Eid-ul-Fitr

In the Name of Allah the Compassionate the Merciful

Muslim Brothers

Muslim Sisters, and

Muslim Children:

Allah says in Surat AlBaqarah what can be translated as:

(2:185) "Ramadan is the month in which we sent down the Qur'an, as a guide to mankind also clear signs for guidance and judgement between right and wrong. So every one of you, who is present (at his home) during that month should spend it in fasting. But if any one is ill, or on a journey, the prescribed period should be made up by days later. Allah intends every facility for you; He does not want to put you to difficulties. He wants you to complete the prescribed period, and to glorify Him in that He has guided you; and perchance you shall be grateful."

Brothers and Sisters in Islam, today we have completed the prescribed period of fasting wal-hamdulillah. May Allah accept our fasting, prayers, sadaqah, and zakat in this Holy month.

And today we glorify Him in that He has guided us.

In the hadith qudsi "And he who fasts has two joys: a joy when he breaks his fast and a joy when he meets his Lord"

And today wal-hamdulillah, we celebrate the end of the month of Ramadan and we observe Eid ul-fitr may Allah allow us to observe it next year while we and the Islamic Ummah are blessed by his bounties.

Praise be to Allah that He gave us the strength to fast, do taraweeh and qiam prayers during this holy month.

Praise be to Allah that we gave charity and zakat and we were able to undo some of the hardships of our Muslim brothers.

And today we break our fast and do takbeer to Allah. We praise Him and thank Him for his bounties and His generous giving.

And today we joy as we break our fast and we joy for the coming of Eid.

And in this beautiful occasion of Eid we ask ourselves:

How can we joy while the Islamic Ummah is undergoing such hardship?

How can we joy and Muslim brothers are severed and oppressed?

How can we joy and our hearts are full of sorrow for what we have witnessed and are witnessing in this difficult period?

How can we joy and what would we joy about?

How can we celebrate Eid while the Islamic Ummah suffers what some might call the utmost of humility, the utmost of weakness, the utmost of division and the utmost of defeat.

Well, let us examine the example at the early Muslims in Mecca. They were weak as a force yet they were strong in belief they were a few in number yet they were accounted for, they were humiliated by the idol worshippers yet they kept their pride in what they stood for, Islam.

True believers as Allah promised, no fear will be on them nor will they ever grieve.

And, if we become those true Muslims that understand and apply Islam, we will have no fear on us and we will never grieve.

Our problem is that we do not believe in Allah's promises to us that if we try He will help us.

We do not believe in His way that He has prescribed to us in His Book.

Instead, we are anxious to correct the structures and the system without correcting the individuals, ourselves.

We do not want to recognize that a sound and healthy structure can only be built using sound and healthy elements or individuals.

There is no way out of the long and the hard way of achieving victory over the enemies of Allah

The road to that victory is full of hardships and sacrifices and we have to go through them.

We will have to sacrifice from our monies, our time and even our lives to pay the price for this victory.

This victory will never be won while we are enjoying our comfortable lives, our lazy lifestyles and our selfish attitudes. This victory will never come about while we are away from Islam taking from it what ourselves desire and leaving from it what contradicts our ambitions and desires.

This war will never be in our favor while we are divided and isolated, while we are not involved and not participating while we are full of ourselves and are belittling others.

This war is for every one of us and, is not only for those whom are affected directly by the oppression and the hardships.

And, this war will only be won through Islam and by Islam. And by understanding Islam in its true meaning, not in the limited sense that some of us think it is.

Islam is not just doing prayers, fasting and zakat.

Islam is doing these ibadat right, may Allah accept them from us.

Islam is being active in one's society in the way of Allah

Islam is becoming strong, and to stand opposed to oppression and evil

Islam is to fight hypocrisy in our souls and in Muslim lines

Islam is to become the example of quality humans Allah intended for Muslims

Islam is to stand firm in support of one another, and not be divided and dispersed

Islam is to fight the enemies of Allah on all fronts and with all what we have got.

Islam is to stand in pride with our heads raised, and not to bow to none but Allah.

Islam is not to associate with Allah any such as our wealth our families, or our personal ambitions

Islam is to propagate Allah's word with confidence and pride.

Islam is not to be ashamed of what we believe in, of our Islamic identity, and of our Islamic practices.

Brothers and Sisters in Islam, let us get back to Islam in its true meaning and its true form.

Brothers and Sisters in Islam, let us worship Allah as if we see Him, Since if we do not see Him, He sees us.

Brothers and Sisters in Islam, let us not forget that worships in Islam goes beyond the limited meaning of prayers and fasting to include work and jihad.

Brothers and Sisters in Islam, Allah says in a Hadith qudsi, "I am as My servant thinks I am (or expects me to be)."Why do not we believe Him and believe in Him.

Why do not we believe that he will champion us, in order that he will champion us.

Why do not we believe that his mercy will include us, so his mercy will include us.

Why do not we believe in his way, so He may guide us to it.

Brothers and Sisters in Islam, let us not loose this chance that we came out of this Ramadan propably as pure as we were born.

And, let us get a good new start and get back to Allah and His way, for that Allah might forgive us, and may Allah's mercy and blessings include us.

Aqool qawly haza wa-astighfur Allah lee wa lakum.

Alhamdu lillah, wassalatu wassalamu ala rasulillah

Brothers and Sisters in Islam

Today is Eid, and we have the right to joy.

We have the right to have fun and play

This is one aspect of Eid that we are entitled to

So, let us have fun and play not in waste and not in vain

And, I warn you and warn myself from trivia and committing the forbidden

I remind you and remind myself of Allah, his Prophets, His Messengers, and His Books.

I remind you and remind myself that Allah is Powerful and Just.

(99:7,8) "Then shall anyone who has done an atom's weight of good see it, and anyone who has done an atom weight of evil shall see it."

How is it then that we Muslims have amongst us those who do not see the truth and go around in stray and in vain.

How is it then that we Muslims have amongst us those who do not pray, do not fast, or do not give zakat.

How is it then that we Muslims have amongst us those who drink alcohol, use drugs, commit adultery, and eat pork.

How is it then that we Muslims have amongst us those who do not enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong.

How is it then that we Muslims have amongst us those who do not obey Allahs commands. Do not we know that Allah is true.

How is it then that we Muslims have amongst us those who do not follow Islam. Do not we know that Islam is true.

How is it then that we Muslims have amongst us those who do not commit themselves to the Qur'an. Do not we know that the Qur'an is true. Brothers and Sisters in Islam:If we have amongst us those who have doubts that Allah is true, that Islam is true, or that the Qur'an is true, let us remember that Allah is ever-watching over us to guide us to the straight path as well as to judge us in the hereafter.

In the Hadith Qudsi: "When Allah decreed the Creation, He pledged Himself by writing in His Book which is laid down with Him: My mercy prevails over My wrath."

Brothers and Sisters of Islam: Let us not despair from Allah's mercy, He is the Oft-Forgiving, Full of Loving-Kindness.

Let us All supplicate and make Dua'a to Allah, may Allah Accept our supplication.

(((DU'AA)))

Dear Muslims:

As we get up now to shake each other's hand or embrace each other, wishing one another an Eid Mubarak, as we do that let us do it in sincerity, with clean hearts towards each other, and with a positive attitude of brotherhood and sisterhood. May Allah help us to put our hearts together as the heart of one person.

Eid Mubarak to All of You, Wassalamu Alaykum Warahmatullah Wabarakatuh.