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In The Name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

Praise be to Allah the Lord of the worlds. Benedictions upon Muhammad (S) and his Purified Progeny (A).

Peace upon the righteous Companions.

Some of the controversial issues have divided the Muslims. These issues have been misused by the enemies of Islam to divide the Muslims and to weaken them. Therefore in order to unite the Muslims and to defend the boundaries of Islam it is necessary to clear the misunderstandings regarding these differences. In sorting out these issues we have been ordered to confine ourselves within some limits. As the Almighty Allah says:

'Obey Allah and His Apostle, And never with each other quarrel, For then you shall lose heart, And all your power shall depart; ...' [Holy Quran, al-Anfaal; The Spoils, Nikayin 08:46]

It is a must for us today, and for all times to refer to Quran and Hadith in case of any difference of opinion. As the Almighty Allah says:

'; ... should you quarrel About a thing, refer it unto Allah, And unto His Apostle, ...' [Holy Quran, al–Nisaa; The Women, Nikayin 04:59]

In these series we shall refer to the Quran and Hadith to guide us on the correct path in various controversial topics. We seek the help of the Almighty in this.

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