**Dawah**

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1. **Intro-**
   1. Importance of Foundation
   2. Definitions - to give an invitation
   3. Is Dawah obliged, recommended, or just something out there?
   4. Goal for lecture: Leave every one with an understanding of why to give Dawah.
2. **Farz**
   1. Farz keffiyeh vs. Farz ayn
   2. i.      Dawah is Farz keffiyeh- obliged upon the Ummah or community
3. Not enough people spreading Dawah; therefore people get the wrong ideas if Islam
4. How do people react to misconceptions today? Anger
5. Who reacts with Anger? Satan
6. ii.      When did prophet ever get angry? When people were turning away from Islam.
   1. Every prophet (140, 000) were given 1 gift in their life time- 1 dua.
   2. The Prophet Muhammad saved it for his Ummah; to save the Ummah on the day of judgment
      1. 1 Word dua: Ummi
      2. What did the prophet ask of this Ummah in return?

                                                                                   i.      Give Dawah, because there are no more prophets.

1. No excuse not to give Dawah
2. i.      Our religion is being questioned

ii.      It was a command; and every command from Allah comes with an reward or punishment

iii.      Dawah is a lock; three keys to open the lock (As derived from Surah Nahl Verse 125)

* + 1. Have knowledge about Islam
    2. 2nd Key: Have beautiful speech
    3. 3rd Debate in a beautiful way

**iv.      Who can give Dawah?**

* 1. Go back to Muslim identity. Attributes of Da’ee (41: 33)
     1. One who has faith;
     2. One who does what he preaches
     3. One who has the proud Muslim swag.

v.      Dawah is a call to good; and protect people from evil. Islam is the good.

    vi.      Many people wonder why good people cannot go to heaven? It’s the principal question of an aspiring da’ee.  (ex: Mother Teresa)

* 1. Allah’s answer: Wa ta’ minu billah.
     1. Because they did not believe in Allah
     2. These people will receive their reward on Earth; not akirah

  i.      Example: You help a lady cross the street.

* + - * 1. Everyone gets a thank you; people notice him, etc.
        2. A Muslim can get all this; as well as a reward from Allah.
        3. ii.      Based on good deeds; Abu Talib has the greatest amount

He will get the highest place in hell; only because he never believed.

**Good News vs. Bad News**

1. Good News:
   1. i.      Dawah is one of the greatest rewards for a Muslim.
   2. ii.      Business Pyramid
   3. iii.      Easiest way to get hasanaat
2. Bad News:
   1. i.      Da’ee is the #1 enemy of Satan
      1. Satan promised Allah he will be on the straight path
         1. Straight path is like a high way; road signs always try to get you to exit. There’s signs and everything. Satan also puts up signs telling those on the path to get off. Once you exit a highway it’s a lot of work to get back on.
         2. A da’ee is on the straight path. He takes of Satan’s signs, shows people the way back to the high way, brings more people on, keeps people from getting off, etc.
         3. So Satan will constantly try to get you off
         4. Surah Baqarah (2: 159- 160)
            1. Regarding those who abandon the duty of Dawah
            2. Allah says in these verses, those who conceal the truth have been cursed.

                                                                               i.      He talks about the Jews, Christians, and then Muslims in this verse.

We got the message, we’ll ignore it.

The prophet said we will follow in their path.

Can anyone curse by Allah go to Jannah?

                                                                                                                                    ii.      Those who are cursed are those who stay quiet when people are misinformed about Islam, Allah, and the prophet and stay quiet. Even speaking up is Dawah.

Allah says that those of you who don’t spread Islam, I will replace you with those who love me, and I will love them.

                                                                                                            i.      Some scholars say this is true because Islam is winning the most converts, fastest growing religion in the world.

**Disease**

1. Hypothetical Example :
   1. i.      Roommate and I live together; and my roommate has a deadly disease.  Over time, I get used to him being sick. It’s the worst illness ever, it pains the body, blisters, bumps, etc. Someone gives me a pill to give to him. Walking home, I decided not to give him the pill on the basis that – I’m too busy, I’m not a doctor, and he’s very rude and stubborn. Within a month or two, he dies a most painful death from this disease, and all this time, I had the cure.
   2. ii.      On the day of Jannah, will Allah ask me about this? According to the prophet, a woman will go to hell for starving a cat. Can you imagine what will happen to me? This brother can even seek revenge from me. All my good deeds will go to him, and I’ll receive all his bad deeds.
2. Most people, according to scholars today, that we see every single day, everywhere we go, have the worse disease ever. They will have the most painful death ever (literally, there soul will be collected from their nose). What is this disease? Shirk. They believe in a god other than Allah.
   1. i.      Allah takes there soul every night, and returns it in the day so they live again, he gives them food, clothes them, every day so they can get up and thank someone besides Allah. And god forbid you ask them one day- Who is Allah?
      1. We should fear people like this. Because on judgment day, if they come to see us, they can go and tell Allah, that they saw us every single day, and not once did we even mention the name Allah. If they seek revenge, then what?
      2. ii.      The disease Allah gave them, we have the pill for. That pill is Islam.
3. As Muslims we are doing nothing, we can save these people.
   1. i.      It’s as if Allah has cursed this Ummah as a whole.
      1. People hate Islam, every single Muslim country has faced a natural disaster, or other huge issue in the last 10 years.

**Tawheed**

1. The one word we are calling people towards.
2. Allah says without Tawheed, nothing in this duniya can exist.
3. Tawheed is to take your worship and make it solely for Allah.
4. The Meccans; when they heard about Allah they added it to their long list of gods. The prophet’s goal was not to make them believe, they already did. But, to single out Allah.
5. The Minhaj of the prophet to Muaz was to go to a people who already believed in Allah. Muaz’s mission was to 1st command them to accept tawheed; and once they have tawheed, command them to accept prayer, then zakat, and the rest of the 5 pillars.
6. What is our problems as Muslims?
   1. i.      We focus on everything BUT tawheed usually. We tell people why we don’t eat haram, wear hijabs, etc. We start at the very end of our faith, the last place you should focus on when doing Dawah. Dawah is all about establishing tawheed before moving on to the rest of Islam.
7. Hypothetical Scenario:
   1. i.      You have 5 hours to debate some non-Muslims. The debate is over why Muslims wear hijabs, can’t eat pork, etc. All the things that we usually think or argue about. In the end they understand why Muslims do what they do. They get on a bus to go home, with some knowledge of Islam. That bus flips on the way home, and they all die. How many did you save from the hell fire? Not one of them.
   2. ii.      Okay, now let’s bring this same group of people back. You meet them for only 30 minutes, not 5 hours. You talk about tawheed for the entire time. And you get them to accept this tawheed. Laillaha illah, there is one god, Allah; and because Muhammad taught us this, he is the messenger- muhammadur rasoolallah. They get back on that same bus, and it flips over. All of them are going to Jannah, even better than us- without a sin.
8. Tawheed is all we need to get to Jannah. Everyone needs to hear about Tawheed before they die, that’s all Allah and the prophet wanted.
9. Now many of you may be asking, “Okay, so how do I talk to them about Tawheed; or get them to ask me about it, instead of the stereotypical ones?” I mean has any one ever asked ANY of you, what is tawheed? I doubt it.
   1. i.      There’s a little trick to get people to ask you about Tawheed; and it can work on every single question.
      1. Q: Why do you wear a towel on your head? A: Because I believe in Allah.
      2. Q: Why don’t you eat pork? A: Because I believe in Allah.
      3. Q: Why do your people kill Jews? A: If they kill Jews, they don’t believe in Allah.
         1. Every single question shares what? The belief in Allah. Literally everything in life requires belief in Allah.
         2. Some people will be “smart” and try to trick you: Q: Why do you kiss the floor 7 times a say? Now we don’t kiss the floor, nor do we pray 7 times a day. But if you answer the question first; it’ll be hard to come back to Tawheed. So answer: Because I believe in Allah and he said pray 5 times a day.
            1. This tactic will naturally lead them to find out about Allah.
            2. If you do not understand the law maker, you cannot understand the law. We have to bring them to Allah first, before they get to Islam.
10. I hope all of you have a better understanding of Tawheed, and why it is necessary to give Dawah; and that up to now you understood all my evidence and all that.

**Conclusion**

1. Now most of us know the story of Angel Gabriel delivering the message to the Prophet (p.b.u.h). He went back to his home to his wife Khadijah after receiving the first revelation. He told her what had happened, and said “Zamilooni, Dathirooni.” Meaning “Wrap me up, I'm cold, and I think I have lost my mind.” And the prophet was scared with only a little bit of information. And what did Allah say to him in this state? “Ya ayuhal mudathir. Kum fa anzir; Oh you who is wrapped up in the mantle get up and go warn someone. It's not time to be sitting around anymore. You have received the message from your Lord, now the time has begun to convey the message.” From the time the Prophet (p.b.u.h) received the message till he was in his grave; this is what he did- kum- get up, fa anzir- and warn the people. And he never failed in this job, no matter what obstacle came his way- his family rejected him, his tribe rejected him, his city rejected him, he received so much turmoil, it never once faltered him from kum fa anzir; and we all know the hardships he had, but he conveyed the message for a period of 23 years. Then, in the last year of his life- he made his Farewell Pilgrimage. And as he was traveling Allah revealed to him a very important verse. This verse was so important to him that Allah stressed to him to deliver something to his Ummah, “Convey the message, for if you do not convey- you have failed in your mission as a prophet. You have failed completely and utterly, your 23 years of service to this deen and to me as a messenger will have gone to nothing; if you don't convey this message.” So whatever Allah had told him was so important that his whole message, and his whole prophet-hood revolved around it. So what did he do? He stopped the entire processional and made a mimbar out of camel saddles. And he delivered what we now know as the Farewell Sermon. This Farewell Sermon is the synopsis or summary of the whole message. This sermon gave the final message of our prophet to the entire Ummah as a whole. And after every couple of sentences, what did our beloved ask the people that were there? He asked them, “Did I convey to you the message?” And their reply was, “Yes, we bear witness you have indeed conveyed the message.” And he continued until he got to the last sentence which were the weightiest words to ever leave the lips of our beloved. Which was what? “Those that are here convey this message to those that are not here. For verily it may be that the last people or I hope the last people hear my message understand my message better than those who are here with me today.” Then what did he do? He raised his finger to the heavens and said “Oh Allah, bear witness that I have indeed conveyed your message.” And it was at this precise moment in time, since the initiation of the creation, Allah decided to take a verse from Al Mahfooz and give it to the beloved; “This day I have perfected your religion for you, and I have completed my favors upon you. And I have chosen for you, Islam as your deen.” This was the most important thing that the prophet of Allah had ever done. He completed the message of Allah to mankind, forever. And all this was initiated by- kum fa anzir. And I'm sure you guys got the point- spread the word of Islam.
2. This is the importance of spreading Dawah. It’s the real deal of Islam.           I can’t make it any simpler than this.
3. This is the reason we are the best deen; why we are the best Ummah.
   1. i.      We are the only Ummah to get this message. The torch went from prophet to prophet to Muhammad to us, the Ummah.
4. So please guys, take advantage of giving of Dawah; and don’t waste this opportunity.
5. I hope I was able to reach out to each and every one of you. All of you in this room today have been warned. There is no reason not to better yourself as a Muslim, and then call people towards Islam.