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and [then] your strength would depart: and be patient. Indeed, Allaah is with the patient. {Quran 8:46}.

Finally, it should be noted that the above advice and directives are required from the Muslims at all times, and that they [directives] are more confirmed when such events and incidents happen.

Allaah Knows best.

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Lying is not permitted in Islam.

Praise be to Allaah, we praise Him and seek His help and forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allaah from the evil of our own selves and from our evil deeds. Whomsoever Allaah guides, none can lead astray, and whomsoever He sends astray, none can guide.

Lying is an evil characteristic, which all religions and systems of ethics warn against and which man's innate common sense (fitrah) agrees that it is wrong. Those who possess chivalry and sound reason also say this.

Truthfulness is one of the pillars on which the moral survival of the world depends. It is the foundation of praiseworthy characteristics, the cornerstone of Prophethood, the result of taqwaa. Were it not for truthfulness, the rulings of all divinely-revealed laws would collapse. Acquiring the characteristic of lying is akin to shedding one's humanity, because speaking is an exclusively human trait.

(*Bareeqah Mahmoodiyyah*, Muhammad al-Khaadimi, 3/183)

Our purely monotheistic sharee'ah warns against lying in the Qur'aan and Sunnah, and there is consensus that it is haraam. The liar will have bad consequences in this world and in the next.

According to sharee'ah, lying is not permitted except in specific cases which do not lead to loss of rights, bloodshed or slander of people's honour, etc., but which concern saving lives, reconciling between people, or creating love between husband and wife.

There is a never a day or a moment when sharee'ah permits a person to tell lies or to say whatever he wants based on lies. One of the things that have become widespread among the common people is the so

Rather, one should exploit these events in a way to serve this religion, as these bitter incidents could yield sweet fruits. Ibn Al-Qayyim, may Allaah have mercy on him, said: '*Calamities and problems are afflictions and (in reality are) blessings.*' Indeed these incidents draw the attention of the neglectful Muslims and result in their return to Allaah, and it is a way of renovating the religion in the hearts of the Muslims, in addition to other benefits that could be achieved.

- 2- It is an obligation to repent to Allaah and avoid sins and acts of disobedience. Allaah Says (what means): *{And whatever strikes you of disaster, it is for what your hands have earned; but He pardons much.}* [Quran 42:30]. Moreover, the Prophet, sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam, said: "*If you trade with Ribaa (usury and interest), and stick to the tails of cows and are pleased with the plantations [are busy with this worldly life], and abandoned Jihaad (fighting in the Cause of Allaah), Allaah will put you through a humiliation which He will not remove from you until you return to your religion.*" [Abu Daawood]
- 3- To ask the scholars, may Allaah have mercy on them, about what to do and act according to their advice, as a sign of acting according to the Saying of Allaah (which means): *{And when there comes to them something [i.e. information] about [public] security or fear, they spread it around. But if they had referred it back to the Messenger or to those of authority among them, then the ones who [can] draw correct conclusions from it would have known about it.}* [Quran 4:83]. Therefore, one should not act [say or do anything] except according to the advice of these scholars, may Allaah have mercy on them. We would like to stress on the importance of boycotting the products of the countries which published these cartoons, and undertaking other means which could achieve religious benefits. In doing so, we have to focus on the country which caused the spread of this evil, and we should completely and totally boycott its products, services and medicines until they taste the outcome of their evil acts.
- 4- To unite: By uniting, the nation will become powerful, and we should be careful of divisions, as this weakens the nation. Allaah Says (what means): *{And hold firmly to the rope of Allaah all together and do not become divided.}* [Quran 3:103]. Allaah Says (what means): *{And obey Allaah and His Messenger, and do not dispute and [thus] lose courage*

Muslims' position towards the Danish insulting cartoons

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Q : What is the solution to the Danish cartoon that was done in Europe? How should a Sunni Muslim from the USA think about these heathens!

Fatwa

All perfect praise be to Allaah, The Lord of the Worlds. I testify that there is none worthy of worship except Allaah, and that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger, may Allaah exalt his mention as well as that of his family and all his companions.

Every Muslim should know that the defamation about the religion and mocking the Prophet, sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam, which happened along the centuries and which is happening now is an affliction through which a Muslim should be patient. The Prophet, sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam, said: *"How strange is the matter of a believer, there is good in all his affairs, and this is only for the believer. If something good happens to him and he is grateful, then this is good for him, and if a calamity befalls him and he is patient, then this is also good for him."* [Muslim] The fact that people ridicule the Prophet, sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam, is not a new matter. Rather it is a very ancient matter that is being renewed. The non-Muslims from the tribe of Quraysh insulted the Prophet, sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam, and they said that he was a poet, a magician and a mad man, and they defamed him with other insults, but this did not harm the Prophet, sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam, and did not decrease his status. This [what happened] only increases our firm belief in the Prophet, sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam, and that he was truly a Prophet, and it increases our love for him, and makes us abide by his orders.

Our advice to our Muslim brothers during these grave events and similar incidents in addition to what we already mentioned is the following:

- 1- To control oneself and take it easy, and not hasten and do any act which may be of a negative effect for the Muslims: