

Azzam the American Invitation to Islam

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Narrator: In the name of Allah, the merciful, the compassionate

Adam Gadahn aka Azzam the American: Gadahn: We invite all Americans and other unbelievers to Islam, wherever they are
And whatever their role and status in Bush and Blair's world order.

(Zawahiri introduces Gadahn in Arabic)

In the name of Allah, and all praise be to Allah, and may peace and prayers be upon the Messenger of Allah, and upon his family, companions, and allies.

To the Americans in particular, and all Western people in general. Peace be upon those who follow the guidelines. Allah and the prophet Mohamed, peace and prayers be upon him with guidance and the religion of truth to make it victorious over all religions, and sent him, peace be upon him, as a bringer of good news and a warner.

The truth, exalted is He, says 'He is the one who sent his Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth to make it victorious over all religions, even though the polytheists hate [it]' 9:33. And He, exalted is he, says "Oh Prophet! Truly we have sent you as a witness, a bearer of glad tidings, and a warner, and as one who invites to Allah by His leave, and as a lamp spreading light.' 33:45-46.

And he ordered him to call to his Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching. He - exalted is He - said 'Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching and argue with them in the best way. Verily your Lord knows best who has strayed from His path and He knows best who is guided.' 16:125

And the Master, exalted is He, has singled out the People of the Book, with a special invitation to believe in His Prophet who believes in all of Allah's books and Messengers and who brought it a miraculous, preserved book which has not been changed or corrupted like previous books were changed or corrupted. Moreover, it is a miraculous book which challenged mankind until the Day of Resurrection to produce its like.

Allah, the Exalted, said to the Prophet, peace be upon him, "Say, oh People of the Book, Come to common terms between us and you that we worship none but Allah and that we associate no partners with him and that we erect not from among ourselves Lords and patrons other than Allah. If they then turn back, say "Bear witness that we are Muslims (bowing to Allah's will). " 3:64

And he, Exalted is he, said "Oh People of the Book, Our Messenger has come to you, revealing to you much of which you used to hide of the Book and passing over much (that is now unnecessary). There has come to you from Allah a light and clarifying Book, with which Allah guides all who seek his good pleasure to the ways of peace, and leads them out of darkness into the light, by his will, and guide them to the straight path" 5:15-16

Among those who have responded to this noble, divine call is our brother Azzam the American whom we ask Allah to count among those in whom is realized the statement of the Truth, exalted is He, 'And there are among the People of the Book those who believe in Allah and in the revelation to you and the revelation to them bowing in humility to Allah. They do not sell the signs of Allah for a miserable gain! They have their reward with the Lord and Allah is swift in accounting.' 3:199

And as our Brother, Azzam the American, talks to you he talks to you as one who is concerned about the fate which awaits his people and as a perceptive person who wishes to lead his people out of the darkness into the light. So listen to you because what he is talking to you about is serious and significant. He is talking to you about the fate which awaits every human, an extremely grave issue in which there is no joking, procrastination, or backtracking.

I ask Allah to open your hearts to benefiting from his words and experience, and Allah speaks the truth and guides to the path. And our final prayer is that all praise is due to Allah and may Allah send prayers and peace on his Prophet Mohamed and his family and companions.

(At 4:14 Gadahn takes over and continues to the end of the tape.)

All praise is due to God who said in his glorious book "And only argue with the People of the Book in the best way, including the oppressors among them, and say we believe in the revelation that has come down to us and in that which came down to you. Our God and your God is one [holds up index finger of right hand] and if it is to him that we submit. And may peace and prayers he who has sent in mercy to the worlds our beloved Master, Mohamed the trustworthy Prophet and upon his family and companions and followers to the day of accounting

To what can we attribute the obvious ignorance of Western peoples in general with the religion of the Muslims and its teachings? This ignorance which causes the people of the west to rapturously applaud when Israel perpetrates wholesale slaughter of Muslims in Lebanon and Palestine and leads them to give their assent to the atrocities their governments commit in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere in the Muslim world.

And makes them voice their approval when their armies desecrate copies of the Qu'ran at Guantanamo and their yellow press and televangelists insult our Prophet Mohamed, peace be upon him. These events, coupled with their reaction, showcase a seething animosity combined with a definite ignorance of the religion of Islam and of the nature of its followers.

I don't mean ignorance in its fullest sense, for I am fairly certain that there isn't an adult American or European who hasn't heard of Mohamed, peace be upon him and the religion he taught us. But the fact is God describes the unbelievers as ignorant throughout the Qu'ran and tells us that they neither understand nor think. Indeed, one of the most dedicated and severest enemies of the Muslims was nicknamed Abu Jahel, father of ignorance,

What was true for the unbelievers of yesterday holds true for the so-called enlightened unbelievers of our time. I can't forget the day, as I was praying a prescribed prayer with one of the brothers in a shopping center parking lot in suburban America. A man sped by in his sports utility vehicle shouting from his open window "Worship Jesus, your Lord".

His gas guzzler, cell phone, and college diploma notwithstanding, one couldn't help but be reminded of Abu Jahel in the seventh century, abusing the Prophet while he prayed because he worshipped the God alone, and rejected the other idols of the Arabs. And who cannot see in the

desecration of the copies of the Qu'ran, parodying of the prophet, and the torture and humiliation of the Muslims echoes of the crimes and atrocities of Abu Jahel and his followers.

Needless to say, this ignorance of theirs is for the most part willful because the civilization that boasts it is the most knowledgeable in the history of the world cannot plausibly claim that it has been unable to fully understand a religion whose followers number in the billions and which commands its adherents to openly preach and propagate its doctrines and tenets. This civilization that claims to have uncovered the secrets of the heavens and earth cannot after making such arrogant claims cannot justify the act of Islam as some esoteric religion with arcane beliefs and rituals unknowable except by the initiated.

The civilization which perpetrate the Crusades, the Inquisition, and countless other unholy bloodbaths. The civilization which shamelessly brought us lynch laws, Jim Crowe, and a death row where only convicts of certain races are sent.

The Civilization that introduced us to the Concentration Camp, extraordinary rendition, and Abu Ghraib and her sisters.

The Civilization which enslaved Africa, slaughtered the Native Americans, firebombed Dresden, Tokyo, and Fallujah, and nuked Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The Civilization that shows more concern for the Buddhas of Banliyan and the walls of Babylon than it shows for the people of Afghanistan and Iraq. The Civilization that facilitated the establishment of Israel over the dead bodies of the Muslims and upholds and defends its tyranny to this very day.

The Civilization whose theoretically Holy book contains passages like Numbers Chapter 31, Verses 1 through 31, Deuteronomy chapters 20, verses 10 through 16, and chapter 22, verses 13 through 24, and 1 Samuel Chapter 15 verse 3, all of which explain the Israeli rabbinical council's recent declaration that at times of war Jewish law recognizes no such thing as innocents among the enemies people.

A Civilization such as this cannot honestly or credibly accuse the Muslims of the Divine Book and Revealed Religion of barbarity and brutality.

The Civilization which prosecutes or persecutes those who simply question or deny a mere historical event. The Civilization in which anti-Semitism is an unforgivable sin and grounds for dismissal from public and private office.

The civilization which continues flag burning to be at the very least an issue for Congress and the courts, and perhaps even a crime against the state.

The Civilization which commits the filing of lawsuits against those who slander and libel celebrities, politicians, and other public figures of ill repute.

The Civilization such as this cannot then hide behind the exclusive freedom of expression after it desecrates copies of the Qu'ran, or defames with unquestionably malicious intent the chief and master of Adam's children and the embodiment of high morals and good character, our Prophet and Messenger Mohamed, may Allahs peace and prayers be upon him.

The Civilization which embraces without hesitation every obscure and foreign religion , philosophy, and ideology, including Buddhism, Shamanism, and a thousand other pagan and polytheistic belief systems cannot simply dismiss Islam as the religion of the Arabic, which has nothing to do with the people of the west, or nothing to offer them and look askance at or disparage those who convert to it, and then justify its stance by saying that the Prophet Mohamed, peace be upon him, was an Arab who preached his message among the Arabs, and as such Islam is an exclusively Arab religion.

Let me first point out that in making this claim they disregard the fact that the qu'ran says and the Prophet said that he was sent to both Arabs and Non-Arabs, and they disregard the fact he invited the Romans, Persians, Abyssinians, and other nations to Islam. And they disregard the fact that among the first followers of Mohamed, Peace be upon him, were Africans, Israelites, and other non-Arabs.

And furthermore, if we were to apply this excuse of theirs fairly and in an unbiased manner, then we would be forced to ask the people of Christianity, by and large Anglo Saxons, Caucasians, Slavs, Nordics, Black Africans, East Asians, and the like how they justify following a prophet who was not just an Israelite sent to the Children of Israel but indeed is recorded to have said, in Matthew, Chapter 15, verse 24, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And moreover is supposed to have forbade his disciples, all of whom were Israelites, from preaching among the gentiles and the Samaritans, as in Matthew, Chapter 10, verses 5 through 6.

As I see it, this ignorance of yours towards our religion, and indeed your own religion, although primarily a willful choice on your part, is also a result of the effort made by your western political and religious authorities to blur the picture of Islam in the minds and eyes of their flocks, in order to better facilitate their control and domination of you through scare tactics and terrorizing you as to the bogey of Islam since they have discovered that the fear of the unknown could be much greater and persuasive than fear of the known.

And the leaders of the west also find it convenient to point the finger of accusation at the other because it helps them to avoid having to face difficult questions about the West's dark and bloody past and its equally dark and bloody present.

So, because I know that there are among you those who will respond positively upon hearing the truth, and because I know that even the hearts of the most hardened of enemies can be softened if God so wills, I would like to devote this talk to making a heartfelt invitation to my religion, Islam. Al Islam - the surrender or the submission - is the religion chosen by God for all of mankind, the religion of all the prophets and messengers from Adam to Abraham to Moses to Jesus to Mohamed and all in between.

The Qu'ran states firmly that they and their followers were neither Jews nor Christians, but were in fact Muslims - those who surrender themselves to God.

And indeed, one does not find the words Judaism and Jew in the extant Torah, nor the word Christianity and Christian in the four Gospels. Islam is the only religion acceptable to God and came with the revealed book The Qu'ran, which abrogates all previous revelations, like the Torah and Evangel.

The Qu'ran is the inimitable speech of God and has been preserved by God as he sent it down over 1400 years ago by way of the angel Gabriel through his final prophet and Messenger, Mohamed, the unlettered Prophet, whose advent was prophesized in both the Torah and the Evangel, prophecies which can even today can be found in the Old and New Testaments, despite the alterations and enrichments which those once Holy scriptures have undergone.

Islam, the final revealed religion, came to replace and abrogate the previous laws or sharai, such as the Shariah of Moses, and the Shariah of Jesus. As for the creed of Islam, it is the same monotheistic belief in and worship of the creator of the heavens and the earth, which all the prophets, from Adam, to Jesus to Mohamed peace be upon them all practiced and taught.

And of the anthropomorphic deity and tribal religion concocted by the priests and rabbis of Israel, or the pagan trinitarianism introduced into the religion of the Messiah by the church fathers and imposed by the force of the Roman state, nor any other version of pure monotheism, which some would like us to believe was revealed by God.

One enter Islam by bearing witness that there is no God other than the one true God, Allah in the qu'ran or an Arabic Bible and that Mohamed, son of Abdullah, of the clan of Hashem of the tribe of Qu'raish is his final prophet and messenger.

The statement of faith is not, however, an empty phrase without meaning, but rather carries with it conditions and obligations. Among the most important of these conditions, without which the testimony of faith is null and void, is that we disbelieve in and reject every false god whether it be a rock or a human being or a government with its polytheistic constitution, courts, and laws, or an international organization like the United Nations, with its international laws, tribunals, and treaties of unbelief, and its Security Council whose resolutions never fail to side with the Zionist Crusader Fascists.

And equally as important is that we follow the messenger, peace be upon him. Ibn Tamiya, a famous scholar of Islam said in his fatawa the religion of Islam is built on two fundamentals which are actualization of the testimony that there is no god other than Allah, and that Mohamed is the messenger of Allah.

The first part of that is that you don't set up alongside Allah any other god. The second fundamental is that we worship him with what he legislated on the tongues of his messenger. And Ibn Tarniya also wrote "and to testify that Mohamed is the messenger of Allah implies 1) believing in him and all about him, and 2) obeying him and all that he ordered".

So this testimony of faith is today the only way to paradise, the paradise which Allah has described in his book saying "The parable of the garden which the righteous are promised, beneath it flow rivers, its fruits and shade are perpetual, such is the end of the righteous. And the end of the unbelievers is the fire."

This testimony is the only way to paradise, the only way to save oneself from eternal punishment in hellfire.

It is agreed upon by all Muslims.

But empty recitation of it without action is not enough.

One does not become a Muslim simply by virtue of his name, or the clothes he wears or his parentage or his birth certificate.

Nor does one become a Muslim simply by acknowledging the Prophet, peace be upon him, as a Prophet. Or by claiming, honestly or otherwise, to respect Islam as is the custom of many of the unbelievers. Ibn Al Qayyim, another well known scholar, said in his moyad, whoever reflects on what is in the prophetic biography and confirmed reports about the testifying of many of the people of the book and polytheists to his message and to his truthfulness and how this testimony of theirs didn't enter them into Islam will understand that Islam is something beyond that.

And it is not only in knowing, or in knowing and acknowledging, but rather is in knowing, acknowledging, and complying and obeying him and abiding by his religion openly and secretly.

After knowing this, we are able to appreciate the true extent of the deadly error which has become widespread in this day and age, mainly the belief held by some, that Jews, Christians, and even followers of some blatantly polytheistic religions are true believers whose faith is acceptable to God and who will be counted among the saved on the Day of Judgement.

These misled and misleading people base their mistaken belief on several verses of the Qu'ran which they have misunderstood, either due to their unfamiliarity with the definitions of some Islamic terminology, or due to their taking the verses out of context and/or interpreting them without refernece to other qualifying verses like those who look for the 62nd verse of Al Bakharra, and forget about, just as example, verses 150-152 of An Nissa.

The danger here is apparent and multifaceted.

First and foremost, those who are guilty of this misinterpretation are guilty of one of the negators and nullifiers of Islam, namely denying or doubting the unbelief of the unbelievers.