

Summary of Preface  
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This chapter covers pages 3 through 6.

Hizb begins the Preface by quoting At-Taubah Surah 9:29 which is a command to Jihad against those who refuse to accept Allah or the last day, forbid what Allah forbids and the people of the book who refuse Islam's Da'wah until they pay the jizyah. (A) This passage is not the only Jihad passage but it is the most comprehensive. Immediately, Hizb describes how badly the Ummah's condition is before and in the world. Hizb complains that there are 1.25 billion Muslims, which is an outdated demographic, and yet the Ummah is the weakest of the nations and in fact, is not a nation. Yet, the Ummah's glory days were the days when Jihad was used as her foreign policy tool, the basis of her relationship with other nations, the power of her domestic policy and the means by which the Aqeedah is promoted. (B)

Hizb believes the Ummah's condition is because Muslims kept silent when Islam became alienated from life and jihad was stripped of its power and authority to carry Islam to other nations. (C) Nevertheless, Hizb believes the Ummah is waking up. Of course, she awoke because of her calamity. She had forsaken Allah's system, obeyed the Kafir system and allowed herself to be dominated by Kafir-appointed traitors. Yet, the Ummah has been yearning to rebuild her life on Islam principles because she knows that unless she does she, as a nation, has no place among the nations of the world. Of course, this transformation makes the Kafir extremely suspicious and so Kafirs in the West make war on the Ummah intellectually and militarily to keep the Ummah subjugated. The way in which the Kafir keeps the Ummah subjugated is by uprooting Islam from the Muslim heart and destroying their aspirations.

This so-called revival is dependent upon the presence of Islamic thoughts in the minds of Muslims. The basic thoughts a man possesses determine his world view. To form Islamic thoughts it is necessary to remove from the minds of Muslims extrinsic thoughts, non-Islamic thoughts, and fill the mind with thoughts based on Shar' ia. Doing so will ensure that the Ummah's basic thoughts are Muslim in exclusion to all others. But the Kafir is working insidiously and tirelessly to subvert these basic thoughts replacing them with non-Muslim thoughts. The Kafirs not only target the Islamic thoughts themselves but anyone who working to generate these thoughts. (D) Hizb seems to believe that the most insidious Kafir attack is the separation of religion from life. Islam is a theocracy not a religion as we in the West understand the idea. There is no separation between religious ideas, politics and life. They so meshed together that, at least in the Muslim mind, it is impossible as well as incomprehensible to try and divide them. The Muslim mind cannot fathom this idea or will the Ummah live by it. So the basic thoughts which the Kafir is trying to destroy are those ideas linking Islam to the Aqeedah, Khilafah and Jihad.

The Kafirs' attack is relentless. Supposedly, the Aqeedah is not susceptible to destruction and has been conclusively and rationally proven to be Allah's word. Therefore, the Kafir cannot win nevertheless, it seems that the Aqeedah is wrong because of the weakness of the way the Ummah perceives Islam. The problem is in the perception of Muslims toward their theocracy. Although the Kafirs' attacks on the Khilafah are pathetically weak, nevertheless the Khilafah either under the Four Righteous Khilafahs or the Ottoman Empire was destroyed. But the destruction is due to the doubts which the Kafirs were able to raise in the minds of the Ummah. Again, the problem is the Ummah's perception and not the strength of the Kafirs' arguments. The same is true of Jihad. Hizb rejects the moderate Muslim stance that Jihad is merely a struggle against the soul and to repel aggression. Jihad also has an offensive strategy. Interestingly, Hizb pointedly denies that the no compulsion in religion command violates the offensive nature of some Jihad. Hizb blames the intellectual weakness of some Muslims who seem to have been tainted by living in the Kafir West. (E) Somehow they believe that the false interpretations of the Kafir became the very doctrines which moderate Muslims hold as the key(s) to their revival. Hizb describes

these Muslims as defeated. Because these Muslim scholars have accepted the Kafir view of Jihad they deny that Jihad is an initiated fight, offensive in nature and a method to promote Da'wah. (F)

In Hizb's own words "This study aims to clarify the concept of Jihad so that it becomes crystal-clear and an impetus for the Ummah to perform it according to the Shari' ah rules." Let us begin.

Next: Jihad

A) "Fight against those who (1) believe not in Allah, (2) nor in the last Day, (3) nor forbid that which has been forbidden by Allah and his Messenger (Muhammad), (4) and those who acknowledge not the religion of truth (i.e. Islam) among the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), until they pay the Jizyah with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued."

B) Jihad in Islam, 3

C) Ibid, 4

D) Ibid, 5

E) Al-Baqarah Surah 2:256

F) Ibid, 6