

Introduction

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

We take pride in Shi'a Islam as preserved by the Imams of Ahlul Bayt (a.s.), the Islam wherein justice is part of the fundamentals of our faith. We believe that the Prophet and the Imams of Ahlul Bayt were infallible (*ma'ṣūm*) in all situations of their lives, they never committed injustice even when dealing with their bitter enemies.

We take pride in the fact that our contemporary mujtahideen and senior marāji', as true servants of the Ahlul Bayt (a.s.), have maintained that sense of justice and have refused to stoop to the level of the takfiri Salafis. They still stand firm on their views about peaceful co-existence with the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jama'at and even with the non-Muslims on basis of mutual respect and justice.

The painful situation of the contemporary Muslim world –from Pakistan and Afghanistan to Bahrain and Iraq– demands extreme patience and insightful understanding from the Shi'as of Ahlul Bayt. Let us not allow the Salafis to use our words to add to the fuel of the fire lit by *their* hatred to the Ahlul Bayt.

The views of our leading mujtahideen, compiled in this booklet, are guidelines for us to follow the example of the Ahlul Bayt (a.s.). In our interaction with the fellow Muslims, the question is not about **what to say** and not to say, the question is about **how to say** it and how not to say it. ***“Repel ill (conduct) with that which is the best.” (23:96)***

وَلَا تَسُبُّوا الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ

فَيَسُبُّوا اللَّهَ عَدْوًا بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ

(الأنعام : 108)

***Do not abuse those whom they call
[in their worship] besides Allah,
lest they should abuse Allah out of hostility, without any knowledge.
(The Qur'ān 6: 108)***

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اللہ کے سوا جن کی عبادت کرتے ہیں

انہیں تم برا نہ کہا کرو

.و رنہ یہ لوگبھی اللہ کو بے سمجھے دشمنی میں برا کہہ بیٹھیں گے

(قرآن، سورة انعام آیت 108)

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