. You can try to get your rights but do not cause commotion or get depressed or anxious. Do not accuse others. Do not get angry with the Salafi Masājid in your communities because the affair is not in their hands.

The Importance Of Having Ṣabr:

Have ṣabr. How many times does Allāh mention ṣabr in the Qur'ān? Allāh says:

﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴾

“Truly! Allāh is with As-Ṣabirīn (the patient ones, etc.)”

[Sūrah Al-Baqarah 2:153]

﴿ فَادْكُرُونِي أذكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لِي وَلَا تَكْفُرُونِ ﴾

“Therefore remember Me (by praying, glorifying, etc.). I will remember you, and be grateful to Me (for My countless favours on you) and never be ungrateful to

Me.” [Sūrah Al-Baqarah 2:152]

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ ﴾

“O you who believe! Seek help in patience and As- Ṣalāt (the prayer). Truly! Allāh is with As-Ṣabirīn (the patient ones, etc.)”

[Sūrah Al-Baqarah 2:153]

If you want the aid of Allāh, this is how you seek the aid of Allāh; Allāh (عز وجل) will aid you; Allāh will try you with loss of wealth. How many people have lost their income and can't see their loved ones? Many people cannot travel or go to the Masjid. These are difficult times.

Initially, some people thought it would be over in a couple of weeks, but now we wonder if there will be an end to all this. Allāh knows best. Whatever happens do not make us any less as worshippers of Allāh; we do not destroy property; we are just, honest, careful and forbearing.

Allāh Loves Two Traits In A Person: Forbearance And Deliberation:

Before you act and speak, you should think. Alḥamdulillah we have many Salafi people of knowledge who are foremost in the fields of Biochemistry and Medicine.

Do all Salafies agree in everything? No, but we do not hate them for disagreeing with us. At the same time, we are not compelled to blind follow or be fanatical to a particular opinion. We are open to change especially in Dunya affairs.

Muḥammad (ﷺ) was from the humblest of people. When he saw the people cross-pollinating the date palms for an increase in the yield he said, maybe you should not do that. That year the crop failed. Muḥammad (ﷺ) then said: **“When I speak with the words of Allāh or what Allāh has revealed to me, there is absolutely no lie in that. As for your worldly affairs, then you are more knowledgeable in your worldly affairs.”**

Scientists Differ In Worldly Affairs:

You can convey worldly sciences as long as it is built upon knowledge and not built upon lies and media rumours, because the media cannot be trusted. How many times did scholars like Shaykh Bin Bāz (رحمه الله) and Shaykh Fawzān (حفظه الله) say that the Non-Muslim media cannot be trusted? Even in Muslim countries where the media is just copied and pasted from the Non-Muslim Media, then a person needs to be cautious and verify.

Look at how much fitnah the Non-Muslims spread in the media about their own news. How much is true and how much is false? Although there is a huge backlash against fake news, it still cannot be stopped.

Verify Everything That You Accept As News:

If you do not have the ability to verify, then leave it to those who have knowledge of the worldly affairs, such as science and Medicinal Biochemistry. If you do not have the ability to learn, then do not burden yourself with that which you do not understand. Trust and listen the Salafi 'Ulamā concerning the affairs of the Muslims. When you see that the scholars differ concerning a particular affair concerning Fiqh and ijtihād, then do not enforce your position on others. For example, do not say: "If you do not follow me, then there is blood on your hands." There is no need for this type of speech. We are mellow, humble and lenient with each other. May Allāh bless you all. Follow the truth wherever it comes from. When the ṣaḥābah (رضي الله عنهم) were cross-pollinating, Muḥammad (ﷺ) said: **"You are more knowledgeable in your worldly affairs."** This was from the utmost humility in Muḥammad (ﷺ).

Where Is This Humility In Us As Callers To Allāh And Students Of Knowledge?

We need to have that same humility. Do not blame each other or throw recriminations at each other or accuse people. Love the scholars and be with the rulers if they command with something. If you know that something is harmful, then do not bring harm on yourself. The Prophet (ﷺ) said: **"There should neither be harming (of others without cause), nor reciprocating harm (between two parties)."** (Aḥmad & Ibn Mājah) Be easy and advise if you have the ability to go to someone in authority in your country. The prophet said the religion is sincere advice and he repeated this three times.

We Are The Best Nation On Yaum Al Qiyāmah:

We are the best nation raised up for mankind as Allāh says:

﴿ كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ ﴾

"You [true believers in Islamic Monotheism, and real followers of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and his Sunnah (legal ways, etc.)] are the best of peoples ever raised up for mankind; you enjoin Al-Ma'ruf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam has ordained) and forbid Al-Munkar (polytheism, disbelief and all that Islam has forbidden), and you believe in Allāh."

The people of Sunnah and Salafiyyah are the ones who fit the description of being the best nation raised up for mankind, and we follow the example of Muḥammad (ﷺ). We care for the people.

Care For Your Family Members, Friends, Neighbours And Community Members:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said: **“Every Muslim has five rights over another Muslim (i.e he has to perform five duties for another Muslim): to return the greeting, to visit the sick, to accompany funeral processions, to accept an invitation, to respond to the sneezer [i.e., to say: 'Yarhamuk-Allāh (may Allāh bestow His Mercy on you)', when the sneezer praises Allāh].”** (Bukhāri and Muslim)

These are the rights of the Muslims - visit and call your parents; all of this is khair in and outside of Ramaḍān.

Be Joyous And Look For The Good In Things And Do Not Look For Evil Omens:

Muḥammad (ﷺ) never used to look for omens or which way the birds were flying, or which way the black cat walked or which direction the crow took. We do not look for evil omens in people. We take people according to what is apparent from them. What is hidden is between them and Allāh (سبحانه و تعالیٰ).

Healthy People Are Not A Threat To Us, Neither The Muslim Or The Non-Muslim:

If you see a person healthy, then he is healthy. If you see a sick person, make du‘ā’ for them. Speak to the people with good words, be patient with the rulers and what you are compelled to in your lands, communicate with each other since these are worldly affairs.

The Scholars Used To Defer Things To Those With Knowledge Of The Worldly Affairs:

Alḥamdulillāh, in the UK there are people who have PHD’s in Medicinal Biochemistry, Medicine and they have knowledge of Prophetic Medicine, hijāma and natural health treatments. Allāh (عز وجل) has provided all this amongst the ranks of the Salafis and all Praise is for Allāh. People have knowledge of what to take when a person is ill or how to protect a person from falling ill. Like Hijāma and dates.

The prophet (ﷺ) said: **“Healing is in three things: A gulp of honey, cupping, and branding with fire (cauterizing).” But I forbid my followers to use (cauterization) branding with fire.**” (Bukhāri)

Hijāma, honey, black seed are a cure by the permission of Allāh (سبحانه و تعالیٰ). Ibnul Qayyim and Adh-Dhahabī, Ibn Hajar Al-Askalānī and others (رحمهم الله) have written about these. Those who know, know. If you do not know, then read.

Salafis have written about this medicine in the English language and have translated the works of the scholars. They have studied the medicine of the dunya and prophetic medicine that have been sent to us through revelation.

Have Good Suspicions And Thoughts About Your Lord (سبحانه و تعالیٰ):

Follow the example of the Prophet (ﷺ) just as Allāh said:

﴿لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ﴾

“Indeed in the Messenger of Allāh (Muḥammad ﷺ) you have a good example to follow.” [Sūrah Al-Aḥzāb 33:21]

Take this advice may Allāh bless you. I Pray that Allāh (عز وجل) accepts your fasts and your qīyām, supplications and ṣadaqah that you have given. I pray that Allāh accepts and answers the supplications that you made to Him. We seek this for all our Salafi brothers and sisters. I hope this advice has benefited you.

May Allāh accept our deeds and keep us on right guidance and show His Mercy to us and gather us on Yaum al-Qiyāmah with the righteous, the prophets and messengers and enter us into Gardens of Paradise and the highest levels of Paradise, Al-Firdaus al ‘A‘lá. And All Praise is for Allāh.

وصلی الله علی نبینا محمد وعلی آله وصحبه وسلم