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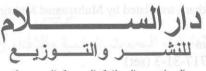
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In the Name of Allâh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Praise be to Allâh, the Lord of the 'Alamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists) and peace be upon the Master of the Messengers, his family and companions.

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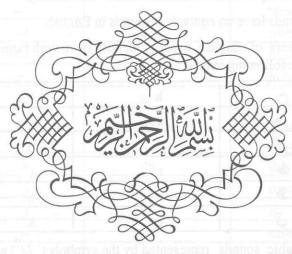
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بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

1 - THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Said Ash-Shaikh Al-Imām Al-Hāfiz Abu-'Abdullāh Muḥammad bin Ismā'īl bin Ibrāhīm bin Al-Mughīra Al-Bukhārī (May Allāh عالي be Merciful to him):

قالَ الشَّيْخُ الإمامُ الْحافِظُ أَبُو عَبْدِ الله مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ إِسْماعِيلَ بْنِ إِبْراهِيمَ بْن المُغيرَة البُخاريُّ رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعالى

(1) CHAPTER. How the Divine Revelation started to be revealed to Allah's Messenger ... (١) بِابُ: كَيفَ كَانَ بَدْءُ الوَحْي إلَى

And the Statement of Allah :جَارَّ ذِكْرُهُ : "Verily, We have sent the revelation to you (O Muhammad ﷺ) as We sent the revelation to Noah and the Prophets after him." (V.4:163)

وَقَوْلُ اللهِ جَلَّ ذِكْرُهُ. ﴿ إِنَّا أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ كُمَا أُوْحَيْنَا إِلَى نُوْجٍ وَٱلنِّبِيِّينَ مِنْ بعده على [النساء: ١٦٢].

: I heard Allāh's Messenger ﷺ saying, "The reward of deeds depends upon the intentions and every person will get the reward according to what he has intended. So whoever emigrates for worldly benefits or for a woman to marry, his emigration will be for what he emigrated for."(1)

١ - حدَّثنا الْحُمَيْدِيُّ قالَ: حَدَّثنا سُفْيانُ، عن يَحْيى بن الأنْصاريُّ قال: أخْبَرَنِي مُحَمَّدُ بنُ إبْراهِيمَ التَّيْمِيُّ أنَّهُ سَمِعَ عَلْقَمَةَ بْنَ وَقَّاصِ اللَّيْشِيَّ يَقُولُ: سَمِعْتُ عُمَرَ بِنَ قال: سَمِعْتُ رَسولَ اللهِ عَلَيْ يَقُول: "إِنَّمَا الأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ، وإنَّمَا لِكُلِّ امْرِئ ما نَوَى، فَمَنْ كانَتْ هِجْرَتُهُ إلى دُنْيًا يُصِيبُها أوْ إلى امْرَأَةِ يَنْكِحُها فَهِجْرَتُهُ إلى مَا هاجَرَ إلَيْه».

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^{(1) (}H.1) The Prophet said this on the occasion of someone's emigration from Makkah to Al-Madīna not for the sake of the Islāmic Cause but to marry a woman who had stipulated that he should emigrate if he wanted to marry her. Anyhow, this Ḥadūḥ implies a general principle, i.e., one is rewarded for his deeds according to his real intentions and not according to his actual deeds which might be good in themselves but were motivated by an ill intention.

حدَّثنا عَنْدُاللهِ بنُ يُوسُفَ

back to (his wife) Khadīja to take his food likewise again till suddenly the Truth descended upon him while he was in the cave of Hira'. The angel came to him and asked him to read. The Prophet se replied, "I do not know how to read."

The Prophet added, "Then the angel caught me (forcefully) and pressed me so hard that I could not bear it any more. He then released me and again asked me to read and I replied, 'I do not know how to read.' Thereupon he caught me again and pressed me a second time till I could not bear it any more. He then released me and again asked me to read but again I replied, 'I do not know how to read (or what shall I read?)'. Thereupon he caught me for the third time and pressed me, and then released me and said, 'Read in the Name of your Lord, Who has created (all that exists). Has created man from a clot (a piece of thick coagulated blood). Read! And your Lord is the Most Generous." (V.96:1-3) Then Allāh's Messenger a returned with the Revelation and with his heart beating severely. Then he went to Khadīja bint Khuwailid رضى الله عنها and said, "Cover me! Cover me!" They covered him till his fear was over and after everything رضى الله عنها everything that had happened (and said), "I fear that something may happen to me." Khadīja replied, "Never! By Allāh, Allāh will never disgrace you. You keep good relations with your kith and kin, help the poor and the destitute, serve your guests generously and assist the deserving calamity-afflicted ones."

then accompanied him رضى الله عنها Khadīja to her cousin Waraqa bin Naufal bin Asad bin 'Abdul 'Uzza, who, during the Period of Ignorance became a Christian and used to write the writing with Hebrew letters. He would write from the Gospel in Hebrew as

- اللَّيَالِيَ ذُواتِ العَدَدِ قَبْلَ أَنْ خَديجَةً فَيَتَزَوَّدُ لمِثْلِها، حتى جاءَهُ الحقُّ وَهُوَ في غارِ حِرَاءٍ، فَحاءَهُ المَلَكُ فَقال: اقْرَأْ، قال: ما أَنَا بِقَارِئِ، قال: فَأَخَذَنِي فَغَطَّنِي بَلَغَ مِنِّي الجَهْدَ ثُمَّ أَرْسَلَنِي فَقال: اقْرَأْ، قُلْتُ: «ما أَنا بقارئ، فَأَخَذَنِي فَغَطَّنِي الثَّانِيَةَ حَتَّى بَلَغَ مِنِّي الجَهْدَ ثُمُّ أَرْسَلَنِي فَقال: اقْرَأْ، فَقُلْتُ: ما أَنا بقارئ، فَأَخَذُنِي فَغَطَّنِي الثَّالِثَةَ ثُمَّ أَرْسَلَنِي فَقَالَ: ﴿ أَقُرَأُ بِأَسْمِ رَبِّكَ ٱلَّذِي خَلَقَ خَلَقَ ٱلْإِنسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقَ [العلق: ١-٣] فَرَجَعَ بها رَسُولُ اللهِ ﷺ يَرْجُفُ فُؤَادُه، فَدَخَلَ عَلَى خَديجَةَ نْتِ خُوَيْلدِ فَقالَ: «زَمِّلُونِي، زُمِّلُونِي». فَزَمَّلُوهُ حَتى ذَهَبَ عَنْهُ لرَّوْعُ، فَقال لخديجة وأخْبَها الخُبَرَ: "لَقَدْ خَشِيتُ عَلَى نَفْسِي"، فَقَالَتْ لَهُ خَديجَةُ: كَلَّا، والله مَا يَحْزُنْكَ اللهُ أبداً، إنَّكَ لَتَصِلُ الرَّحِمَ، وَتَحْمِلُ الكُلُّ، وَتَكْسِبُ المَعْدُومَ، وتَقُرِي الضَّيْفَ، وَتُعينُ على نَوائِب الحَقِّ، فَانْطَلَقَتْ بِهِ خَدْيِجَةٌ حتى أَتَتْ بِهِ وَرَقَةً بْنَ نَوْفَل بن أَسَدِ بنِ العُزِّي - ابْنَ عَمِّ خُديجَةً - وكانَ امْرِءًا قَدْ تَنَصَّرَ في الجاهِلِيَّةِ، وكانَ يُكْتُب الكِتابَ العِبْرَانِيَّ، فَيَكْتُبُ مِنَ

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(2) CHAPTER.

2. Narrated 'Āishah رضى الله عنها, the Mother of the faithful believers:(1) Al-Hārith bin Hishām رضى الله عنه asked Allāh's Messenger # "O Allah's Messenger! How is the Divine Revelation revealed to you?" Allāh's Messenger replied, "Sometimes it is (revealed) like the ringing of a bell, this form of Revelation is the hardest of all and then this state passes off after I have grasped what is revealed. Sometimes the angel comes in the form of a man and talks to me and I وضى الله عنها Āishah? "Aishah?" added: Verily I saw the Prophet ﷺ being inspired (Divinely) and (noticed) the sweat dropping from his forehead on a very cold day as the Revelation was over.

أَخْسَرُنا مالكٌ. عَنْ عَنْ أبيهِ، عنْ المؤْمِنِينَ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْها: أنَّ الحارثَ بنَ هِشام رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ سأَلَ رَسُولَ الله عَلَيْ فقال: يا رَسُولَ الله كَيْفَ يَأْتِيكَ الوَحْيُ؟ فقالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ وَ اللهُ عَلَيْ اللهُ عَلَيْ مِثْلُ صَلْصَلَةِ عَلَيْ اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ عَلَيْهِ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ عَلَيْهُ عَلَيْهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهُ عَلَيْهِ عَلَيْهُ عَلَيْهِ عَلِي عَلَيْهِ الجَرَس وَهُوَ أَشَدُّهُ عَلَى فَيُفْصَمُ عَنِّي، وقَدْ وَعَيْتُ عَنْهُ ما قالَ، وأحياناً يَتَمَثَّلُ لِيَ المَلَكُ رَجُلاً فَيُكَلِّمُنِي فَأَعِي ما يَقُولُ» - قالَتْ عائِشَةُ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْها: وَلَقَدْ رَأَيْتُهُ يَنْزِلُ عَلَيْهِ الوَحْيُ في اليَوْم الشَّدِيدِ البَرْدِ فَيَفْصِمُ عَنْهُ وَإِنَّ جَسنَهُ لَتَقَصَّدُ عَاقًا.

(3) CHAPTER.

3. Narrated 'Aishah رضى الله عنها, the Mother of the faithful believers: The commencement of the (Divine) Revelation to Allāh's Messenger awas in the form of good righteous (true) dreams which came true like bright daylight, and then the love of seclusion was bestowed upon him. He used to go in seclusion in the cave of Hira' where he used to worship (Allah Alone) continuously for many nights before returning to (or his desire to see) his family. He used to take with him the journey food for the stay and then come حدَّثُنا يَحْيى بن بُكَيْر قال: حَدَّثَنا اللَّيْث، عَنْ عُقَيْل، عَن ابن شِهاب، عَنْ عُرْوَةَ ابْنِ الزُّبَيْرِ، عَنْ عائِشَةً أُمِّ المُؤْمِنِينَ أنَّها قالَت: مَا بُدِئَ بِهِ رَسُولُ اللهِ ﷺ مِنَ الوَحْي الرُّؤْيا الصَّالِحَةُ في النَّوْم، فكانَ لا يَرَى رُؤْيا إلّا جاءَتْ مِثلَ فَلَق

الصُّبْح، ثُمَّ حُبِّبَ إِلَيْهِ الخَلاءُ وكانَ

يَخْلُو بِغَالِ حِرَاءِ فَتَتَحَنَّثُ فِيهِ - وَهُوَ

(1) (H.2) Allāh عالي calls the wives of the Prophet ﷺ "the Mothers of the faithful" in that the believers should show respect and reverence and none of the believers were permitted to marry any of them after the Prophet's death. [See the Qur'ān (V.33:6)]. (only) increased them in faith." (V.3:173) And also the Statement of Allah جُل جَلاله: "And it only added to their faith and to their submissiveness (to Allāh)." (V.33:22).

And to love and hate for Allah's sake is a part of faith.

'Umar bin 'Abdul 'Azīz wrote to 'Adī bin 'Adī: "Belief includes Farā'id (enjoined duties), legal laws and Hudūd (Allāh's boundary limits between lawful and unlawful things) and Sunan [legal ways and deeds (acts) of worship etc.]. And whoever follows (and acts on) all of them completely, has a complete belief, and whoever does not follow them completely (does not act on them), his belief is incomplete. And should I live I will tell you all about them so that you may act on them. And should I die, I am not anxious to have your company."

عله (Abraham) عليه said, "But to be stronger in faith" (V.2:260). Mu'ādh said (to Aswad bin Hilāl, one of his companions), "Let us sit for a while so that we may dedicate that period of time to faith." Ibn Mas'ūd said, "Yaqīn is perfect faith." And Ibn 'Umar said, "A person cannot attain true sense of piety unless and until he removes all suspicions from his heart." (i.e. gives up all kinds of polytheism, evil deeds, and doubtful things, and start doing righteous good deeds regularly) [See Fath Al-Bari, Vol. I, Page 54].

And Mujāhid said, "He (Allāh تعالى) has ordained for you..." (V.42:13) means "O Muhammad (變)! We have ordained for you and him (Noah) one religion (i.e. Islāmic Monotheism)."

And Ibn 'Abbas explained: "A law and a clear way" (V.5:48) as Islāmic way and Sunna (traditions of the Prophet 26).

(2) CHAPTER. Your invocation means your faith. And Allāh تعالى said: "Say (O والحُبُّ فِي اللهِ والبُغْضُ في اللهِ مِنَ الإيمانِ، وكَتُبَ عُمَرُ بنُ العَزيز إلى عَدِيِّ ابْن الإيمان، ومَنْ لَمْ يَسْتَكُملُها يَسْتَكُمِلِ الإيمانَ، فإنْ أعِشْ فَسأُبيِّنُها لَكُمْ حَتَّى تَعْمَلُوا بِها، وَإِنْ أَمُّتْ فَما أَنَا عَلَى صُحْبَتِكُمْ بِحَرِيصٍ، وقالَ إِرْ اهِيمُ: ﴿ وَلَاكِن لِيَطْمَهِنَّ قَلْبِي ۗ [القرة: ٢٦] وَقَالَ مُعاذِّ: اجْلِسْ بنا نُؤْمِنُ سَاعَةً - وقَالَ ابْنُ مَسْعُودٍ: اليَقينُ الإيمانُ كُلُّهُ، وَقالَ ابنُ عُمَرَ: لا يَبْلُغُ العَبْدُ حَقيقَةَ التَّقْوَى حَتَّى يَدَعَ ما حاكَ في الصَّدْر، وقالَ مُجاهِدُ: ﴿ شَرَعَ لَكُم ﴾ [الشورى: ١٣] أَوْصَيْنَاكَ يا مُحَمَّدُ وإيَّاهُ دِيناً وَاحِداً، وَقالَ ابنُ عَبَّاس: ﴿ شِرْعَةً وَمِنْهَا كُأَ ﴾ [المائدة: ٤٨]

(٢) بِلَّ: دُعاؤكُمْ إِيمانكُمْ،

2 - THE BOOK OF BELIEF (FAITH)

[Faith: i.e. To believe in {the six (6) articles of Faith}: (1) Allāh. (2) His (Allāh's) Angels. (3) His (Allāh's) Messengers. (4) His (Allah's) Books, e.g. the Torah, the Gospel, the Our'an etc. (5) The Day of Resurrection. (6) Al-Qadar (Divine Preordainments). Faith has more than sixty (60) subdivisions or parts, the highest one is Lā ilāha illallāh (none has the right to be worshipped but Allah), and the lowest one is to remove harmful things from the ways, roads, passages etc. (Please see Fath Al-Bāri, for details).

(1) CHAPTER. The statement of the Prophet , 'Islām is based on five principles.'(1)

And belief is both saying and acting, and it increases and decreases. Allah عالى revealed the following Verses concerning the subject: "That they may grow more in faith along with their (present) faith." (V.48:4) "And We increased them in guidance." (V.18:13) "And Allāh increases in guidance those who walk aright [true believers in the Oneness of Allāh — who fear Allāh much (abstain from all kinds of sins and evil deeds which He has forbidden) and love Allah much (perform all kinds of good deeds which He has ordained)]" (V.19:76). And said, "As for those who accept guidance, He (i.e. Allah = increases their guidance and bestows on them their piety." (V.47:17) "And the believers may increase in faith." (V.74:31) "Which of you has had his faith increased by it? As for those who believe, it has increased their faith." (V.9:124) And also the Statement of Allah : "Fear them. But it

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وهُوَ: قَوْلُ وفِعْلٌ وَيَزِيدُ وَيَنْقُصُ، إِيمَانِهُمُ ﴾ [الفتح: ٤] ﴿ وَزِدْنَاهُمُ [الكهف: ١٣] ﴿ وَكَرْبُدُ أَهْتَدُواْ هُدُيُّ ﴿ [مريم: ٧٦] وَقَالَ: ﴿ وَالَّذِينَ ٱهْنَدُوا زَادَهُمْ هُدًى وَءَانَنَهُمْ تَقُونَهُم ﴾ [محمد: ١٧] ﴿ وَنَزْدَادَ ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواً لِمِنَا ﴾ [المدثر: ٣١] وقَوْلُهُ: ﴿ أَنُّكُمْ زَادَتُهُ هَذِهِ إِيمَنَا فَأَمَّا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا فَزَادَتْهُمْ إِيمَانَا﴾ [التوبة: ١٢٤] وَقَوْلُهُ جَارً ﴿ فَأَخْشُوهُمْ فَزَادَهُمْ إِيمَنْنَا ﴾ [آل [الأحزاب: ٢٢].

^{(1) (}Ch.1) See Hadīth No.8.

every act of obedience to Allah) that you turn your faces to east and (or) west (in prayers); but Al-Birr is (the quality of) the one who believes in Allah, the Last Day, the Angels, the Book (Holy Scripture), the Prophets and gives his wealth, in spite of the love for it, to the kinsfolk and to the orphans and to Al-Masākīn (the poor) and to the wayfarer and to those who ask, and to set slaves free; and perform As-Salāt (Igāmat-as-Salāt) and gives the Zakāt, and who fulfil their covenant when they make it, and who are patient (in severe poverty), and ailment (disease) and at the time of fighting (during the battles). Such are the people of truth, and they are Al-Muttaqūn. (1)" (V.2:177) "Successful indeed are the believers." (V.23:1)

9. Narrated Abū Hurairah رضى الله عَنه The Prophet said, "Faith (Belief) consists of more than sixty sub-divisions or branches (i.e. parts). And Al-Hayā (this term Al-Hayā covers a large number of concepts which are to be taken together; amongst them are selfrespect, modesty, bashfulness, and honour etc.) is a part of faith." [See the Glossary "Al-Hayā" and Fath Al-Bāri, for details as regard "Faith"]

(4) CHAPTER. A Muslim is the one who avoids harming Muslims with his tongue and hands.

10. Narrated 'Abdullah bin 'Amr أرضى الله 'Amr The Prophet ﷺ said, "A Muslim is the one who avoids harming Muslims with his tongue and hands. And a Muhājir (emigrant) is the one who gives up (abandons) all what ". has forbidden تعالى Allāh

وَالْمَغْرِبِ وَلِكِنَّ ٱلْبِرَّ مَنْ ءَامَنَ بِٱللَّهِ وَٱلْبُوْمِ وَٱلْمَلَتِكَةِ وَٱلْكِنْكِ وَٱلنَّبِيَّىٰ وَءَاتَى خُبِّهِ، ذَوِى ٱلْقُـُرْبَكِ ٱلْمَأْسَآءِ وَٱلضَّرَّآءِ وَحِينَ صَدَقُواً وَأُولَتِكَ هُمُ [المؤمنون: ١] الآية.

٩ - حدَّثَنا عَبْدُ اللهِ بنُ مُحَمَّدِ: حدَّثَنا أَبُو عامِر العَقَدِيُّ قالَ: حَدَّثَنا سُلَيْمانُ ابْنُ بلالِ، عَنْ عَبْدِ اللهِ بْن دِينارِ، عَنْ أبي صالِح، عَنْ أبي هُرَيْرَةَ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ عِينَا قَالَ: «الإيمان بضع وسِتُونَ شُعْبَةً، والحَياءُ شُعْبَةٌ مِنَ

(٤) باب: المُسْلِمُ مَنْ سَلِمَ المُسْلِمُونَ مِنْ لِسانِهِ وَيَدِهِ

١٠ - حدَّثَنا آدَمُ بنُ أبي إِياسٍ قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا شُعْبَةً، عَنْ عَبْدِ اللهِ بْنِ أبي السُّفَر وإسمَاعِيلَ، عَن الشُّعْبِيِّ، غَنْ عَبْدِ اللهِ ابن عَمْرِو عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ قَالَ: «المُسْلِمُ مَنْ سَلِمَ المُسْلِمُونَ

Muhammad to the disbelievers): My Lord pays attention to you only because of your invocation to Him." (V.25:77).

8. Narrated Ibn 'Umar رضى الله عَنهُما: Allāh's Messenger said: Islām is based on (the following) five (principles):

1. To testify that Lā ilāha illallāh wa anna Muhammad-ar-Rasul Allāh (none has the right to be worshipped but Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allāh).

2. Iqāmat-aṣ-Ṣalāt [to perform the (compulsory congregational) Salāt (prayers)].(1)

3. To pay $Zak\bar{a}t^{(2)}$.

4. To perform Haj. (i.e. pilgrimage to Makkah).

5. To observe Saum [fasts (according to Islāmic teachings)] during the month of Ramadān.

(3) CHAPTER. (What is said) regarding the deeds of faith.

And the Saying of Allah :: "It is not Al-Birr (piety, righteousness and لِقَوْلِهِ تَعَالَى: ﴿ قُلُ مَا يَعْبَؤُا بِكُو رَبِّي لَوْلَا دُعَاقُرُكُمْ ﴿ [الفرقان: ٧٧] وَمَعْنَى الدُّعاءِ في اللَّغَةِ «الإيمان»

 ٨ - حدَّثنا عُسَدُ اللهِ بنُ مُوسَى قَالَ: أَخبرَنا حَنْظَلَةُ بْنُ أَبِي سُفْيانَ عَنْ عِكْرِمَةَ ابن خالِدٍ، عَنِ ابْنِ عُمَرَ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ ﷺ: "بُنيَ الإسلامُ عَلى خَمْس: شَهادَةِ أَنْ لا إِلَّهُ إِلَّا اللهُ وأَنَّ مُحَمَّداً رَسُولُ الله، وَإِقَامِ الصَّلاةِ، وَإِيتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ، والحَجّ، وصورم رَمضانً». [انظر: ٥١٥٤]

(٣) باب أمُور الإيمان،

b) To perform the Salat (prayers) as the Prophet set used to perform them with all their rules and regulations (i.e. standing, bowing, prostrating, sitting). As he mas said: "Perform your *Ṣalāt* (prayers) the way you see me performing them." See *Hadīth* No.

631. [For the characteristics of the prayer of the Prophet see Sahih Al-Bukhārī, Vol.1., Hadīth No. 735, 736, 739, 756, 823, 824, 825].

(2) (H.8) Zakāt نائ : A certain fixed proportion of the wealth and of every kind of the property liable to Zakāt of a Muslim to be paid yearly for the benefit of the poor in the Muslim community. The payment of Zakāt is obligatory as it is one of the five pillars of Islām. Zakāt is the major economic means for establishing social justice and leading the Muslim society to prosperity and security. [See Sahīh Al-Bukhārī, Vol.2, Book of Zakāt (24)].

^{(1) (}Ch.3) Al-Muttaqun means pious and righteous persons who fear Allah much (abstain from all kinds of sins and evil deeds which He has forbidden) and love Allah much (perform all kinds of good deeds which He has ordained).

^{(1) (}H.8) Iqāmat-as-Salāt إقامة الصلاة [The offering of Salāt (prayers)]. It means that: a) Every Muslim, male or female, is obliged to offer his Salāt (prayers) regularly five times a day at the specified times; the male in a mosque in congregation and the female at home. As the Prophet has said: "Order your children for Salat at the age of seven and beat them (about it) at the age of ten." The chief (of a family, town, tribe, etc.) and the Muslim ruler of a country are held responsible before Allāh in case of nonfulfilment of this obligation by the Muslims under his authority.