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In The Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful.

O' Allah make your prayers be upon the One from whom lights were broken. And in Him facts were ascended, and the knowledge of Adam was revealed as inimitability for all creatures. For Him all understandings were dwindled, so none of us, preceding and subsequent, reached Him. The gardens of sovereign (malakut) are lighted by the flowers of His beauty, and the sanctuaries of omnipotence (jabarut) are out flowed by the flux of His lights. And there is nothing He is not entrusted with, as without the medium the origin, as been said, will vain.

Brothers and sisters... sons and daughters in “At-Tariqa Al-Burhaniya Al-Disuqiya Al-Shadhuliya”: greetings, and through you; I greet the nation of al-Mustafa, the prayers and peace of Allah be upon Him, in the easts and wests of earth: “As-Salamu Alaikum wa Rahmatu al-Llahi ta-ala wa Barakatuhu”. I have the pleasure to offer you my worm congratulations and pleasant wishes, in this blessed night while we are celebrating the memory of the acquainted of Allah, al-Imam al-Sheik Muhammad Uthman Abdu al-Burhani. His memory coincides with the start of the new Hijri year as well as with the 100 years anniversary of his honorable birth. We seek Allah that this celebration to be followed by relieve and revealed succor.

Brothers and sisters... sons and daughters...

Allah ta-ala said in His precise revelation: “He (Allah) said: Get down, all of you, from it (Paradise). Some of you will be enemies unto one another! Nonetheless, there shall most certainly cone unto you guidance from Me: and he who follows My guidance will not go astray, and neither fall in misery * But as for him who shall turn away from nominating Me – he shall have a life of distress: and on the Day of Resurrection We shall raise him up blind”. Allah, the Great, said the truth.

I am talking to you, tonight, tackling one of the major concerns of the world, if not the most important and dangerous one; i.e., the phenomena of religious extremism. The world suffered a lot from this phenomena during the past fifty years. The international developments the world witnessed recently, however, contributed in crystallizing and revealing its danger, a danger that lead to terrorism, killing of innocent people, and destruction of earth instead of developing it. These might be the obvious result for the misunderstanding of the warning stated in the previously mentioned generous verse. Since mankind descended to earth, Allah ta-ala maintained all means of living and facilitated all generous ways for them. Allah asked mankind to nominate Him and warned them from turning away. However, descendents of Adam were distracted from what Allah created for them and turned away from what they were created for. “My servant, I created you for Me and created the world for you. You were distracted from what I have created you for by that I created for you” (Hadith Qudsi)... Here we are not describing the disease as many of speakers and specialist in talking do. Describing the details of a disease and its danger, to patients, are not of the same importance of diagnosing it, knowing how it can be cured and healed, and how to protect

ourselves from it, so it will never infect again. These are enrolled under one Hadith of the generous Messenger, the prayers and peace of Allah be upon Him. He said: “The rightness of the latest of this nation is (related) to the rightness of its foremost; scholars and chiefs”.

Accordingly, we have to review the examples and preach from the lessons and directions of Mawlana al-Sheik Muhammad Uthman Abdu al-Burhani (consents of Allah be upon him). He drew the world’s attention, more than six decades ago, to the dangers of cultural globalization and religious extremism. His efforts, during his lifetime, can be considered basis and means for proper running of earth, and for reformation and refinement of psych, and for linking earth to heavens (skies). Sheik Muhammad Uthman Abdu al-Burhani built a precise strategic system based on building individuals, i.e., the unit. This makes the follower practicing religion in his sayings and acts, in an advanced behavior and refined morals, sincere and honest in nominating Allah and praying upon the Messenger, the prayers and peace of Allah be upon Him. Thus, peace will be accomplished and balance will spread out within individuals. Communities and then societies will be righteous and balanced. In turn, international peace and balance will be accomplished and vice versa.

In the past decades, the Islamic world witnessed various religious missionary activities organized all over the world. Nowadays, and more than fifty years after the conclusion of the World War II, the world did not gain any addition, but rather it added another new worries to the world, i.e., religious extremism. Religious extremism might corrupt people’s beliefs and threaten the future of earth and humanity. The world became confused in front of this new danger. The results of past experiences, however, imposed strategic transformation. The questions here are: what is this transformation? What are its characteristics? And what was going wrong?

Brothers and sisters...

It is well known, for many people, that Sheik Muhammad Uthman Abdu al-Burhani attributed Sufism to al-Quran al-Karim and to al-Sunna. He proved that Sufism is the essence of religion. One of the most important and serious issues tackled by Sheik Muhammad Uthman Abdu al-Burhani was the responsibility of guidance and missionary activities. In his lessons and books, he explained the missionary activities and guiding systems accepted by Allah, to whom belongs might and majesty. These systems entrusted the responsibility of missionary activities and guiding to messengers, profits and virtuous men (awliya’). These issues were not left to human opinions and consultations among the inhabitants of earth, as many people believe, i.e., those who established missionary groups and invented guiding techniques not related to the previously mentioned system that control these activities. This is indicated in the following Hadith al-Sharif: “Every one hundred years an Imam is sent out, for the world to see, to restore for people the issues of their religion”. The text says: “... is spread out”, and this is not a matter for people to choose.

Brothers and sisters... sons and daughters...

The only guarantee for preserving earth and protecting it from corruption and destruction, due to any human fault caused by these extremist and irrational missionary activities spreading out all over the world, as well as for protecting the religion itself from misuse and perversion, will be through having communication between earth and heaven (sky). Earth will not be secured by anything but that. This leads us to the importance of those who have been selected and commended by Allah.

Those virtuous men (awliya') who have His permission to direct creatures, teach them the aspects of their religion, and educate them. Allah ta-ala said: "Say (O' Messenger): this is My way: I am calling (you) unto Allah, upon conscious insight, I and they who follow me". The "conscious insight" (basira) is the physiognomic (farasa) of believers, in which al-Mustafa, the prayers and peace of Allah be upon Him said: "Beware of the physiognomic (farasa) of the believer, as he sees through the light of Allah". It is important for the world these days to regard this important fact. Ignoring this fact caused faults and corruption to hit the world. Allah's will required sending messengers to humankind in certain stages. It also required entrusting the responsibility of guidance and missionary activities, after the passing away of al-Mustafa, the prayers and peace of Allah be upon Him, to His virtuous men (awliya') through a precise system. This is in accord with the scientific methodology that entrusts these responsibilities to authorized expert. Missionary activities should be set out to the authorized expert whose knowledge and rightness, resulted from worshipping and nominating Allah, qualify him. Allah ta-ala said: "The Beneficent, ask about Him, (the) one who is (truly) aware", and this issue needs long explanations. Mawlana al-Sheik Muhammad Uthman clarified this issue in his lessons and two books: "The victory of virtuous men of the Beneficent" (Intisar awliya' ar-Rahman), and "Conscience's acquittal through advising nation" (Tabri'at al-thim-ma fa nush al-umma). He proved that fact and attributed it to al-Quran al-Kareem and al-Sunna. These two books can be considered an alarm ring for the attacking danger. This alarm stressed ears and knocked hearts. While people were turning away from that alarm, they got alerted by buzzing of bullets and explosion of bombs killing innocent people all over the world. Here we see clearly the danger of assuming responsibility of guidance and missionary activities to unqualified people and through educational and religious methods contradicting with tolerant and forgiving percepts of Islam. On the contrary, they work against these percepts. Many unqualified people adopted excuses for guiding others from the following Hadith by the Messenger of Allah, the prayers and peace of Allah be upon Him: "Recite me even by one verse". Those people give their opinions disapproving the virtuousness of the Imams and their scholastic efforts in the law of Islam (Shari'a). They deny virtuousness of righteous Sufi scholars. The following saying by Sayyidina Omar bin al-Khattab forms a true description of those people: "Beware of those concerned in (giving) opinions. They are people who lack strength for memorizing the (Hadith) sayings of the Messenger of Allah, the prayers and peace of Allah be upon Him". Moreover, those people continued to obscure others from the significance of al-Mustafa, the prayers and peace of Allah be upon Him, while boosting the importance of their chiefs. They forgot the generous verse saying: "... so that you (O people) support Him and revere Him". Imam Shafi'a (consents of Allah be upon him) said about this verse: "this verse taught us that respecting the Messenger is worthier than following Him".

The Messenger of Allah, the prayers and peace of Allah be upon Him said: "Among you, My households are like the ship of Noah, those who ride it survived and those who remained behind perished". He also said: "I am near of being called upon and I will response. I am leaving with you the two significances; the book of Allah, a cord extended from earth to heaven (sky), and my ancestry households, and (Allah) the Most Kind told me that they will not be separated till they reach al-Hawd on the Day of Resurrection. So you should see how to treat them after Me", (narrated by Ahmad).

From the sayings of Imam Shafi'a (consents of Allah be upon him) in this respect:

O' the households of the Messenger of Allah...

An assignment from Allah revealed in al-Quran...
It is enough and great pride (for you) that...
Those who do not pray upon you their prayers will not count...

Sayyidi Fakhruddin said:

If you asked about what is the book, then it is...
From what had been narrated by the glorious masters...
How good what those guides had wrote...
They are the owners of the significant lofty highness...

Brothers and sisters... sons and daughters

Moreover, those people, mentioned earlier, carried flags of hostility against virtuous men of Allah (awliya') (consents of Allah be upon them). They denied the gift of Allah to His Messenger to intercede. They prohibited nation to entreat and to ask for blessing. This is the disease of the era, and these are the obvious results for what the world is experiencing these days. They fasten disreputability to Islam, and Islam is free from that. Those people produced the phenomena of extremism leading to terrorism, to prohibiting a number of human rights guaranteed by Allah, and to presenting Islam as a backward religion with no relation to science and technology, and with no consideration of human rights.

Brothers and sisters... sons and daughters...

This disease, of the era, has been intensified, while the Islamic world is approaching the age of cultural globalization and confronting dangers of western cultural invasion. Moreover, poverty is working intensively to destroy social structures of a considerable part of the Islamic nation. This threatens Islamic culture, behavior and civilization and caused it to collapse within a few years. Therefore, it is necessary to be appropriately ready for that.

It is obvious that confronting these dangers is only through following procedures with strategic dimensions and basis for exchanging dialogue or through powerful release with the world. It is important, for the world, while planning for confronting responsibilities of the forthcoming age, to review the experience of "At-Tariqa Al-Burhaniya Al-Disuqiya Al-Shadhuliya". At-Tariqa introduced an advanced model of Sufi Islam that forms a healing medicine for the age by all standards. It carried out, in a practical way, the process to globalize Islam. It broke geographic borders among countries, which rise al-Burhani lights to spread out in most sides of the world even in Europe, United States and other western countries, which are suffering catastrophes of extremism and wrong corrupted missionary activities. At-Tariqa was able to invade hearts of people in more than fifty countries in kindness, gentle, ease and love. At-Tariqa gained love of people and cited as example for that. The spread out of at-Tariqa has been achieved in spite of diversities in environmental circumstances, massive technological developments, and variety of accents, languages, customs and traditions in these areas of the world. The city of Khartoum became a center, base and substantial reference for exchanging dialogue between nations of the world. It will, however, contradict with logic if Sudan and the Islamic world do not benefit from this unique experience.

Confronting foreign plans, dangers of cultural globalizations, and ideological western invasions cannot be in absence of people concerned in or responsible for guidance, or if that made through unqualified people. That will expose the nation totally in front of the arrows of these poisoned foreign cultural and religious plans.

It is about time, in the Islamic world, to share roles between state and Sufi orders. Sufi orders will assume responsibility of ethical building-up, i.e., elevating and educating psyches, and linking them with honorable values such as, truth, sincere, commitment, etc... through the medium and technique approved by Allah subhanahu wa ta-ala. The state will assume responsibility of mental building-up, i.e., scientific qualification for its citizens in addition to educational programs. The fruits of mental and ethical building-ups will mix together to produce the good Muslim citizen who will be a substantial base of comprehensive Islamic renaissance. He will form rooted firm unit within the community that leads to international peace and security. A human being nominating Allah with a hearth full of love will only spread love and goodness for humankind. Such a human being will make every effort for building earth instead of destructing it. Accordingly, ethical education is the concrete base for protecting people and proper running of earth. This aspect is materialized in Sufi Islam that carried and will continue to carry genuine bases, precepts and values of Islam without corruption and distortion.

Some people tried to raise doubts about Sufi orders and show them in clothes of dissidents form religion and Shari'a. Sufi orders concern ascending different levels of religion, i.e., Islam, Iman and Ihsan. Sufi scholars, who are also al-Fiqh scholars in every time and place, distinguished between these levels. Being confused between these levels will lead to hell, which people arrived at nowadays due to failures in techniques of missionary activities that only straggling people response to.

Those, among Sufi Muslims, who turned away from reciting al-Awrad and engaged in virtues (manaqeb), are no longer receiving support and backing (madad). They only carry names of fathers but lacking their inheritance. Here we present Sufism as knowledge and acts.

Brothers and sisters... sons and daughters...Sayyidi Fakhruddin (consents of Allah be upon him) said:

From the perfection of Allah's offers... from the plentiful gifts...
O' people, Ibrahim came for you...

The appointed knowledge for every Muslim, male and female, relates to religious obligations (farida). These obligations are prerequisites for straightness of religion of every Muslim or virtuous man (wali). Al-Sheik lends a helping hand to his follower (murid) to teach him supererogatory performances (nawafil). Supererogatory performances are the shadow of religious obligations. To utter that there is no God but Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah is the gateway into Islam. The supererogatory performances of this utter (shahada) are to nominate Allah and pray upon the Messenger, the prayers and peace of Allah be upon Him, which form the gateway into Iman, i.e., the gateway to walking to Allah. "...and continue to be conscious of Allah and (truly) believe, and grow ever more conscious of Allah and in doing righteous deeds, for Allah loves the doers of righteous deeds" (Al-Ma'idh). Belief comprises seventy-something branches. The lowest branch among them is to withdraw harm from the way to Allah, i.e., the psyche commanding doing evil.

Commanding doing evil, how bad is its drink...
It is deadly poison and the primary affliction...
In killing it, how well the recompense to the killer...
As he withdraws the sources of evil from you...

The highest branch among branches of belief is to get an eyewitness, not lingual utter, that there is no God but Allah.

That who saw the generous face...
Would he enjoy the wine in the bottoms?

Brothers and sisters... sons and daughters...

Religion is the source of right-guidance for people and the source of legislation. However, it is not a source for dominance for a state on another, or for a group on the community. Sufi Islam found acceptance from public all over the world. Sufi orders united many nations and tribes because it is based on Islamic values that consider people to be equal. Islam spread gently in most sides of the world in the past centuries. Islam has no coercion, compulsion and violence. Islam does not know roughness, rudeness, severity and violence. It became versed in consciences of Muslims. Moreover, it became a social need besides being a source of right-guidance and generous morals, which form basis of behavior. Sufi Islam has been materialized in behavior. It gave a practical proof that worshipping is not physical performances but tools for elevating the morals, for building straight human character, and for building virtuous man of truth, loyalty, abstinence and humble. These characteristics are the result of nominating Allah, praying upon the Messenger, the prayers and peace of Allah be upon Him, and good example. They are not the result of legislative constrain, punishment and the authority of state. "And if it had been the will of Allah, all mankind would have believed; all of them together! Do you (O' Messenger) want to compel mankind to become believers". "... had you (O' Messenger) been cruel or hard-hearted, they would indeed have broken way from you". "Invite (mankind) to the way of Your God with wisdom and fair admonition, and argue with them with the most courteous manner". "...and if you have not (yet) realized this, then ask the people nominating (Allah)".

Brothers and sisters...

I talked about the disease of the age and the danger of giving responsibility of guidance to unqualified people. I clearly demonstrated the adverse reflections of that on humanity. That, however, does not mean that there are no other reasons to threaten living on earth. Terrorism is caused by extremism. It cannot be linked to a certain religion, race or ideology. The world witnessed terrorism from those following other religions. We talked about security of earth and the appropriate means for running it. However, it will be illogical to ignore the negative aspects of the world order in the past fifty years. These include double standards and greedy plans behind them, which have major contributions in aggravating the world's conditions and failure and confusion we are living nowadays. The accurate entryway into a secured world depends on the level of success in accomplishing a formula for running the world combining science and technology in one hand, and justice and human and ethical principles in another.

Brothers and sisters... sons and daughters...

With the spreading of lights in western regions of Sudan, lights of “Abu al-wnain” twinkled in its southern regions and al-Nuba. Lights of At-Tariqa Al-Burhaniya shined allover Sudan. They prevailed and reached the borders.

Loving in Allah is the sole way to unite people of Sudan in north and south. It is the sole way to unite people of the Nile Valley in north and south. “... if you have spent all that in earth you could not have brought their hearts together, but Allah did bring them together” (Al-Anfal). In this respect, let me, through you; greet our brothers in the “Nile Valley Congress” headed by Dr. Husain Abu-Salih. They carry the worries and sufferings of nation, and its hopes and aspirations. They work, in silence, to establish new basis and concepts for practicing politics and running the state, stood on scientific methodology and based on truth, loyalty and interests of homeland. Such basis and concepts were, continually, absent in our area. They are depending on cadres received highest types of qualifications and ethical building-up on the hands of Mawlana al-Sheik Muhammad Uthman Abdu al-Burhani (consents of Allah be upon him). These qualifications became the support and certain guarantee for accomplishing success and building a new political and administrative order based on science and morals. This is a materialization of the way of al-Mustafa, the prayers and peace of Allah be upon Him, who brought-up his companions to nominate Allah and pray upon His Messenger prior of entrusting them state’s affairs. The goodness of following this way will not only be reflected on Sudan, but also on the Nile Valley as well. The Nile Valley Conference will realize the unity of Egypt and Sudan. This unity is in accord with the promise of Mawlana al-Sheik Muhammad Uthman Abdu al-Burhani. It is a hidden (batin) issue that will be accomplished with no doubts.

Brothers and sisters... sons and daughters...

From this speech you should be aware of the danger of the disease of age. You are also realized the healing medicine. Thus, you should be conscious to the massive responsibility we are all carrying in the coming stage, while we are confronting the most important problems and worries. Therefore, I am asking you all to spend more efforts, and be ready for the coming stage by all means of seriousness, determination, love and felicity. You have to know that the stage of seeding is concluded, and it is time for spreading. With the raise of the minarets of the Mosque of Sayyidi Fakhruddin, which started to embrace the spaces of the 21st. Centaury, the world is on an appointment with the most important era in the history of humanity, i.e., the appearance of the state of Sayyidi Ibrahim Al-Qurashi Ad-Disuqi.

This is our state has appeared...

The state of power and the treasure of happiness...

Allah ta-ala said in His precise revelation: “When Allah’s victory and succor come. And thou seest people enter Allah’s religion in hosts. Then, celebrate the Praises of your God and seek His forgiveness. He is ever an acceptor of repentance”.

O’ Allah, we seeks You by those who have the right to ask You, and we ask You through the blessings, You make us pronounce, of Your praising, and the prosperity You gave us by thanking and glorifying You. How easy is what You have assigned to us from your rights, and how great are

what You promised us from Your blessing, and the additional beneficiation for thanking You. You begin the blessing as favor and power. You ordered us to thank You, as a right and justice, and promised us, for that, doubles and more. You gave us from Your expanded subsistence, by Your choice and approval, and You asked us, for that, little thanking. Be praised O' Allah for rescuing and healing us with your mercy, from tiredness of affliction, and bottoms of misery, and did not yield us to evil intentions and affliction, and cased us with good health, and entrust us with abundance and welfare, and commenced us with the easiest purposes, and doubled the most noble merit for us, with what You make us worship from the honorable destination, and the high lofty rank you promised us, and selecting us with the mission of the greatest Messenger, and the best among them in intercession, the highest in rank among them, and the closest standing, with the most clear evidence: Muhammad, the prayers and peace of Allah be upon Him, His Households, all profits and messengers, and His good and chaste companions...

And the prayers and peace of Allah be upon Sayyidina Muhammad and His Households

Glory be to Your God; the God of Majesty, from all what they attribute to Him * And Peace be upon the Messengers * And Praise to Allah; the God of the worlds