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**Divisions / sects / schisms:**

Asalaam alaykum warahmatullah wabarakaatuhu

Herewith follows an article on Islaam and the injunctions within the Holy Quraan that forbid dividing Allaah Most Highs religion into sects:

In the following verses from The Holy Quraan Allaah says,

### **23 Al-Muminun:**

*52. And lo! this your religion is **one religion** and I am your Lord, so keep your duty unto Me. 53. But they (mankind) have broken their religion among them into sects, each sect rejoicing in its tenets.*

### **30 Ar-Rum:**

*30. So set thy purpose (O Muhammad) for religion as a man by nature upright the nature (framed) of Allaah, in which He hath created man. There is no altering (the laws of) Allaah's creation. That is the right religion, but most men know not. 31. Turning unto Him (only); and be careful of your duty unto Him, and establish worship, and be not of those who ascribe partners (unto Him); 32. of those who split up their religion and became **schismatic's**, each sect exulting in its tenets.*

### **42 Ash-Shura:**

*13. He hath ordained for you that religion which He commended unto Noah, and that which We inspire in thee (Muhammad), and that which We commended unto Abraham and Moses and Jesus, saying: Establish the religion, and **be not divided therein**. Dreadful for the idolater is that unto which thou callest them. Allaah chooseth for Himself whom He will, and guideth unto Himself him who turneth (toward Him). 14. and they were not*

*divided until after the knowledge came unto them, through rivalry among themselves; and had it not been for a Word that had already gone forth from thy Lord for an appointed term, it surely had been judged between them. And those who were made to inherit the Scripture after them are verily in hopeless doubt concerning it.*

### **98 Al-Baiyina:**

- 2. A messenger from Allaah, reading purified pages*
- 3. Containing correct scriptures.*
- 4. Nor were the People of the Scripture **divided** until after the clear proof came unto them.*
- 5. And they are ordered naught else than to serve Allaah, keeping religion pure for Him, as men by nature upright, and to establish worship and to pay the poor due. That is true religion.*

It is clear from the above-mentioned scriptures that Allaah does not want us to divide our religion. It is also clear that division is one of the major factors if not the premier root cause factor that has caused the demise of the original and rightly guided Jewish and the Christian folk. It is the practice of anarchists to promote disunity in order to implement the “divide and rule” or “divide and conquer” system of control that is wide-spread throughout our modern world. When a once united party becomes disunited it is easy for a third party to manipulate the disunited and pit them against one another. The third party then has good opportunity to pillage the resources of the disunited whilst they squabble over their differences. The evidence of this practice is available in most countries, blatantly and especially amongst the uneducated nations and more subtly and no less devastatingly in the informed nations. According to my knowledge and understanding Islaam is without flag, emblem or anthem the wisdom of which is that nationalism is not only a form of pride that causes schisms but also because the inherent message of Islaam is “One-ness” and unity. The One-ness

of Allaah. The unity of mankind. Are we not all brothers and sisters descended from the same ancestral parents? Although I personally find much goodness in the different madhaaib and sects of Islaam I cannot comprehend the lack of wisdom of those who label themselves for they are clearly disobeying a very distinct and fundamental order of Allaah. There is no grey area and there is no justification apart from pride. Each sect believing that they are correct in their beliefs and each sect producing their evidence which obviously placates their consciences but is in disharmony with the beliefs harboured by the differing sects. On an intellectual level it is possible to understand the differences of opinion amongst the learned ones and the intelligent individual is able to maintain their own religious stability within the frame-work of the differing opinions of what is and is not proper and correct according to The Holy Quraan and the sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him). However the majority of the people of faith do not possess the resources or the knowledge or the comprehension of the “nitty-gritties” of the faith of Islaam which is why they place their trust and faith in the practices and teachings of the learned ones. However it appears that some of the learned ones are consumed with justifying their divided beliefs. They spend a great deal of time and effort trying to prove their beliefs and practices to their opposition. They seem to have forgotten their main aim and purpose which is to lead and unite Mr and Mrs plain and simple normal Muslim who just want simple solutions to simple problems. What is happening is that some of the learned ones (and many of the fools) are brokering disharmony amongst themselves and portraying a disunited front to the ummah which serves the purpose of reducing the trust that the ummah has or did have in the learned ones and thereby encouraging the ummah to turn inwards to themselves for their guidance with the result that bidah has accelerated and the faith is becoming more diluted and weaker. That’s why we are not supposed to divide. That’s why we are in a sad state of affairs. And that is why I, for one, will remain a Muslim and will not be of

those who can be classified by any other title other than that of Muslim. This does not mean I do not respect the views of the different sects, I do, but I feel that the detriment of labeling is greater than the benefit.

Islaam is a simple religion with simple practices. It is mankind who complicates issues in order to assert his dominant tendency for the control of the affairs of others. We Muslims are no different from any other people except for our beliefs and we are certainly not less prone to the effects of shaytaan and his efforts to prove to Allaah that insaan is of a lower order and quality than that of the jinn. It looks like insaan is mostly ignorant to the fact that the war or struggle lies not solely amongst him but it lies between him and the jinn too. Is not shaytaan of the jinn? Is it not his main aim and purpose to destroy the character of man? We should really try hard to make a concerted effort to increase the understanding of the ummah and inhibit the instability of the learned ones for it is shaytaan who is at the root of the chaos, but, alas! It is in our destiny that the ummah will be in a state of disunity and degradation before the coming of the Maghdi. The signs have nearly all come. My recommendation is that true pious Muslims should separate themselves from any form of division or sect and live simple lives and make constant dua to Allaah for guidance because it is nearing nigh on impossible for simple people to discern the correct path without becoming more confused. Only Allaah can help us and only Allaah has the power to protect us. As for me and you my dear brother we must not become of those who cause enmity by schism. .

“United we stand divided we fall”

“Religion does not corrupt mankind. Mankind corrupts religion”

Fee aman Allaah

