

# Dawah - Our Purpose of Existence

# Introduction

Last week: Thanking Allah. Build on that.

We were reminded:

وَأَنْ تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تُحْصَوها إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَغَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

For, should you try to count God's blessings, you could never compute them! Behold, God is indeed much-forgiving, a dispenser of grace; (Nahl 16:18)

Description of Ibrahim AS.

شَاكِرًا لِّأَنْعَمِهِ

Grateful for the blessings granted by Him

We are indeed blessed in this land. Wealth, education, healthcare, etc.

**The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said:  
“The one among you who wakes up secure in his property, healthy in his  
body and has his food for the day, it is as if the whole world were brought to  
him.”**

**This hadith was narrated by Salamah ibn ‘Ubayd-Allah ibn Mihsan al-Khatmi,  
from his father, who met the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon  
him). Graded as Hasan.**

Most are content with worldly comforts. Is that enough?

Why were we brought here by Allah SWT or born here. What are our  
responsibilities?

In the same Surah Nahl: Ayat 112

وَضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا قَرْيَةً كَانَتْ آمِنَةً مُطْمَئِنَّةً يَأْتِيهَا رِزْقُهَا رَغَدًا مِنْ كُلِّ مَكَانٍ فَكَفَرَتْ بِأَنْعُمِ اللَّهِ فَأَذَاقَهَا اللَّهُ لِبَاسَ الْجُوعِ وَالْخَوْفِ بِمَا كَانُوا يَصْنَعُونَ:

AND Allah SWT gives you a parable: [Imagine] a town which was [once] secure and at ease, with its sustenance coming to it abundantly from all quarters, and which thereupon they refused to show gratitude for Allah's blessings: and So Allah SWT caused it to taste the misery of hunger and fear in result of all [the evil] that its people had so had brought upon themselves.

We Look for answers in Quran and Sunnah.

Quran calls us Khair Ummah, Surah Ale Imran 3:110

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ

YOU ARE indeed the best community that has ever been brought forth for [the good of] mankind: you enjoin the doing of what is right and forbid the doing of what is wrong, and you believe in God.

Prophet's PBUH last sermon. Remember, he said,

All those who listen to me shall pass on my words to others and those to others again; and it may be that the last ones understand my words better than those who listen to me directly. Be my witness, O Allah, that I have conveyed your message to your people.

Appears 3 times, Taubah, Fatah, and Saff

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَىٰ الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ

He it is who has sent forth His Apostle with the [task of spreading] guidance and the religion of truth, to the end that He may cause it to prevail over all [false] religion.

How does Islam prevail. It will not happen by itself. I and you have to put in the effort.

It could be in any form of service to Islam.

It is not just going door to door and inviting. It is just one form. It could be in any form of activism.

Look at example of service in masajid, prison, teaching, political arena or something else.

If you seek good of this life and hereafter for your children, then get busy in dawah work.

Scholars say, this world is full of trials. If you go after one problem, another one crops up. But if you get busy in dawah, and leave this world's problems to Allah SWT, he will take care of your problems.



وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا مِّمَّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنَّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

And who could be better of speech than he who calls [his fellow-men] unto Allah, and does what is just and right, and says, “Verily, I am of those who have surrendered themselves to God” (Fussilat 41:33)

Wisdom and beautiful speech: to be truthful, sincere and articulate,  
and always to be sensitive to the psychology of your audience.

We must understand their prejudices, their fears and anxieties.

We must take an audience-centred approach, not a speaker-centred approach.

In other words, we must be less concerned with what we want to say, than with what our audience needs to know.

وَأَنْذِرْ عَشِيرَتَكَ الْأَقْرَبِينَ - وَاخْفِضْ جَنَاحَكَ لِمَنِ اتَّبَعَكَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

And warn [whomsoever you can reach, beginning with] thy kinsfolk.

and spread the wings of your tenderness over all of the believers who may follow you.

Ash-Shu'ara (The Poets) 26:214-5

ادْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ وَجَادِلْهُمْ بَالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ

ALL THOU (all mankind] unto your Lord's path with wisdom and good speech, and argue with them in the most kindly manner- An-Nahl (The Bee) 16:125

# Methodology

While the Qur'anic text talks about the importance of this obligation on the Muslim community both individuals as well as groups, we note Da'wah provides a unique way to open communication channels with other communities in order to inform them about Al-Islam, the religion of human dignity and honor. Through Da'wah, a Daa'i can remove lots of misunderstandings, misrepresentations about this beautiful religion, and spread messages of peace, justice and fairness.

Since Qur'an declared Da'wah an individual responsibility, the question that arises here as to what should be the right way of doing Da'wah and what methodology and manners can be useful and result oriented.



Always be on the lookout for new ways. “What have you done for lately.”

Talk to people who have come to Islam and learn what worked for them.  
Muslims being Muslims.

Bangladeshi river taxi, South African White, Omar Monk.

Perhaps we can spend more time helping the new Muslims to stay in Islam! One estimate: 40% of those who take *shahadah* actually leave Islam again between 6 to 12 months later.

So what about the 40%? Are they still well disposed to Islam? Or do they tell others that they've tried Islam and it doesn't work? It's too difficult, or the Muslims talk beautifully about their religion, but they don't practice what they preach. They don't welcome others into their homes. They eagerly persuade you to take *Shahadah* then they forget about you. They might even say that they found Muslims can be very exclusive and racist. They don't mix with people outside their own tribal or ethnic group...and on and on.

# Etiquettes

Our Character

Our Behavior

Our Masajid

وَمَا عَلَيْنَا إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ

but we are not bound to do more than clearly deliver the message [entrusted to us].

Ya-Sin (Ya-Sin) 36:17

# Situation in India

what we are witnessing in India now is the beginning of what potentially might be another state-sponsored mass genocide the likes of which we haven't seen for decades - and Allah's Help is sought.

The government has actively riled up its population for years, and the BJP has done so for decades. Quite literally, the BJP is a modern manifestation of Nazism. The fact that these riots are taking place in Delhi - the intellectual and political capital - does not at all bode well for the rural lands and villages across this vast country of 1.4 billion people, 80 % of whom are Hindu.

As usual, many of us show our anger and frustration towards other governments who choose to ignore and turn a blind eye to this genocide. It seems like we never learn from history. Powerful nations don't protect defenseless people? In East Timor in 1975 when perhaps half of the total population was killed? In Cambodia in 1979 when the Khmer Rouge massacred up to 3 million people? In Iraq throughout the 80s when the Kurds were being gassed and killed? In Bosnia in 1993 when 3 % of the population was brutally murdered? In Rwanda in 1995 when over a million people were gunned down and ruthlessly hacked with machetes to death? In yesterday's Burma with the Rohingya massacres and in today's Syria with the modern Pharaoh of our times killing over a million of his own?

# Corona Virus

- Take appropriate measures. Pray and trust God
- About 80 percent of coronavirus cases throughout the world are mild, resulting in flu- or cold-like symptoms and ending in full recovery within a few weeks.
- However, this virus is 20 times more deadly than the seasonal flu. So one must not dismiss it.
- The young and elderly are most at risk.
- Cleanliness of heart, mind, body, and environment are essential tools in disease-prevention in Islam. The Prophet said that cleanliness is half of faith.
- According to one [study](#), making Wudu five times a day cleanses the nose of germs, dust, and related contaminants. It is estimated that 500–1000 species of bacteria live on the skin, and that by performing Wudu, a person washes away potentially pathogenic germs on the skin.
- Cutting the nails regularly, every 40 days at the latest, is a Sunnah (Muslim). Given all of the [germs](#) under fingernails, this will also help curb the spread of disease
- Limit traveling if you are in a community where there have been many cases of coronavirus or avoid traveling to a place where it has spread widely. The Prophet said, “If you hear that it (plague) is in a land, do not go there, and if it breaks out in a land where you are, do not leave, fleeing from it” (Bukhari and Muslim)

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- If you get sick, make sure to take doctor-approved medicines. The Prophet said, “Make use of medical treatment, for Allah has not made a disease without appointing a remedy for it, with the exception of one disease, namely old age” (Abu Dawud)

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Superpowers only invade to 'protect' when there are gains to be gotten and oil to be extracted.

If you're waiting for a solution from these lines, there are none. At least, nothing that can be said from here that will actually change and protect the innocents.

Yes, be angry, but channel that anger into something productive in your own life. Be a better person, take advantage of the opportunities given to you, raise awareness (for whatever it's worth), help any charities that are making a difference. And most importantly, genuinely make dua for all who are suffering from such fanaticism and bigotry, and take solace in believing in the Day of Judgment when those who were wronged will face those who wronged them, and all accounts will be justly settled in the Divine Court, and no soul shall go unrewarded or unpunished.

We ask for peace, O Allah! Protect the Muslims of India! Shelter the innocent women and children from the brutality of heartless beasts! Send your Divine Aid to avert the tyranny of these hate-filled mobs! Show us your Power and the miracles of Your Qudra O Allah! Truly, You are the Majestic, Full of Power.

Note: Being of the Hindu faith does not at all mean that one is pro-BJP. Some of the best and strongest opposition to the BJP is coming from other Hindus. The BJP does enjoy support from a broad swathe of Hindu parties and peoples, but there are many peace-loving Hindus who are allies to all people in justice and harmony.