

# Four Practical Steps to expand the Global Jihad

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I also place in front of the scholars and preachers some proposals in this field, asking them to make every effort to develop and perfect them. Among the most important of these proposals:

**First**, the drawing up of lists which name the honest scholars, preachers, thinkers and writers who advise their *Ummah*, along with their most prominent works, and working to spread them among the *Ummah's* masses. And the presence of some unintentional errors mustn't be an obstacle: rather, these errors should be noted and advice given; otherwise, there will be no scholar left for us, not to mention those less than scholars. An effort also must be made to give prominence to honest leaderships which adhere to the methodology of Islam.

**Second**, the correcting of legal concepts in the thought and life of the *Ummah*. Some beneficial books towards that include:

- "Divine Triumph"<sup>1</sup> by Shaykh Abd al-Rahman bin Hasan Al-Shaykh, which is a very important book which talks about *Tawheed* and warns against *Shirk*, including the *Shirk* of graves and the *Shirk* of palaces.
- Two books by Shaykh Muhammad Qutb, "Concepts Which Must Be Corrected"<sup>2</sup> and "Are We Muslims?"<sup>3</sup>
- And the book "The Exposition regarding the disbelief of the one that assists the Americans"<sup>4</sup> by the *Mujahid* Shaykh Nasir bin Hamd al-Fahd (may Allah free him from the prisons of al-Riyadh).
- There is a fifth book of benefit, which evaluates all the regimes in the Islamic world, even though its title is "The Saudi Regime on the Scales of Islam"<sup>5</sup>; and many beneficial books can easily be read on the Internet, like on the al-Tawheed wal-Jihad website.

**Third**, the notifying of the *Ummah* that there is a war under way to alter and put to death the legal names and terminology in order to commit what Allah has forbidden. That must be refuted and the legal names and words spread. Some examples of that:

- The violation of the prohibition of usury, by calling it "interest" and calling usurious banks "merchant banks."
- When they wanted to violate the prohibition of wine, they called it "spirits" and

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other such names.

- When they wanted to combat the summit of the hump of Islam, *Jihad* in Allah's path, they labeled it "violence" and "terrorism."
- When they wanted to commit the nullifiers of Islam and ally themselves with the enemies of Allah, they put to death the punishment for apostasy and described anyone calling for the application of this punishment a "*Takfeeri*."

And there is talk of calling the unbeliever, apostate, *Zindeeq*, and hypocrite by the name "the other," and they shun the use of legal terms. Similar are sophistries like "dialogue of religions," "freedom of opinion," "freedom of speech," "peaceful coexistence," "friendly states," and the contracts for the provision of facilities to support the Crusader warships at the same time as the Jews and Christians carry out the murder of our brothers in Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Waziristan, Somalia, Kashmir, the Philippines and Chechnya. So sophistry in names and terms is a wide-ranging field which must be watched and the truth about it and those who promote it revealed.

**Fourth**, the drawing up of lists which include our enemies from the hypocrites and their media, especially information media like newspapers, books, magazines, radio stations and satellite channels, of which the most dangerous are the latter two, like the British Broadcasting Corporation and its sisters and the *al-Hurrah* and *al-Arabiyyah* channels. Also, the drawing up of lists of those whose efforts serve the interests of our enemies without them realizing it, like the rumormongers, deserters and morale-destroyers among the Muslims, in accordance with legal regulations, and disseminating the lists to the *Ummah* with all available means so that it can warn them, and accompanying those lists with documents

and evidence from their statements and actions as proof of that, along with a refutation; and I mention here the statement of Allah, the Most High, ﴿**O ye who believe! Be steadfast in the cause of Allah, bearing witness in equity; and let not the hatred and animosity of a people to you make you transgress and abandon justice. Be just, for that is closer to piety. And fear Allah. Surely, Allah is Aware of what you do**﴾ (5:8).

Revealing the truth about the hypocrites is a Qur'anic methodology, and the scholars have agreed on the obligatory nature of revealing the hypocrites and innovators. Imam Ahmad (may Allah have mercy on him) was asked, "Do you prefer that a man fast, pray and perform *'Itikaf*, or that he speak about the people of innovation?" He replied, "If he prays and performs *'Itikaf*, it's for himself, but if he speaks about the people of innovation, it's for the Muslims, so this is better."

The *Ummah* is in dire need today – especially after this war against Gaza – of acquainting itself with the hypocrites on all fronts, to beware of them, then perform *Jihad* against them, as in the statement of the Most High, ﴿**When you look at them, their bodies please you; and when they speak, you listen to their words. It is as if they are pieces of timber propped up. They think that every cry is against them. They are the enemies, so beware of them. Allah curse them, how they lie!**﴾ (63:4), and the statement of Allah, the Most High, ﴿**O Prophet! Strive hard against the disbelievers and the Hypocrites, and be harsh against them. Their abode is Hell, and an evil destination it is**﴾ (9:73).<sup>6</sup>

<sup>6</sup> "Practical Steps to Liberate Palestine," as-Sahab Media