

first establishing Islam in the reality of life? Is it possible to be witnesses over mankind without us first resuming the Islamic way of life or without a State that implements the Hudoon, protects the boundaries, looks after the people's affairs, implements Islam internally and carries Islam to the nations of the earth so as to establish the proof and evidence over and upon them and as such becoming witnesses over them? This is the situation where the Da'wah of Islam has reached all nations, the authority of Islam has spread over the earth, and its rules have manifested and its beliefs and thoughts have been presented clearly, so that no one will have any argument in front of Allah and this is the meaning of bearing witness.

We have inherited this predicament and we are more than a billion Muslims in more than fifty-seven states and Islam has no authority in any of them. Indeed, it does not even have a presence in the general life of the people as the believers from amongst the individuals have restricted Islam to the 'Ibaadaat and Akhlaaq (except for the one whom Allah has been merciful upon) and the societies are dominated by Capitalist and Socialist thoughts. They are plagued by the grip of patriotic, nationalistic and spiritualistic feelings and sentiments whilst the States are governed by Capitalist systems. An even greater calamity than this is that all of these states without exception proceed in line with the commands of the disbeliever and his agents.

In addition, the politicians and political party blocs with their different directions compete and battle to attain cheap political gains and to realize temporary and selfish goals without fundamentally knowing anything about the process of becoming **Ummah of Wasat (Best/Just/Reference - Nation)** and without seeking to clarify a path towards achieving it. They did not possess more than slogans for general unspecific thoughts and they did not present or put forward a method that would in the very least explain what they wanted the Ummah to move towards and to become Ummah of Wasat upon its basis. Just as they did not clarify a methodology for this work and merely proceeded upon protests, the raising of slogans and inclining towards the rulers and flattering them or opposing them and being hostile to them whenever the situation dictated that, whether this was to secure an interest or to please, appease and satisfy the opinion of street at a given time. In doing so, they taught the people that politics meant deception, misleading, hypocrisy and flattering in order to arrive at the goals and realize their hopes and aspirations. And even worse than this was their view that it was obligatory to seek the help and assistance of the disbeliever (**which is opposite to the concept of ummah of wasat**) to realize their ends and aims and arrive at the purposes or in the very least they did not see anything wrong in doing that and without knowing that this meant political suicide.

And also sadly, today we witness some amongst the Ummah (scholars and dawah activists) who have interpreted the term '**Ummathann Wasatann**' based on modern interpretations that give in to the current reality, and that emanate from a defeated mindset and from the culture of surrender to the enemy. They said that "Wasat" means to be somewhere between extremism and giving in. Some said that "Wasat" is meant in a geographical sense, related to our physical location, atmosphere and bearings. And some even established "Wasat" political parties, called "Hizb Al-Wasat", where their policies were somewhere between being "religious" and secular. In this manner, the meaning of this word became confused amongst the people, and the correct could not be distinguished from the incorrect, and thus the matter now requires re-explanation and clarification. We need to set the spotlight on it once again, so that we can know its reality clearly, and understand its meaning correctly, where its image in one's mind becomes clear, accurate, and removes all misunderstandings from it.

This is, therefore, what we have inherited and this is the reality of the Ummah now which we desire to work with in order to make it the Ummah of Wasat. **Thus, the only path to returning the Islamic Ummah to implementing the true meaning of "Wasat" is through their return to ruling with what Allah has revealed, resuming the Islamic way of life by re-establishing the true State of Islam, the Khilafah; only then can this honorable Ummah be described as the best Ummah, the Ummatann Wasata, the Ummah of Justice, the Ummah of reference, the carrier of the true and great message of Islam to the world.**

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