

# **UNITY of UMMAH through QURAN & AHLULBAIT(as)**

Why Islam means to follow  
Quran & Ahlulbait(as)'s Hadeeths?



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## **Bismillāhir-rahmānir-rahīm**

### **In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.**

As I start this article, I would like to emphasize on the importance of unity among the muslim ummah. We ourselves have divided into different sects. Allah SWT never wanted us to get divided nor did our beloved Prophet Muhammad (saww).

وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ تَفَرَّقُوا وَاخْتَلَفُوا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْبَيِّنَاتُ ۚ وَأُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ

***And do not become like those who disunited and differed from after the clear proofs having come to them, and they, for them is a painful Punishment [Quran 3:105]***

Now the question arises is how can we unite the ummah? And what are the clear signs from Allah swt to unite us. Is there a way by which we cannot get divided?

Well the answer is **YES**.

Let's ponder upon the famous hadeeth of Prophet Muhammad (saww) recorded in almost all school of thoughts.

## **Hadees al Saqlain**

**"O People! Verily, I Leave Behind Two Weighty Things. If You Follow Both Of Them You Will Never Go Astray. These Two Are The QURAN And My AHLULBAIT." - Prophet Muhammad(PBUH)**

*"I will soon be called away and will have to depart from you, but I leave amongst you **two weighty things(saqlain); the book of the High and Mighty Allah and my progeny . The Book of Allah is like a rope which extends from the heavens to the earth, and my progeny are the people of my house (Ahl-ul-bait) . The Subtle and Aware (Allah) tells me that the two shall never part from each other until they come to me at the Pool. So, take care how you treat them after me.**"*

(Ref: Musnad, Ahmed Ibn-e-Hambal, Part 3, P 26, Kanz-ul-Ummal, Part 1, P 47, Tirmizi, 5:328, Nisai 96:79, Ibn Atiyyah 1:34, Ibn-e-Hajar P 89)

Narrated Jabir bin 'Abdullah:

"I saw the Messenger of Allah during his Hajj, on the Day of 'Arafah. He was upon his camel Qaswa, giving a Khutbah, so he said:' O people! Indeed, I have left among you, that which if you hold fast to it, you shall not go astray: The Book of Allah and my family, the people of my house(Ahlulbait). "

Ref: Tirmidhi Book 49, Hadith 4155, eng ref: Vol. 1, Book 46, Hadith 3786

Narrated Zaid bin Arqam, may Allah be pleased with both of them:

that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "Indeed, I am leaving among you, that if you hold fast to them, you shall not be misguided after me. One of them is greater than the other: The Book of Allah is a rope extended from the sky to the earth, and my family - the people of my house(Ahlulbait) - and they shall not split until they meet at the Hawd, so look at how you deal with them after me. "

Ref: Tirmidhi Book 49, Hadith 4157, eng ref: Vol. 1, Book 46, Hadith 3788

Hence the only way the ummah cannot be divided is by following the Quran and Ahlulbait (a.s).

Nothing more and nothing less.

**Who are these Ahlulbait (a.s) whom Rasoolallah (saww) has asked to follow?**

These are the purified progeny of Rasoolallah (saww) who are sinless and from whom Allah has kept away the uncleanness.

***Allah only desires to keep away the uncleanness from you, O Ahlulbait and to purify you a (thorough) purifying.)” [Quran 33:33]***

This verse was revealed after the famous incident of the cloak i.e. hadees e kisa also known as *Ayat e Tathira*.

Umm Salama has been quoted as saying: "This verse was revealed with regard to the holy Prophet, Ali, Fatima, Hassan and Husain" (May peace and benediction be upon them all).

This is also recorded in various hadeeth books.

A'isha reported that Allah's Apostle saww went out one morning wearing a striped cloak of the black camel's hair that there came Hasan b. 'Ali. He wrapped him under it, then came Husain and he wrapped him under it along with the other one (Hasan). Then came Fatima and he took her

under it, then came 'Ali and he also took him under it and then said:  
*Allah only desires to take away any uncleanness from you, O people of the household, and purify you (thorough purifying)*

Ref:[Sahih Muslim Book 31, Hadith 5955]

### **Does Ahlulbait (a.s) include wives of Prophet Muhammad (saww)?**

The answer is **NO**.

From Zaid bin Arqam

Aren't the wives (of the Holy Prophet) included amongst the members of his household? Thereupon he said: No, by Allah, a woman lives with a man (as his wife) for a certain period; he then divorces her and she goes back to her parents and to her people; the members of his household include himself and his kith and kin (who are related to him by blood) and for him the acceptance of Zakat is prohibited.

Ref: [Sahih Muslim Book 31, Hadith 5923]

*Hence the purified progeny of prophet Muhammad (saww) i.e. Ahlulbait (a.s) are the ones whom we need to follow.*

The purified progeny of Prophet Muhammad (saww) are Daughter of Prophet Muhammad (saww) i.e Fatima Zehra (sa), Ali ibn Abu Talib (as), their sons Imam Hasan(as) and Imam Husain(as) and the infallibles imams(a.s) from their progeny.

The last among them is the 12th Imam i.e. imam e Asr(as) [Imam Mehdi(as)]; who is the divine authority by Allah(azwj) on earth.

All that Prophet Muhammad (saww) ask in return of his prophethood from his ummah was to love his Ahlulbait (a.s)

***That is (the Bounty) whereof Allah gives Glad Tidings to His Servants who believe and do righteous deeds. Say: "No reward do I ask of you for this except the love of those near of kin.***

***[Quran 42:23]***

As everyone who recite Quran isn't necessarily guided to its true meaning.

Quran says in the following ayah that for certain people it **is a mere compilation of the stories of the ancients** :

***“(When Our communications are recited to them, they say: We have heard; We could certainly compose (writings) like them if we choose. This is nothing but the stories of the ancients) [Quran 08:31]***

Hence the Ahlulbait (a.s) are the source from where we umma need to take knowledge from. They are the ones who can correctly interpret the Quran. As these two cannot be separated.

**How do we take knowledge from Ahlulbait (a.s)?**

We can take knowledge from Ahlulbait (a.s) from their hadeeth which are present in many authentic books for example Kitab Al kafi by sheikh Kulayni as the book was compiled during the time of the 2nd representative

of the 12th imam(as) of the Ahlulbait (as), Man la Yazharul faqih by Sheikh Saduq, Al Istibsar and Al Ahkam by Sheikh Tusi and many more.

These hadeeths are the narrations from the Ahlulbait (a.s) regarding islamic matters, legal and non legal, islamic laws, Islamic jurisprudence and correct interpretation of the Holy Quran.

**These divine authority (vicegerent) by Allah swt are chosen only by Almighty Allah swt and only Allah swt has the authority to appoint his(azwj) vicegerent, representative or successors of Prophet. Prophets(a.s) mission is to only carry forward Allah(swt)'s command.**

***Quote from the Holy Qur'an: Al-Qasas (28:68)***

وَرَبِّكَ يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ وَيَخْتَارُ مَا كَانَ لَهُمُ الْخِيَرَةُ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَتَعَالَى عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ

***wa rabbuka yakhluqu mā yasyā`u wa yakhtār, mā kāna lahumul-khiyarah, sub-ḥ ānallāhi wa ta'ālā 'ammā yusyrikun***

***Thy Lord does create and choose as He pleases: no choice have they (in the matter): Glory to Allah! and far is He above the partners they ascribe (to Him)! [28:68]***

وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنِّي جَاعِلٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ خَلِيفَةً

***Behold, thy Lord said to the angels: "I will create a vicegerent on earth. [Quran 02:30]***

يَا دَاوُودُ إِنَّا جَعَلْنَاكَ خَلِيفَةً فِي الْأَرْضِ

*yā dāwūdu innā ja'alnāka khalīfatan fil-arḍ i*

*O David! We did indeed make thee a vicegerent on earth*

*[Quran 38:26]*

وَوَاعَدْنَا مُوسَى ثَلَاثِينَ لَيْلَةً وَأَتَمَمْنَاهَا بِعَشْرِ فَتَمَّ مِيقَاتُ رَبِّهِ أَرْبَعِينَ لَيْلَةً وَقَالَ مُوسَى لِأَخِيهِ هَارُونَ اخْلُفْنِي فِي قَوْمِي وَأَصْلِحْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ سَبِيلَ الْمُفْسِدِينَ

*wa wā'adnā mūsā š alāš īna lailataw wa atmamnāhā bi'asyrin fa  
tamma mīqātu rabbiḥi arba'īna lailah, wa qāla mūsā li'akhīhi  
hārūnakhlufnī fī qaumī wa aṣ liḥ wa lā tattabi' sabīlal-mufsidīn*

*We appointed for Moses thirty nights, and completed (the period) with ten (more): thus was completed the term (of communion) with his Lord, forty nights. And Moses had charged his brother Aaron (before he went up): "Act for me amongst my people: Do right, and follow not the way of those who do mischief."*

*[Quran 07:142]*

وَهُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَكُمْ خَلَائِفَ الْأَرْضِ

*wa huwallaẓī ja'alakum khalā'ifal-arḍ i*



***It is He Who hath made you (His) agents, inheritors of the earth: He hath raised you in ranks, some above others [Quan 06:165]***

***Quote from the Holy Qur'an: As-Sajda (32:24)***

**وَجَعَلْنَا مِنْهُمْ أُمَمَةً يَهْتَدُونَ بِأَمْرِنَا لَمَّا صَبَرُوا ۖ وَكَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا يُوقِنُونَ**

***wa ja'alnā min-hum a`immatay yahduna bi`amrinā lammā ṣ abarū, wa kānu bi`āyātina yuqinūn***

***And We appointed, from among them, imams, giving guidance under Our command, so long as they persevered with patience and continued to have faith in Our Signs.[32:24]***

***Quote from the Holy Qur'an: Al-Anbiyaa (21:73)***

**وَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ أُمَمَةً يَهْتَدُونَ بِأَمْرِنَا وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْهِمْ فِعْلَ الْخَيْرَاتِ وَإِقَامَ الصَّلَاةِ وَإِيتَاءَ الزَّكَاةِ وَكَانُوا لَنَا عَابِدِينَ**

***wa ja'alnāhum a`immatay yahduna bi`amrinā wa auḥ ainā ilaihim fi'lal-khairāti wa iqāmaṣ -ṣ alāti wa itā`az-zakāh, wa kānu lanā `ābidīn***

***And We made them imams, guiding (men) by Our Command, and We sent them inspiration to do good deeds, to establish regular prayers, and to practise regular charity; and they constantly served Us (and Us only).[21:73]***

***And remember that Abraham was tried by his Lord with certain commands, which he fulfilled: He said: "I will make thee an Imam to the Nations." He pleaded: "And also (Imams) from my offspring!" He answered: "But My Promise is not within the reach of evil-doers." [02:124]***

Hence it is clear that only Allah swt has the authority to appoint khalifa (vicegerent)

And the person chosen by Allah swt to be His representative on earth is called Caliph.

They are chosen by Allah swt to lead people, to judge between them and to guide them, because it is not possible for all people to receive Divine laws by themselves or to judge.

Prophets (a.s) and infallible imams (a.s) only carry forward the command of Allah swt.

**Did Allah swt appoint a Caliph after Prophet Muhammad saww?**

**Did Allah swt asked Prophet Muhammad saww to announce the vicegerent after him?**

The answer is **YES**.

Let us look into holy Quran for answers.

***O Messenger! Convey what is revealed to you from your Lord, for if you do it not, it would be as though you have not conveyed His message. Allah will protect you from the people.***

***[Quran 5:67]***

The above verse was revealed just after the final Haj of our beloved Prophet Muhammad saww, recorded in the famous hadeeth of Ghadeer.

When the ceremonies of Haj were over and the Muslims directly learnt the religious acts connected with Haj from the Prophet saww. The Prophet saww decided to leave Makkah for Madina. Orders for departure were given. When the caravan reached the region of Rabigh, which is situated at a distance of three miles from Juhfah, the Archangel Jibreel descended at a place called Ghadir Khum and communicated the following verse to the Prophet saww.

The tone of the verse shows that the Almighty Allah swt entrusted a very important task to the Prophet saww. And what task could be more important than that he should appoint Ali(a.s) as his caliph and successor before the very eyes of hundreds of thousands of people.

After giving sermon on various topics which also included the sermon on Hadeeth al Saqlain so that the umma should not get astray,

Prophet Muhammad saww continued: "Do I not have more right over the believers than what they have over themselves?" People cried and answered: "Yes, O' Messenger of God." Then Prophet (saww) held up the hand of 'Ali(a.s) and said: " **Whoever I am his leader (Mawla), 'Ali is his**

**leader (Mawla). O' God, love those who love him, and be hostile to those who are hostile to him."**

Narrated Abu Sarihah, or Zaid bin Arqam

from the Prophet (saww): "For whomever I am his Mawla then 'Ali is his Mawla."

Ref: Jami at Tirmidhi Book 49, Hadith 4078 eng ref V1, book 46, H3713

After his speech, the Messenger of Allah asked everyone to give the oath of allegiance to 'Ali (as) and congratulate him. Among those who gave him the oath were Umar, Abu Bakr, and Uthman. It is narrated that Umar and Abu Bakr said:

"Well done Ibn Abi Talib! Today you became the leader (Mawla) of all believing men and women."

References: Musnad Ahmad Ibn Hanbal, v4, p281

Now whatever Prophet Muhammad saww delivered; was the command of Almighty Allah swt.

***Nor does he say (aught) of (his own) desire. It is but the inspiration sent to him."- [Quran 53:3 and 53:4]***

Just after delivering Allah swt's command, the Archangel Jibreel came and brought this verse:

***This day I have perfected your religion for you and completed My favours to you, and have chosen for you the religion Islam  
[Quran 5:3]***

So the khilafat was decided by Allah swt for Ali ibn Abu Talib (as) after Prophet Muhammad saww.

*Hence anyone who rejects Ali ibn Abu Talib (as) as the successor of Prophet Muhammad saww is actually rejecting the command of Almighty Allah swt*

There are other hadeeth too in support of Hazrat Ali (a.s) being the rightful successor of Prophet Muhammad saww.

*Sa'd reported Allah's Apostle (saww) as saying to 'Ali:*

*Aren't you satisfied with being unto me what Aaron was unto Moses?*

*Ref:[Sahih Muslim Book 31, Hadith 5916]*

*Sahl b. Sa'd reported that Allah's Messenger (saww) said on the Day of Khaibar:*

*I would certainly give this standard to a person at whose hand Allah would grant victory and who loves Allah and His Messenger and Allah and His Messenger love him also. The people spent the night thinking as to whom it would be given. When it was morning the people hastened to Allah's Messenger (saww) all of them hoping that that would be given to him. He*

*(the Holy Prophet) said: Where is 'Ali b. Abu Talib? They said: Allah's Messenger, his eyes are sore. He then sent for him and he was brought and Allah's Messenger (saww) applied saliva to his eyes and invoked blessings and he was all right, as if he had no ailment at all, and conferred upon him the standard. 'Ali said: Allah's Messenger, I will fight them until they are like us. Thereupon he (the Holy Prophet) said: Advance cautiously until you reach their open places, thereafter invite them to Islam and inform them what is obligatory for them from the rights of Allah, for, by Allah, if Allah guides aright even one person through you that is better for you than to possess the most valuable of the camels.*

*Ref:[Sahih Muslim Book 31, Hadith 5918]*

*Narrated Hubshi bin Junadah:*

*that the Messenger of Allah ( saww) said: "'Ali is from me and I am from 'Ali.And none should represent me except myself or 'Ali."*

*Ref:[Jami at Tirmidhi Book 49, Hadith 4085]*

*Ibn Katheer says, in his Commentary:*

*"Ibn Abi Hatem said: Abu Sa'id al-Ashaj told us: al-Fazl ibn Dekeen Abu Na'im al-Ahwal told us: Musa ibn Qays informed us on the authority of Salamat ibn Kuhyal, who said: Ali (as), gave his ring while he was bowing in prayer. Then (the following) verse was revealed,*

***But rather, your Guardian is Allah, and His Rasool, and those who are believing, those who are establishing the Salat and are giving the Zakat while they are performing Ruku [5:55]***

## **Summary:**

The only way for the umma to not get divided is to follow strictly **Quran and Ahlulbait(a.s)** hadeeth. People who either reject one of them or add their own opinions in the interpretation of Quran get astray from the path of ***Siratal Mustaqeem***.

**Hence only way to follow Islam is to follow Quran and Ahlulbait (a.s).**

*\* Have quoted hadees from Ahle Sunnah hadeeth books. There are numerous hadeeths of Ahlulbait (as) on following Quran and Ahlulbait (a.s) which is the sunnah of prophet saww. Those hadeeths are not mentioned here as the idea of the article was to unite Ummah in light of Quran and Ahlulbait especially those who aren't following Ahlulbait (as).*

May Allah swt bless us and guide us to the right path.

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## **Quran Verses for hypocrites:**

Their similitude is that of a man who kindled a fire; when it lighted all around him, Allah took away their light and left them in utter darkness. So they could not see.

[02:17]

Deaf, dumb, and blind, they will not return (to the path).

[02:18]

Let there be no compulsion in religion: Truth stands out clear from Error: whoever rejects evil and believes in Allah hath grasped the most trustworthy hand-hold, that never breaks. And Allah heareth and knoweth all things.

[02:256]

Those who conceal the clear (Signs) We have sent down, and the Guidance, after We have made it clear for the people in the Book,-on them shall be Allah's curse, and the curse of those entitled to curse,

[02:159]

Except those who repent and make amends and openly declare (the Truth): To them I turn; for I am Oft-returning, Most Merciful. [02:160]

***Quote from the Holy Qur'an: Al-Baqara (2:42)***

وَلَا تَلْبِسُوا الْحَقَّ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَتَكْتُمُوا الْحَقَّ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

***And cover not Truth with falsehood, nor conceal the Truth when ye know (what it is).***

***And He shows you (always) His Signs: then which of the Signs of Allah will ye deny?***

***Quran [40:81]***

***And hold firmly with the Rope of Allah altogether and do not be disunited\*[03:103]***



From Jabir,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Ja'far(asws) having said: 'The Progeny(asws) of Muhammad(saww), they(asws) are the Rope of Allah(azwj) which He(azwj) has Commanded with the holding firmly to, so Allah(azwj) Said \* **And hold firmly with the Rope of Allah altogether and do not be disunited [3:103]**'.\*

Ref: Tafseer Al Ayyashi vol1 pg 194 h123

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### **Hadeeth al Saqlain Shia source**

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*Ameerul Momineen Ali ibn Abu Talib (as): He(asws) said: 'With Allah(azwj) as your Witness, do you acknowledge that the Messenger of Allah(saww) said in the last of his(saww) sermons to you: 'O you people, I(saww) am leaving behind among you all two matters. You will not stray if you attach to them both –*

*Book of Allah(azwj) and the People(asws) of my(saww) Household\*?' They said, 'Our Allah(azwj), yes'.*

*Ref: Kitab Sulaym bin Qys al hilali part2 page 19*