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The Haq Sounds Like Hate To Those Who Hate The Haq

“Speak the Haq even if it is bitter” (Hadith)

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The Election Debates

Allah Ta'ala announces in His Glorious Kalaam, “And, if you have Sabr (patience) and adopt Taqwa (abstain from all Haraam and Doubtful matters), their (the kuffaar) plots will not harm you at all. Verily, Allah encompasses whatever they are doing.” (Surah al-Imraan)

Hazrat Fudhail bin Iyaadh Rahmatullahi alaih said, “The closer an Aalim is to the ruler, the further is he from Allah’s proximity.”

Allah Ta'ala says, “Those who do not govern according to that (Shariah) revealed by Allah, indeed they are the kaafiroon.”

What relationship does an Aalim have with elections, politicians and election debates?

An Aalim is bound to work in the office of Nubuwwat – an ‘office’ of the Ambiya. The work of the Ambiya was to bond and link the Makhlooq (creation) with Khaaliq (Allah).

The Ambiya didn't waste their time with debates and voting. The Ambiya made vocal Amr bil Ma'roof and Nahi anil Munkar (command virtue and forbid evil).

The Ulama of our current era, unfortunately, are vocal in the issue on voting and have become dumb to Amr bil Ma'roof and Nahi anil Munkar. Their lamentable condition is the total opposite of the Ambiya!

Ulama are supposed to teach the Ummah the glowing and blessed words of the final Nabi of Allah Ta'ala – Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam, when he said, “Your deeds are your rulers.” (Mishkaat)

Ulama are supposed to utilize their time to educate the Ummah. They are supposed to explain the laws of Hijaab, the laws of Halaal-Haraam, etc.

Many Muslims are totally ignorant of the above laws. Thus it is the obligatory duty and task of the Ulama to teach and educate the masses.

It is not expected from Ulama to behave like politicians by finding time to host election debates!

The ‘Moulana’, the organisations and so-called Islamic radio stations which support such debates should hang their heads in utter shame, for indeed, the following Hadith of our Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam is fully applicable to them:

“The Ulama are the trustees of the Rusul (the messengers of Allah) as long as they do not mingle with the Sultan (rulers – and also politicians and members of different parties such as DA’s Yusuf Cassim, ANC’s Ebrahim Rasool and EFF’s Nazier Paulsen – The Writers and as long as they do not plunge into the Dunya.”

In conclusion, the ‘Moulana’ who will be the ‘moderator’ of the election debate should ask himself the following questions:

1. Would Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam be pleased if he was alive today, to see myself being a moderator at an election debate?
2. If today was the era of the Khilaafat Hazrat Umar Radhiyallahu anhu, would he be pleased observing me to be present at an election debate?
3. Am I keeping up to the post of what a proper Aalim supposed to be?

Such election debates host a number of sins!

1. Intermingling of men and women – Trashing the Laws of Hijaab by the Ulama.
2. TV and videoing – Flinging the Laws of prohibition of pictography into the trash by the Ulama.
3. Honouring beardless Muslim politicians – The Arsh of Allah shudders when this happens.

Insha Allah, this will be adequate reason for a Haq-seeking Muslim to understand Haq from Baatil, Ulama-e-Haq from Ulama-e-Soo’.

Finally, let us make Du’a to Allah Ta’ala to safeguard us from being a recipient from the following warning:

“There is something I fear for my Ummah more than Dajjal.” Nabi (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam) repeated this thrice. When questioned as to what this was, Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam replied, “Misguided and deviated leaders.” (Musnad)

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