

DA'WAH / TABLIGH

WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.

The terms da'wah and tabligh mean, "To reach out the message of Allah (S.W.T.)". It is meant to be an active struggle for the establishment of a moral and spiritual order in society.

Although it is the duty of every Muslim to assist in the work of da'wah / tabligh, it is necessary that there be a band of well-trained, well-disciplined and devoted Muslims who should lead in this struggle.

Take a glimpse into Sura Al-Imran (ch. 3): verse 104:-

"Let there arise out of you a band of people inviting to all that is good, enjoining right and forbidding what is wrong: they are the ones to be successful."

Our Nabie (S.A.W.) said:-

"Spread the message of Allah (S.W.T.) even if you know one line."
Also refer: Sura Al- Nisa (ch. 4): verse 85

In Sura Al-Nahl (ch. 16): verse 125 we read:-

"Invite (all) to the way of your Rabb with wisdom and beautiful preaching; and argue with them in ways that are best and most gracious: for your Rabb knows best, who have strayed from his path, and who receive guidance."

Thus we see that the field of da'wah / tabligh necessitates an enlightened, dynamic and multi-dimensional movement, and not just a ritualistic performance.

So important is this work that the holy Prophet's mission would have been considered incomplete without it.

Listen to Sura Al-Maida (ch.5): verse 70:-

"O Messenger! Proclaim the (message) which has been sent to you from your Rabb. If you do not, you would not have fulfilled and proclaimed His mission. And Allah will defend you from men. For Allah guides not those who reject faith."

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