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Types of Hypocrisy

His Eminence Sheikh Ali ibn Abdur-Rahman Al-Hudhaifi, may Allah preserve him, delivered the Friday *khutbah* entitled, “Types of Hypocrisy”, in which talked about hypocrisy and its various forms and warned against following the path of hypocrites. He also mentioned the two types of hypocrisy, namely, hypocrisy in belief and hypocrisy in acts. He highlighted certain traits that form parts of each type, citing evidence from the Qur’an and the Prophetic hadiths to corroborate his statements.

Part One

Praise be to Allah, the all-Mighty, the All-Wise, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. He guides whomsoever He wills to the straight path by His mercy, and sends whomsoever He wills astray in His infinite wisdom and justice. Glorified be He, the All-Powerful and the All-Knowing! I praise my Lord and thank Him for His countless blessings. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah alone, Who has no partners, the Most-High, the Most-Great, and I bear witness that our noble prophet and master, Muhammad, is His servant and messenger. O Allah! Bestow Your prayers, peace, and blessings upon Your servant and messenger Muhammad and upon his family, his Companions, and those who follow their straight way.

Now then!

Fear Allah as He should be feared, for Allah protects those who fear Him and takes charge of their affairs in this life and in the hereafter. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿... And whosoever fears Allah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty). And He will provide him from (sources) he never could imagine. And whosoever puts his trust in Allah, then He will suffice him. ...﴾ (At-Talaq: 2-3)

O Muslims!

Think about fatal diseases, deadly plagues, harmful microbes, and devastating disasters, and see how people try to avoid whatever causes them, prepare effective medicines for them, and allocate huge amounts of money to save patients from the diseases that have afflicted them.



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O People!

The most serious disease, however, is that of hypocrisy, with the various forms that it takes. It is a dangerous disease and a great evil. Once it seizes a heart, it destroys it. A person who is afflicted with this disease is dead rather than alive; he could be physically well but he is spiritually ill. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿In their hearts is a disease (of doubt and hypocrisy) and Allah has increased their disease. A painful torment is theirs because they used to tell lies.﴾ (Al-Baqarah: 10).

Hypocrisy is a serious disease and a fatal plague that hits only Muslims. A disbeliever cannot be described as a hypocrite because he proclaims his disbelief. In fact, disbelief comprises all kinds of hypocrisy.

The righteous and the true believers fear hypocrisy and dread it. Al-Bukhari, may Allah have mercy on his soul, said in his *Sahih*, "Ibn Abi Mulaikah said, 'I witnessed thirty of the Prophet's Companions, all of whom feared hypocrisy for themselves.'" Umar Ibn al-Khattab, may Allah be pleased with him, said to Hudhaifah ibn Al-Yaman, may Allah be pleased with him, "I ask you by Allah! Did Allah's Messenger mention me among the hypocrites?" Hudhaifah said, "No, but I will not testify to the purity of anyone else after you." By this he meant that he would not want answer the question of anyone who asked about the hypocrites by name, not that everyone else apart from Umar was a hypocrite. Al-Hasan Al-Basri, may Allah have mercy on his soul, said, "No believer can feel secure from being afflicted with hypocrisy." Imam Ahmad also wondered, "Who can ever be safe from hypocrisy?"

Whoever is saved from hypocrisy will be saved from the evils of this world and the punishment of the hereafter, and whoever falls into the trap of hypocrisy will lose this worldly life and the hereafter. Allah, Exalted be He, says of the hypocrites:

﴿So let not their wealth or their children amaze you (O Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him); in reality Allah's Plan is to punish them with these things in the life of this world, and that their souls shall depart (die) while they are disbelievers.﴾ (At-Tawbah: 55)

Allah, Exalted be He, also says:

﴿Allah has promised the hypocrites – men and women – and the disbelievers, the Fire of Hell, therein shall they abide. It will suffice them. Allah has cursed them and for them is the lasting torment.﴾ (At-Tawba: 68).



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There are two types of hypocrisy. The first type is hypocrisy in belief, which is bound to take one out of the fold of Islam. Hypocrisy in belief refers to believing in whatever contradicts Islam as a whole and in parts or contradicts certain rulings of Islam which render those who do not believe in them and adhere to them disbelievers, even if they physically observe the five pillars of Islam. This is because Allah does not accept any deeds unless they are based on true faith. Hypocrisy in belief, therefore, refers to outwardly confessing Islam while concealing disbelief in it. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿And of mankind, there are some (hypocrites) who say: "We believe in Allah and the Last Day" while in fact they believe not. They (think to) deceive Allah and those who believe, while they only deceive themselves, and perceive (it) not!﴾ (Al-Baqarah: 8-9)

Those afflicted with Hypocrisy in belief will be consigned to Hellfire for ever -- may Allah protect us from this fate. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿On the Day when the hypocrites – men and women – will say to the believers: "Wait for us! Let us get something from your light!" It will be said: "Go back to your rear! Then seek a light!" So a wall will be put up between them, with a gate therein. Inside it will be mercy, and outside it will be torment." (The hypocrites) will call the believers: "Were we not with you?" The believers will reply: "Yes! But you led yourselves into temptations, you looked forward for our destruction; you doubted (in Faith); and you were deceived by false desires, till the Command of Allah came to pass. And the chief deceiver (Satan) deceived you in respect of Allah." So this Day no ransom shall be taken from you (hypocrites), nor of those who disbelieved (in the Oneness of Allah – Islamic Monotheism). Your abode is the Fire, that is your *maula* (friend – proper place), for you, and worst indeed is that destination.﴾ (Al-Hadid: 13-15)

Religious scholars and researchers have investigated textual evidence from the Qur'an and the *hadiths* and carefully examined the texts that determine the forms of hypocrisy in belief, which takes one out of the fold of Islam, concluding that hypocrisy in belief is reflected in detesting and loathing the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him. Therefore, anyone who detests Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, is a disbeliever even if he performs the acts associated with the pillars of the religion. As a matter of fact, the hypocrites used to pray and fight along with Allah's Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him, but this was of no avail to them because



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deep at heart they hated Allah's Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿If good befalls you (O Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him)), it grieves them, but if a calamity overtakes you, they say: "We took our precaution beforehand" and they turn away rejoicing.﴾ (At-Tawbah: 50)

Allah, Exalted be He, also says:

﴿... They are the enemies, so beware of them. May Allah curse them! How are they denying (or deviating from) the Right Path?﴾ (Al-Munafiqun: 4)

Enemies are those who hate their opponents, rejoice over their misfortunes, and hate it when they are granted a favour.

One aspect of hypocrisy in belief involves abhorring and detesting what the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, came with. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿But those who disbelieve (in the Oneness of Allah – Islamic Monotheism), for them is destruction, and (Allah) will make their deeds vain. That is because they hate that which Allah has sent down (this Qu'ran and Islamic laws, etc.); so He has made their deeds fruitless﴾ (Muhammad: 8-9)

Allah, Exalted be He, also says:

﴿And they will cry: "O Malik (Keeper of Hell)! Let your Lord make an end of us." He will say: "Verily you shall abide forever. Indeed We have brought the truth (Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, with the Qur'an), to you, but most of you have a hatred for the truth.﴾ (Az-Zukhruf: 77-78)

Therefore, loathing what the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, came with is a form of hypocrisy in belief. Even if a person loves the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, but hates what he came with, he will be falling within the realm of hypocrisy.

Another aspect of hypocrisy in belief, which takes one out of the fold of Islam, involves disbelieving Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him. Allah, Exalted be He, says:



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«In their hearts is a disease (of doubt and hypocrisy) and Allah has increased their disease. A painful torment is theirs because they used to tell lies.» (Al-Baqarah: 10, according to the non-Kufi recitation of the Qur'an).

Allah, Exalted be He, also says:

«And whenever there comes down a *Surah* (chapter from the Qur'an), some of them (hypocrites) say: "Which of you has had his Faith increased by it?" As for those who believe, it has increased their Faith, and they rejoice. But as for those in whose hearts is a disease (of doubt, disbelief and hypocrisy), it will add suspicion and doubt to their suspicion, disbelief and doubt, and they die while they are disbelievers.» (At-Tawbah: 124-125)

Their denial has increased their impurity that results from their hypocrisy and viciousness.

It is also a form of hypocrisy in belief, which contradicts Islam, to deny or detest part of what Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, came with. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

«... Then do you believe in a part of the Scripture and reject the rest? Then what is the recompense of those who do so among you, except disgrace in the life of this world, and on the Day of Resurrection they shall be consigned to the most grievous torment. And Allah is not unaware of what you do.» (Al-Baqarah: 85)

Allah, Exalted be He, also says:

«Verily, those who have turned back (have apostatised) as disbelievers after the guidance has been manifested to them, *Shaitan* (Satan) has beautified for them (their false hopes), and (Allah) prolonged their term (age). This is because they said to those who hate what Allah has sent down: "We will obey you in part of the matter," but Allah knows their secrets.» (Muhammad: 25-26)

Hypocrisy in belief also involves rejoicing at the decline of Islam, being delighted to see people rebelling against it, wishing to transgress its teachings, and hating to see the



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guidance and religion of Allah's Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him, reign supreme and the Islamic faith achieve victory. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

«Verily, they had plotted sedition before, and had upset matters for you, until the truth (victory) came and the Decree of Allah (His Religion, Islam) became manifest though they hated it.» (At-Tawbah: 48)

Allah, Exalted be He, also says:

«The hypocrites, men and women, are from one another, they enjoin (on the people) *Al-Munkar* (i.e. disbelief and polytheism of all kinds and all that Islam has forbidden), and forbid (people) from *Al-Ma'ruf* (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam orders one to do), and they close their hands [from giving (spending in Allah's Cause) alms.]. They have forgotten Allah, so He has forgotten them. Verily, the hypocrites are the *Fasiqun* (rebellious, disobedient to Allah.)» (At-Tawbah: 67)

A hypocrite in belief will be consigned to the lowest abyss of Hellfire, whether he has all or any of these aspects of hypocrisy, unless he turns to Allah, Exalted be He, in repentance. Allah, Might and Majesty be to Him, says:

«Verily, the hypocrites will be in the lowest depths (grade) of the Fire; no helper will you find for them.» (An-Nisa': 145)

This is because the harm caused by hypocrites is more serious than that caused by the disbelievers who openly declare their disbelief.

As for hypocrisy in acts, it involves having one of the traits of hypocrisy, even though one believes in Allah and the Day of Judgement, loves Islam, and performs the acts of worship associated with the five pillars of Islam. A hypocrite in acts has committed an act of disobedience and a major sin, but he cannot in any way be considered as a disbeliever. Abdullah ibn Amr, may Allah be pleased with him and his father, narrated that the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Whoever has (the following) four traits is a hypocrite, and whoever has one of them has a trait of hypocrisy until he gives it up. When he talks, he lies; when he makes a promise, he breaks it; when he is entrusted with something, he betrays the trust; and when he quarrels, he behaves wickedly" (Reported by Al-Bukhari and Muslim). The meaning of the fourth trait is that whenever he argues with someone, he demands more than his right or does not duly give others their rights.



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Abu Hurairah, may Allah be pleased with him, narrated that the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "There are three signs of a hypocrite: When he speaks, he lies; when he makes a promise, he breaks it; and when he is entrusted with something, he betrays the trust" (Reported by Muslim). If a Muslim commits these acts while he observes the five pillars of Islam, loves Islam, and believes in Allah, then his disobedience falls within the realm of hypocrisy in acts, not hypocrisy in belief. In fact, the traits of hypocrisy in acts are more numerous than the ones stated here, for the branches of hypocrisy correspond to the branches of faith. The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Faith has over sixty branches, the uppermost of which is to say '*La ilaha illallah*' (There is not god but Allah), while the least is to remove harmful objects from the road." The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, only mentioned hypocrisy with regard to these matters because the remaining traits relating to hypocrisy in acts are included in these ones, for they constitute the roots of hypocrisy.

If a Muslim is not deterred, does not rid himself of the traits of hypocrisy in acts, and does not turn to Allah and repent of them, these qualities will take the better of him and lead him to hypocrisy in belief, which will consign him to Hellfire for ever. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿O you who believe! Be afraid of Allah, and be with those who are true
(in words and deeds).﴾ (At-Tawbah: 119)

May Allah bless you and me with the Great Qur'an and make us benefit from its verses and wise words and benefit from the guidance and right sayings of the Imam of Messengers. I have said what you have heard and I ask forgiveness of Allah for myself, for you, and for all Muslims for any sin we have committed. Ask Allah for forgiveness. He is the Oft-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.



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Part Two

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, the Protector of the believers. I praise my Lord and thank Him. I turn to Him in repentance and ask Him for forgiveness. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, Who has no partners, the All-Mighty, the Most Strong; and I bear witness that our prophet and master, Muhammad, is His servant and messenger, who was sent with guidance and true faith. O Allah! Bestow Your prayers, peace and blessings upon Your servant and messenger Muhammad and upon his family and all his Companions.

O Muslims!

Fear Allah as He should be feared, for fear of Allah is the best provision in this life and on the Day of Judgement.

Servants of Allah!

No matter how great sins may be and no matter how numerous they are, they will certainly be forgiven if we turn to Allah in repentance, for Allah's mercy has encompassed everything. Allah has called upon the polytheists to turn to Him in repentance after they worshipped other gods besides Him. Allah, Blessed and Exalted be He, tells us that Prophet Salih, peace be upon him, said to his people:

﴿And O my people! Ask forgiveness of your Lord and then repent to Him ...﴾ (Hud: 52)

Allah has also ordered those who attribute a son to Him to repent of their sin. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿Will they not repent to Allah and ask His Forgiveness? For Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.﴾ (Al-Ma'idah:74).

In the same way, Allah has opened the door to the hypocrites for repentance. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿Verily, the hypocrites will be in the lowest depths (grade) of the Fire; no helper will you find for them. Except those who repent (from hypocrisy), do righteous good deeds, hold fast to Allah, and purify their religion for Allah (by worshipping none but Allah, and do good for Allah's sake only, not to show-off), then they will be with the believers. And Allah will grant to the believers a great reward.﴾ (An-Nisa':145-146)



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O Muslims,

If you happened to be afflicted with any of the traits of hypocrisy, turn to Allah, Exalted be He, in repentance, cleanse yourselves of them before death strikes, and ask Allah to protect you from hypocrisy and all its forms. The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, used to say the following in his supplication:

“O Allah! I seek refuge in You from hypocrisy, from opposing the truth, and from bad manners.”

He also used to supplicate to Allah saying:

“O Allah! Purify our hearts from hypocrisy, purify our deeds from showing off, and purify our eyes from stealthy looks.”

Servants of Allah!

﴿Allah sends His *Salat* (Graces, Honours, Blessings, Mercy) on the Prophet (Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him)) and also His angels (ask Allah to bless and forgive him). O you who believe! Send your *Salat* on (ask Allah to bless) him (Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him)), and (you should) greet (salute) him with the Islamic way of greeting (salutation, i.e. *As-Salamu 'Alaikum*).﴾ (Al-Ahzab: 56)

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, “If a person asks Allah to send blessings upon me once, Allah will send blessings upon him ten times over.” Therefore, ask Allah to bestow His peace and blessings on the master of those who preceded us and those who are yet to come, and the Imam of Messengers.

O Allah! Bestow Your peace upon Muhammad and his family, as You bestowed Your peace upon Ibrahim and his family, You are All-Praiseworthy, All-Glorious. O Allah! Bestow Your blessings upon Muhammad and his family, as You bestowed Your blessings upon Ibrahim and his family, You are All-Praiseworthy, All-Glorious. O Allah! Bestow Your bountiful peace and blessings upon Muhammad and his family.

O Allah! Be pleased with all the Companions. O Allah! Be pleased with the Rightly-Guided Caliphs and Imams, Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, and Ali, along with all Your Prophet's Companions, with the *Tabi'un* (the contemporaries of the Companions who followed them and who did not see the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him), and with those who follow them in righteousness until the Day of Judgment. O Allah! Be pleased with us together with them, by Your grace, munificence, and mercy, O Most Merciful of all the merciful!



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O Allah! Grant power and glory to Islam and Muslims, subdue disbelief and the disbelievers, O Lord of the Worlds!

O Allah! We ask You to forgive us the sins that we have committed and the sins that we may commit in the future. We ask You to forgive us the sins that we have committed in secret and the sins that we have committed in public. And we ask You to forgive us what You know better than we do. You are the Expediter and the Delayer! There is no god but You!

O Allah! Purify our hearts from hypocrisy, purify our deeds from showing off, and purify our eyes from stealthy looks. You know the treachery of the eyes and what breasts conceal.

O Allah! Protect us and our offspring from Satan, his offspring, his devils, and his soldiers, O Lord of the Worlds! O Allah! Protect Muslims and their offspring from Satan, his offspring, and his devils, O Lord of the Worlds!

O Allah! Show us the truth as it really is and help us follow it, and show us falsehood as it really is and help us avoid it. O Allah! Do not make it confusing to us for fear we might go astray. You do that out of Your Mercy, O Most Merciful of all the merciful! O Allah! Do not make it confusing to us for fear we might go astray. You are the Most Merciful of all the merciful, O Owner of Majesty and Honour!

O Allah! O Owner of Majesty and Honour! Help us perform acts of obedience to You, and help us avoid acts of disobedience to You.

O Allah! Forgive the sins of our dead and the sins of all dead Muslims, O Lord of the Worlds!

O Allah! Take charge of the affairs of every Muslim, man or woman, and take charge of the affairs of every believer, man or woman, by Your Mercy, O Most Merciful of all the merciful!

O Allah! Provide food to the hungry among Muslims. O Allah! Make the poor among them self-sufficient. O Allah! Dispel the fear of Muslims everywhere, O Lord of the Worlds! O Allah! Spare their blood, protect their property, and safeguard their honour. O Allah! Provide shelter to the homeless among them. O Allah! Grant them victory over those who have oppressed them and tyrannized over them, O Lord of the Worlds! O Allah! Grant them victory over those who have oppressed them because of their religion. You are Powerful over all things!

O Allah! Show Your kindness to Muslims in Syria. O Allah! Show Your kindness to Muslims in Syria, O Lord of the Worlds! O Allah! Have mercy on them. O Allah! Be on their side, and do not leave them to themselves. O Allah! Do not leave them to



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themselves, nor leave them to anyone from among people. You are Powerful over all things!

O Allah! We ask You to relieve the distress of Muslims. O Allah! Remove the calamities and punishments inflicted on them. O Allah! Remove the afflictions of Muslims everywhere, O Lord of the Worlds! O Allah! Severe afflictions and great distress have befallen them. O Allah! Relieve their distress and suffering. O Allah! Free them from whatever leads to inflicting punishments and calamities on them, O Lord of the Worlds!

O Allah! Unify Muslims' hearts and remove their enmities, O Lord of the Worlds!

O Allah! Grant us and all Muslims sincere repentance to You. O Allah! Grant us and all Muslims sound understanding of Your religion. You are Powerful over all things!

O Allah! Grant victory to Your religion, Your Book, and the *Sunnah* of Your Prophet.

O Allah! We ask You, O Owner of Majesty and honour, to root out innovations in religion which oppose Islam and contradict Your religion. You are Powerful over all things.

O Allah! Thwart the plans of the enemies of Islam with which they intend harm against Islam. O Allah! Foil the plots of the enemies of Islam with which they plan against Islam, O Lord of the Worlds! You are Powerful over all things!

O Allah! Protect our homelands from every evil and harm.

O Allah! Guide the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to what You love and accept. O Allah! Lead him to Your guidance and help him do what pleases You. O Allah! Make him among the rightly-guided and among those who help guide others to the right path, help him to do all that is good, and bless him with good health, O Lord of the Worlds!

O Allah! Guide his two deputies to what You love and accept. O Allah! Lead them all to Your guidance, O Lord of the Worlds! O Allah! Help them to support Your religion and to do what brings forth the good of Muslim servants and Muslim countries, You are Powerful over all things!

Servants of Allah!

﴿Verily, Allah enjoins *Al-'Adl* (i.e. justice and worshipping none but Allah Alone – Islamic Monotheism) and *Al-Ihsan* [i.e. to be patient in performing your duties to Allah, totally for Allah's sake and in accordance with the *Sunnah*



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(legal ways) of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) in a perfect manner], and giving (help) to kith and kin (i.e. all that Allah has ordered you to give them, e.g., wealth, visiting, looking after them, or any other kind of help): and forbids *Al-Fahsha'* (i.e. all evil deeds, e.g. illegal sexual acts, disobedience of parents, polytheism, to tell lies, to give false witness, to kill a life without right), and *Al-Munkar* (i.e. all that is prohibited by Islamic law: polytheism of every kind, disbelief and every kind of evil deeds), and *Al-Baghy* (i.e. all kinds of oppression), He admonishes you, that you may take heed.) And fulfil the Covenant of Allah (*Bai'ah*: pledge for Islam) when you have covenanted, and break not the oaths after you have confirmed them – and indeed you have appointed Allah your surety. Verily! Allah knows what you do.﴾ (An-Nahl: 90-91)

Remember Allah, the Most Great, the Sublime, and He will remember you. Thank Him for His favours and He will give you more. Verily, remembrance of Allah is greater than all, and Allah knows what you do.