

OBL Address to Americans – Full Translation

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In the name of Allah, the Most Magnificent, the Most Merciful,

A Message Addressed To The American People,

Peace be upon those who follow the guidance,

Indeed, I'm a trustworthy adviser to you. I invite you to the happiness of this world and the hereafter and to escape your dry, miserable, materialistic life that is without soul. I invite you to Islam, that calls to follow of the path of Allah alone Who has no partners, the path which calls for justice and forbids oppression and crimes.

Furthermore, I call you to understand the *message of the two battles of New York and Washington* that came in response to some of your former crimes and know that the one who has started it is the real oppressor. It is clear to everyone who observes the movements of the criminal gang in the White House, these agents of the Jews which are preparing for an attack against Islamic world in order to divide it, without any real opposition by the American people, that you have not learned anything from the two battles.

So I tell you and Allah is Surety over what I say, if America increases or does not reduce the intensity of their aggression, we will respond in an equal manner by the permission of Allah, the Most Magnificent. I swear by Allah that the youth of Islam are preparing for what will fill your hearts with fear and horror and will target the centers of your economy until you restrain from your aggression and enmity or the fastest towards aggression dies.

I ask Allah, the Most Great, to provide us with support from Him — He is Our Protector and the only One capable of that. "O people of the Scripture [Jews and Christians]: Come to a word that is just between us and you, that we worship none but Allah, and that we associate no partners with Him, and that none of us shall take others as lords besides Allah. Then, if they turn away, say: "Bear witness that we are Muslims." (3:64)

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