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In the name of Allah, the Mighty, the Wise. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon all of His prophets and messengers including His final Messenger, Muhammad Ibn Abdullah and upon his family and companions.

The Noble Qur'an is filled with many thought provoking parables that stimulate a spiritual awareness within those who have an inkling of God consciousness, and fosters in them deep reflection and contemplation. But there is one parable in particular that is relevant to the condition of the Western World today, and more than worthy of consideration. This parable is about the inhabitants of a city who are immersed in all types of sin and disobedience, and in the midst of their enjoyment they grow comfortable, and become completely heedless of the power of Allah (i.e. God) to inflict immeasurable destruction upon them:

وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ الْقُرَىٰ آمَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَفَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِم بَرَكَاتٍ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَٰكِن كَذَّبُوا فَأَخَذْنَاهُم بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ أَفَأَمِنَ أَهْلُ الْقُرَىٰ أَن يَأْتِيَهُمْ بَأْسُنَا بَيَاتًا وَهُمْ نَائِمُونَ أَوْ أَمِنَ أَهْلُ الْقُرَىٰ أَن يَأْتِيَهُمْ بَأْسُنَا ضُحًى وَهُمْ يُلْعَبُونَ أَفَأَمِنُوا مَكْرَ اللَّهِ فَلَا يَأْمَنُ مَكْرَ اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْقَوْمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ

“If the people of the city would have believed and had fear of Allah (i.e. God) then We would have opened for them blessings from the heavens and the earth, but they disbelieved so We seized them because of what they earned. Do the people of the city feel safe that Our wrath will not come to them at night while they sleep? Do the people of the city feel safe that Our wrath will not come to them during the mid afternoon while they play about? Do the people of the city feel safe from the plan of Allah? None deems himself safe from the plan of Allah except a people who are doomed to loss.”

The religion of Islam holds us, as Muslims, responsible and conversely accountable for the overall well-being of our communities, in addition to the well-being of humanity at large. This responsibility is by virtue of the fact that Allah has considered us to be the best of nations raised for mankind. Allah says:

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ

“You are the best of nations raised for mankind. You enjoin what is good and forbid what is evil and you believe in Allah...”

This is not an abstract virtue void of any other purpose except bragging rights. This is a responsibility that should be met with gratitude and an ardent desire to be fulfilled. Muhammad Ibn Salih Al Uthaymeen (may Allah have mercy on him) highlighted the fact that having a blessing necessitates gratitude not adulation:

من ميز عن غيره بنعمة كان تكليفه بالشكر أكثر من غيره

“Whoever finds that he has been distinguished from others due to a particular virtue, his responsibility of showing gratitude is greater than those who are not as privileged.”

In the above cited verse Allah distinguishes the Islamic community- by considering it to be the best of nations for mankind- due to three remarkable qualities:

The First: Enjoining what is considered morally and spiritually good by Allah (i.e. God)

The Second: Forbidding what it considered morally and spiritually wrong by Allah (i.e. God)

The Third: Believing in Allah based upon what *He* deems appropriate and consistent with His majesty and omnipotence.

Nonetheless, when these principles become tainted with negligence and compromise, we are stripped of this virtue and deemed unworthy of such a superb description. The reason this virtue was so graciously granted to us was because Allah gave us a universal criterion (i.e. Holy Qur'an) by which the moral and spiritual boundaries of right and wrong are defined and measured. Allah (i.e. God) personalized the preservation of his criterion from any alteration by way of additions and/or subtractions, and by virtue of such an asset, we become witnesses over mankind, who follow no divine criterion, by which, their behavior is governed. Allah says:

وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ أُمَّةً وَسَطًا لِتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَيَكُونَ الرَّسُولُ عَلَيْكُمْ شَهِيدًا

“And likewise We have made you a balanced nation in order that you are witnesses over mankind and that the Messenger be a witness over you...”

These are not man-made ethics that are expendable depending on circumstance and agenda, rather these ethics and values are deducted from the Holy Qur'an, which is *the* criterion for mankind as a whole and not exclusively for Muslims, as Allah says:

تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ الْفُرْقَانَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ لِيَكُونَ لِلْعَالَمِينَ نَذِيرًا

“Blessed is He who sent down the criterion (i.e. Qur'an) to His servant so that it would act as a warning for all of mankind.”

When we develop a healthy consciousness of Allah (i.e. God) by fulfilling His commandments and abstaining from every prohibition, Allah will grant us a profound understanding of this criterion

necessary to establish solid moral boundaries in our communities, void of compliance in the face of obvious ignorance, which makes us complicit in the tragedy of circumstances.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ فُرْقَانًا وَيُكَفِّرْ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ

“O you who believe if you fear Allah, He will make for you a criterion and expiate your sins and forgive you; and Allah is the Owner of Great Bounty”

Thus we have an immediate responsibility to uphold this criterion, which contains the essential moral ethics that govern our lives as Muslims and the cornerstone of our community. This requires us to deter the ungodly amongst us from embarking upon immoral atrocities that are not only perilous to them, but to all of us. As those who lack God consciousness are completely oblivious to the ways in which Allah deals with those who repeatedly transgress His limits. Allah even asks:

أَفَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ دَمَّرَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلِلْكَافِرِينَ أَمْثَالُهَا

“Have they not travelled through the earth and seen what was the end of those who came before them? Allah destroyed them completely and a similar fate awaits the disbelievers.”

This is similar to what Prophet Musa (i.e. Moses) said to Allah, as his frustration with the constant defiance of his people (i.e. Children of Israel) grew:

أَتَهْلِكُنَا بِمَا فَعَلَ السُّفَهَاءُ مِنَّا إِنْ هِيَ إِلَّا فِتْنَتُكَ تُضِلُّ بِهَا مَنِ تَشَاءُ وَتَهْدِي مَنْ تَشَاءُ أَنْتَ وَلِيُّنَا فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا وَارْحَمْنَا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْغَافِرِينَ

“Are You going to destroy us because of what the ignorant from amongst us do? Indeed it is a trial from You by which You guide aright those whom You will and You lead astray those whom You will, You are our Guardian so forgive us and have mercy on us for You are the best of those who show mercy.”

They took his mission for granted and repeatedly transgressed the limits set by Allah which blinded them to the severity of the consequences their actions dictated. Nonetheless, we also have a more global responsibility to the community of non-Muslims to enjoin upon them the same moral and spiritual good that Islam enjoins upon us, and forbid them from embarking upon the heinous acts of those who came before them, so they are not met with the same fate.

Many non-Muslims have a distorted concept of Allah, (i.e. God) largely because they derive their perception of Him from random sources that are founded on theological rhetoric void of any concrete revelation from Allah (i.e. God). There are insurmountable inaccuracies and inconsistencies found in these sources, so consequently, their concepts are completely ambiguous baseless.

They place no emphasis on the authenticity of the information they retain and thus are completely oblivious to or careless about what angers Allah (i.e. God) and will ultimately bring about His

wrath. The frightening thing about all of this is that the punishment of Allah will not only consume them, but us too, if we don't do our part in clarifying to them the seriousness of the atrocities they are embarking on. Prophet Muhammad (Sallahu alaihi wa salam) gave a very reflective parable of this scenario when he said:

مَثَلُ الْقَائِمِ عَلَى حُدُودِ اللَّهِ وَالْوَاقِعِ فِيهَا كَمَثَلِ قَوْمٍ اسْتَهَمُوا عَلَى سَفِينَةٍ فَأَصَابَ بَعْضُهُمْ أَعْلَاهَا وَبَعْضُهُمْ أَسْفَلَهَا فَكَانَ الَّذِينَ فِي أَسْفَلِهَا إِذَا اسْتَقَوْا مِنَ الْمَاءِ مَرُّوا عَلَى مَنْ فَوْقَهُمْ فَقَالُوا لَوْ أَنَّا خَرَقْنَا فِي نَصِيبِنَا خَرْقًا وَلَمْ نُؤْذِ مَنْ فَوْقَنَا فَإِنْ يَتْرُكُوهُمْ وَمَا أَرَادُوا هَلَكُوا جَمِيعًا وَإِنْ أَخَذُوا عَلَى أَيْدِيهِمْ نَجَوْا وَنَجَوْا جَمِيعًا

“The example of the one who maintains the limits set by Allah and the one who transgresses those limits, is like a people who embark upon a journey by boat. The ones on the top level were stricken with thirst as well as those on the bottom level. So when those on the bottom level wanted to draw water they had to pass by those on the upper level so they said: “If we just make a hole in our area then we can avoid harming those above us.” And if those on the top level leave them to what they decide, they will all drown together, but if they stop them they will all survive together.”^{viii}

We cannot leave them to carry on and engage in some of the most reprehensible acts in the history of mankind, believing that it is none of our business. These acts have consequences for us all, as Allah says:

وَاتَّقُوا فِتْنَةً لَا تُصِيبَنَّ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْكُمْ خَاصَّةً وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ

*“And fear a punishment that will not only befall the sinful from amongst you and know that Allah is severe in punishment.”^{ix}**

And our perception of the non-Muslims is not that they are a people doomed to hell and therefore we are absolved of any responsibility to them. However, enjoining upon them good and forbidding them from evil is a responsibility before Allah (i.e. God) in addition to the solemn hope that they will eventually refrain from their behavior.

وَإِذْ قَالَتْ أُمَّةٌ مِنْهُمْ لِمَ تَعِظُونَ قَوْمًا اللَّهُ مُهْلِكُهُمْ أَوْ مُعَذِّبُهُمْ عَذَابًا شَدِيدًا قَالُوا مَعذِرَةٌ إِلَى رَبِّكُمْ وَلَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَّقُونَ

“And remember when a nation from amongst them said why do you admonish a people whom Allah will destroy or punish with a severe punishment? They said so that we will be excused in front of our Lord and perhaps they will develop fear of Allah and refrain.”^x

In essence, this is the work of the most elite from amongst mankind, those whom Allah chose specifically to shoulder this responsibility (i.e. messengers), and if we fall short in this task, we become like those who were cursed on the tongue of some of the prophets. Claiming exclusivity to a certain prophet as you find being done by many Christians with Jesus (i.e. Isa) does not merit boasting of prestige, rather it warrants exemplification of what they represented and stood for.

لُعِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ عَلَى لِسَانِ دَاوُدَ وَعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ ذَلِكَ بِمَا عَصَوْا وَكَانُوا يَعْتَدُونَ كَانُوا لَا يَتَنَاهَوْنَ عَنْ مُنْكَرٍ فَعَلُوهُ لَبِئْسَ مَا كَانُوا يَفْعَلُونَ

“Cursed were those who disbelieved from Bani Israel (i.e. Jews) on the tongue of Dawud (i.e. David) and Isa (i.e. Jesus) the son of Maryam (i.e. Mary) because of their disobedience and their constant transgression. They did not forbid the evil and vile deeds of those from amongst them who engaged in them and evil is what they used to do.”^{xi}

There are grave consequences associated with the abandonment of this principle, as Prophet Muhammad (Sallahu alaihi wa salam) said:

لَتَأْمُرُنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَلَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ أَوْ لَيَسْلُطَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمْ شِرَارَكُمْ فَيَدْعُو خِيَارَكُمْ فَلَا يَسْتَجَابُ لَهُمْ

“You will order with good and forbid evil or Allah will give the worst and most contemptible from amongst you authority over you and the righteous from amongst you will supplicate and not be responded to.”^{xii}

The homosexual lifestyle has been gaining popularity and legitimacy in the western world today. The legalization of same-sex marriages coupled with the pro-gay curricula in schools and the amendment of the hate crimes legislation, is sending a powerful message that the homosexual lifestyle- and it is a lifestyle, not just a “sexual preference”^{xiii}- should be regarded as “mainstream” and endorsed or, at very least, accepted by everyone.

History repeats itself, so the plight of this sexual perversion is nothing new. The first nation to engage in this heinous act was a particular group of people whose end result was complete annihilation. However, the source of this behavior is the result of a number of things:

The First: Lack of God consciousness, which renders the individual completely oblivious to the harvest of his behavior while in the midst of his indulgence. Regard for the signs of Allah and the constant reminders that come to mankind throughout history- whether internally or externally- will only be considered by a specific caliber of people, as Allah says:

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَذِكْرَى لِمَنْ كَانَ لَهُ قَلْبٌ أَوْ أَلْقَى السَّمْعَ وَهُوَ شَهِيدٌ

“Indeed in this is a reminder for he who has a heart or can listen while he is a witness.”^{xiv}

The homosexual lifestyle is not only a crime against humanity but a crime against Allah (i.e. God) that has severe repercussions in this life as well as in the hereafter. Consider for a moment the crimes of past nations who were eventually destroyed. Allah summed up the destruction of these nations in one verse:

فَكُلًّا أَخَذْنَا بِذَنْبِهِ فَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِ حَاصِبًا وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَخَذَتْهُ الصَّيْحَةُ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ خَسَفْنَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَغْرَقْنَا وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُظْلِمَهُمْ وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ

“So all of them We seized for their sins and some We sent against them a strong wind and some of them We seized with a loud scream and some of them We caused the earth to quake beneath them and some of them We drowned, and it was not Allah who oppressed them but it was they who oppressed themselves.”^{xv}

The Second: This sexual deviance is influenced by none other than Shaytan (i.e. Satan), who accompanies those who lack faith and has complete authority over those who are absolutely unreligious and unconscious of Allah (i.e. God). Allah mentions in the Qur’an:

وَمَنْ يَعْشُ عَنْ ذِكْرِ الرَّحْمَنِ نُقَيِّضْ لَهُ شَيْطَانًا فَهُوَ لَهُ قَرِينٌ وَإِنَّهُمْ لَيَصُدُّونَهُمْ عَنِ السَّبِيلِ وَيَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ مُّهْتَدُونَ

“Whoever turns away from the remembrance of the Most Merciful (i.e. Allah) We appoint for him a devil as a partner. Indeed they (i.e. the devils) prevent them from the path of Allah while they consider themselves rightly guided.”^{vi}

They consider the path they have chosen for themselves as a sort of emancipation from the religious and moral boundaries that govern the lives of the godly conscious. Shaytan manipulates them by confusion so they see right to be wrong and wrong to be right, while they are void of any standard criterion by which they can adequately measure the boundaries of right and wrong. They simply take their desires as their god besides Allah (i.e. God), thus subjecting themselves to complete perversion while they consider themselves rightly guided.

أَفَرَأَيْتَ مَنْ اتَّخَذَ إِلَهَهُ هَوَاهُ وَأَضَلَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى عِلْمٍ وَخَتَمَ عَلَى سَمْعِهِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَجَعَلَ عَلَى بَصَرِهِ غِشَاوَةً فَمَنْ يَهْدِيهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ اللَّهِ أَفَلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ

“Don’t you see the one who takes his desires to be his god besides Allah and as a result Allah has misguided him from true knowledge and placed a seal on his hearing and his heart and placed a veil over his eyes, so who will guide him after Allah has done this to him? Won’t you take a reminder?”^{xvii}

The Shaytan only encourages them to continue on in their lifestyle by beautifying for them their deeds, making their behavior appear fair seeming in their eyes, while in fact they are an eye-sore for any and everyone who has an inkling of God consciousness and understanding of moral boundaries. Allah says in the Qur’an:

وَقَيَّضْنَا لَهُمْ قُرَنَاءَ فَزَيَّنُوا لَهُمْ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ وَحَقَّ عَلَيْهِمُ الْقَوْلُ فِي أُمَمٍ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ مِنَ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسِ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا خَاسِرِينَ

“We appoint for them evil companionship and they beautify for them what is before them and what is behind them and the word is proven true against them just as the nations who came before them from the jinn and mankind that indeed they are the evident losers.”^{xviii}

Their lifestyle and sacrilegious behavior has become a trial for those of us who sincerely believe in Allah (i.e. God) and work diligently within our capacity to adhere to His legislation and commandments. They are very vocal and obstinate about their sadistic same-sex preferences, to

the extent that what was once considered a loathsome practice only witnessed in closed-circuit circles, has now become a public display for everyone to witness. Leaving those of us who do have a consciousness of Allah (i.e. God) and an understanding of the perilous nature of this behavior no other option but to turn to Him in supplication (i.e. du'a):

رَبَّنَا لَا تَجْعَلْنَا فِتْنَةً لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَاعْفُ رُبَّنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

“Our Lord don’t make us a trial for the people who disbelieve and forgive us our Lord for indeed You are Al Aziz (i.e. The All Mighty) Al Hakeem (i.e. The Most Wise).”^{xx}

For example, it is common in major cities like New York, Philadelphia and Atlanta for our children- at such a tender age- to witness the homosexual lifestyle, while they have yet to even develop a mature perception of a normal relationship between man and woman. They are told at school not to make fun of a particular child that has “two mommies” or “two daddies” in a vain attempt to validate this lifestyle in the eyes of our children.

In high schools this behavior is openly practiced amongst students and widely accepted amongst many of the teachers who themselves share the same sentiment about it. These students- who are in fact children- have prematurely decided to follow what has become the status-quo, due to much media attention and peer-pressure which stimulates the pubescent urge to experience it.

Shaytan (i.e. Satan) is the obvious perpetrator behind this sexual deviance, totally exploiting the lack of God consciousness that many have succumbed to in a society that boasts of Christian values but endorses separation of Church and State. He vowed to thwart mankind’s intrinsic desire to live within the divine boundaries set for them. He vowed to lead every descendant of Adam astray, sparing no method in doing so, regardless of how repugnant or reprehensible the path is, even if he, himself, has to go down the very same path to achieve his objective. In the eyes of Shaytan, the end justifies the means. Allah mentions Shaytan’s deception by his own admittance in the Qur’an:

وَقَالَ لَا اتَّخِذَنَّ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ نَصِيبًا مَفْرُوضًا وَلَا ضِلَّهُمْ وَلَا ضِلَّيْنَهُمْ وَلَا مَنِئِهِمْ وَلَا مَرْتَبَهُمْ فَلَيَّتَكُنَّ آذَانَ الْأَنْعَامِ وَلَا مَرْتَبَهُمْ فَلَيَغَيِّرَنَّ خَلْقَ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يَتَّخِذِ الشَّيْطَانَ وَلِيًّا مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ خَسِرَ خُسْرَانًا مُّبِينًا يَعِدُهُمْ وَيُمَنِّيهِمْ وَمَا يَعِدُهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ إِلَّا غُرُورًا

“I will lead them astray and arouse in them desires and I will command them and they will cut the ears of cattle and I will command them and they will change Allah’s creation. Whoever takes Shaytan as a patron instead of Allah is an evident loser and his loss is manifest. He promises them and arouses in them desires but he only promises them deception.”^{xx}

A French poet by the name of Charles Baudelaire asserted: *“The greatest trick the devil (i.e. Shaytan) ever played was convincing the world that he did not exist.”* Therefore, those who don’t believe in him or underestimate his ability- the ability they give to him- are most likely the ones to follow the desires he arouses in them. They don’t realize where it is coming from because they can’t fathom the unseen. This is why it is important for us, as Muslims, to refer back to our belief in times of obscurity and calamity.

Shaytan (i.e. the Devil) promises those who seek a higher echelon of satisfaction-well beyond the boundaries of morality- a false sense of fulfillment, with little regard for how it is attained or the consequences associated with it. Similarly, Shaytan promised Adam and his wife eternal life, if they ate from the tree Allah forbade them from. He achieved this by calling the tree by another name, thereby changing the perception of its reality, when, in fact, it was the same tree they were forbidden to eat from initially.

This is the same trickery Shaytan uses today, especially with such infectious atrocities like the sexual perversion of homosexuality. The media- the devil's advocate- purposely avoids using terms deducted from biblical scriptures that denote the vile nature of this behavior. In the Bible, the book they claim to follow, the same book that politicians who advocate and lobby for same-sex marriages take the oath of office on, those who engage in this behavior are called "sodomites" derived from the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. In the Torah this act is called an abomination: ***"A man shall not lie with another man as he would with a woman, it is an abomination."*** Leviticus 18:22

Today they use more modern terms such as; "In touch with the feminine side", "bisexual", "life partners" etc. all of which are diluted and tainted with a variety of connotations, making them easier to digest and readily acceptable to those who fail to see the entire agenda. No matter what term they use it will not change the reality of this behavior, and the fact of the matter is that it is nothing more than sodomy.

To shed a little light on Shaytan's involvement in this deviant behavior, Ibn Katheer cited in his tafseer (i.e. exegesis of the Holy Qur'an) that when Prophet Ibrahim (i.e. Abraham) migrated with his family to the area of Sham (i.e. areas of Syria and Palestine), Prophet Lut (i.e. Lot) migrated with him along with his wife. The people of Sodom had long since engaged in this heinous practice prior to his arrival. Abdullah Ibn Abbas (Radiyallahu anhum) mentioned the initiation of this act amongst these people:

"The thing that caused the People of Sodom to embark upon the act of sexual relations with men instead of women was that they were a people who had gardens and vegetation inside their city as well as outside of their city, along the roads. They were afflicted with severe drought and hunger. Some of them said to the others: "If you prevent the people- those who are wayfarers and travelers- from the crops that are inside of your city, then the crops will be exclusively for you." So they said: "And how do we prevent them?" So some of them turned to the others and said: "Make your practice that whoever you find in your city that is a stranger- not from amongst you- then strip him of his clothing and then have sex with him and then drag him along the road. For indeed when the people see this, they will not think to pass through your city ever again."

So Iblees (i.e. Shaytan) came to them on the mountain in the image of a handsome young boy and when the people saw him they grabbed him and stripped him of his clothing and tied him up and had sex with him and then hung him. After this, no one came to their city as a stranger except that

they did the same thing to him, and this became their practice until Allah sent Prophet Lut to them to forbid them from this behavior and to warn them of a severe punishment”^{xxi}

One of the renowned scholars of Islam, Shams ud Deen As Safeeri (may Allah have mercy on him) said: “The vile behavior of these people was taught to them by Shaytan”. Notice how Shaytan is always involved in situations that result in the deviance of mankind from the natural order Allah set for them until they lose all sense of moral and spiritual consciousness and direction from which there is absolutely no return. He is shrewd and at the same time very patient, until he achieves his objective. Consider the patience he exerted while introducing shirk (i.e. idolatry) to mankind.

From the time of Adam to Prophet Nuh (i.e. Noah), polytheism was non-existent. However, Shaytan encouraged the people of the generations preceding Prophet Nuh to construct idols in commemoration of their saints and righteous leaders-something that was unheard of amongst the previous nations. He then encouraged those who came generations later, who had lost sight of the initial reason for which the idols were constructed, to worship the idols, for their forefathers used to worship them.

In this manner, after generational patience exerted from Shaytan, shirk (i.e. polytheism) became the creed (i.e. Aqeedah) of mankind after their inherent (i.e. Fitrah) belief was monotheism (i.e. Tawheed). It was because of this Allah sent the first of the Messengers, Nuh (i.e. Noah) (Alaihis salam) to eradicate shirk (i.e. idolatry) from the earth and to re-direct mankind back to the natural order of monotheism. Thus their spiritual deviance was aroused by Iblees (i.e. Satan), our eternal enemy, just as the immoral deviance of homosexuality is aroused by him.

Shaytan was a pivotal component in the first murder that took place on earth between the two sons of Adam, Habil and Qabil (i.e. Cain and Abel). A clear indication of his involvement is that the same disease that provoked the crime of murder-which was unheard of prior to this incident, much like the crime of polytheism and homosexuality- was the same disease Shaytan himself was exiled from paradise for i.e. jealousy.

Therefore our *real* battle here is with Shaytan and not necessarily the people who engage in the practices he incite in them by way of exploiting their lack of God consciousness. Allah says about Prophet Lut (i.e. Lot) when he approached his people:

وَلَوْ طَا إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ إِنَّكُمْ لَأَتَّوْنَ الْفَاحِشَةَ مَا سَبَقَكُمْ بِهَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ مِّنَ الْعَالَمِينَ أَتُنْكُمُ اللَّاتُوتِ الرَّجَالَ وَتَقْطَعُونَ السَّبِيلَ وَتَأْتُونَ فِي نَادِيَكُمُ الْمُنْكَرَ

“And remember when Lut said to his people: “Indeed you are embarking upon a vile and evil way (i.e. sodomy) which none has preceded you in committing. Indeed you practice sodomy with men and rob the wayfarer (i.e. as mentioned in the hadeeth of Ibn Abbas) and you practice Al Munkar (i.e. disbelief and polytheism)...”^{xxii}

And in another verse Allah says:

إِنَّكُمْ لَتَأْتُونَ الرِّجَالَ شَهْوَةً مِّنْ دُونِ النِّسَاءِ بَلْ أَنْتُمْ قَوْمٌ مُّسْرِفُونَ

“Indeed you approach men out of lust and desire instead of women indeed you are a people transgressing all bounds.”^{xxiii}

We can conclude from these two verses the following:

Firstly: None of the preceding nations *ever* engaged in this practice in the history of mankind. This refutes the claim of those who assert that this sexual perversion is “genetic”. This assertion is not haphazard rather there is a greater agenda behind it which is; global acceptance and legitimization. If they are successful at convincing the world that this practice is inborn instead of a conscious choice then it will become immutable.

However, due to the brevity of this article and purely for the sake of argument, there is no consensus- even amongst their scholars- to substantiate this claim. But they do agree that it is more related to environmental influences (i.e. parents, social interactions etc.) as well as emotional influences during childhood, more than anything else.

In May 2000, the American Psychiatric Association issued a Fact Sheet, “Gay Lesbian and Bisexual Issues,” which included this statement: “Currently, there is a renewed interest in searching for biological etiologies for homosexuality. However, to date there are no replicated scientific studies supporting any specific biological etiology for homosexuality” When gay gene researcher, Dean Hamer, who is also a homosexual, was asked if homosexuality was rooted in biology and he replied: “Absolutely not.”^{xxiv}

Hamer also asserted: “It is the same for every human behavior—environment matters for extroversion, smoking cigarettes, just about anything you can name.” The Boston Globe published an article by Dr. Richard Pillard, a professor of psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine and was also involved in a study of twins and sexual orientation, has done extensive research showing that sexuality is greatly influenced by environment, and that the role of genetics is in the end limited.

Furthermore Prophet Lut (i.e. Lot) clearly stated that none of the preceding nations ever engaged in this practice before them, which leaves us to question: when exactly did this practice become genetic, after it was practiced by the people of Lut or before? If, in fact, it is genetic- as they assiduously maintain- then why didn’t the nations preceding Prophet Lut engage in it? And why is there only a select minority amongst mankind to date who engage in this appalling behavior?

Secondly: In the previous verse Allah clarified that they engaged in this behavior (i.e. sodomy) clearly out of lust and not out of necessity or some sudden need for the same sex, in preference to what Allah created for them i.e. women. This behavior goes clearly against the inherent love, compassion and intimacy that Allah created between man and woman. In the Bible it states:

“Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural, and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another. Men committing shameless acts with men...” Romans 1:26-27 (New Testament Revised Standard Version)

In the Qur’an Allah mentions that He placed a *natural* love and compassion between male and female which is an indication of His mercy for the human race that warrants a solemn belief in Him and sincere gratitude for this gracious bounty:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ

“And from His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that perhaps you may find repose in them and placed between you love and compassion and indeed in this are signs for a people who contemplate.”^{xxv}

Furthermore homosexuality produces an array of communicable diseases such as HIV, cytomegalovirus and the other sexually transmitted anorectic infections such as; gonorrhea, syphilis, herpes and Chlamydia. On August 18, 2011 The U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Washington, D.C. estimated that practicing homosexual men account for 61% of the new HIV infections in the United States while they only amount to about 2% of the country’s population. Homosexual men accounted for 29,300 of the estimated 48,100 new infections in 2009.

In addition to this, homosexuality (i.e. sodomy) impedes reproduction necessary for the perpetuation of the human race which can only be done through the natural union between man and woman:

وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَزْوَاجِكُمْ بَنِينَ وَحَفَدَةً وَرَزَقَكُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ أَفِالْبَاطِلِ يُؤْمِنُونَ وَبِنِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ هُمْ يَكْفُرُونَ

“And Allah created for you from yourselves mates and created from your union with them children and grandchildren and provided you with all that is good. So will you believe in falsehood and disbelieve in the bounty of Allah”^{xxvi}

This divine union between man and woman gives her the opportunity to exemplify her role in the relationship as a loving wife and standardizes her responsibility for all women. As in the absence of this, women would not know what they symbolize or how to carry out their role in a heterosexual relationship. Therefore, men engaging in relationships with other men, defeats the purpose of the woman’s entire existence. Allah defines the role of the righteous woman:

فَالصَّالِحَاتُ قَانِتَاتٌ حَافِظَاتٌ لِّلْغَيْبِ بِمَا حَفِظَ اللَّهُ

“So the righteous women are obedient and preserve in the absence of their husbands what Allah would have them protect (i.e. his wealth, children and his honor)...”^{xxvii}

The Prophet (Sallahu alaihi wa salam) also defined the role of the women when he said:

كُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ... وَالْمَرْأَةُ رَاعِيَةٌ عَلَى بَيْتِ زَوْجِهَا وَوَلَدِهِ...

“All of you are sheppards and all of you are responsible for your flocks...the woman is a sheppard and responsible for the household of her husband and his children...”^{xxviii}

The divine union between man and woman also gives the man an opportunity to exemplify his role in the relationship as the husband, maintainer and protector of his family, all of which is not possible when he is in a homosexual relationship. For how could he possibly deem himself a man while he is the protector and maintainer of another man, who- due to his own sexual insecurity and instability- really wants to be a woman? Allah mentions the role of the man with His statement:

الرِّجَالُ قَوَّامُونَ عَلَى النِّسَاءِ بِمَا فَضَّلَ اللَّهُ بَعْضَهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ وَبِمَا أَنْفَقُوا مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِمْ

“Men are the protectors and maintainers of women because of the bounty which Allah has given one of them (i.e. men) over the other (i.e. women) and because they (i.e. the men) spend from their wealth...”^{xxix}

The Prophet (Sallahu alaihi wa salam) said:

كُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ... وَالرَّجُلُ رَاعٍ فِي أَهْلِهِ وَهُوَ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ...

“All of you are sheppards and all of you are responsible for your flocks...the man is a sheppard for his family and will be responsible for his household...”^{xxx}

It is a manifestation of masculinity for the man to desire the opposite sex. Rather women and children are from amongst the transient luxuries of this life that all men covet, and this desire indicates the natural order of the male species. Consequently, any deviance from this natural order would be an indication of abnormality in the intrinsic modus operandi of the male species. Allah says:

زُيِّنَ لِلنَّاسِ حُبُّ الشَّهَوَاتِ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ وَالْبَنِينَ

“Beautified for men is the love of women and children...”^{xxxi}

Through the divine union between man and woman Allah selects the most elite from mankind-the prophets and messengers- who are only selected from the male species:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ إِلَّا رِجَالًا نُوْحِي إِلَيْهِمْ فَاسْأَلُوا أَهْلَ الذِّكْرِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

“And We have not sent before you (i.e. Muhammad) but men whom We revealed to them, ask the people of knowledge (i.e. the people of previous scriptures; Jews and Christians) if you do not know.”^{xxxii}

The detriments of homosexuality (i.e. sodomy) infringe on all of these matters and much more. To further clarify the contemptibility of this behavior, consider the reprehensible characteristics Allah (i.e. God) described those who engage in this behavior with:

Firstly: Allah (i.e. God) described them as wicked and immoral:

وَلُوطًا آتَيْنَاهُ حُكْمًا وَعِلْمًا وَنَجَّيْنَاهُ مِنَ الْقَرْيَةِ الَّتِي كَانَتْ تَعْمَلُ الْخَبَائِثَ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا قَوْمَ سَوْءٍ فَاسِقِينَ

“And Lut We gave him legislation and knowledge and We saved him from a city that engaged in the most immoral behavior (i.e. sodomy). Indeed they were a wicked group of people and immoral.” xxxiii

Secondly: Prophet Lut (Alaihis salam) described them as remotely corrupt, as Allah mentioned:

قَالَ رَبِّ انصُرْنِي عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْمُفْسِدِينَ

“He (i.e. Lut) said: “Lord help me against a people who are remotely corrupt.” xxxiv

Thirdly: Allah also described them as oppressive:

وَلَمَّا جَاءَتْ رُسُلُنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ بِالْبُشْرَى قَالُوا إِنَّا مُهْلِكُوا أَهْلَ هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةِ إِنَّ أَهْلَهَا كَانُوا ظَالِمِينَ

“And when Our messengers came to Ibrahim (i.e. Abraham) with glad tidings of a child they said: “We are going to destroy the people of this city. Indeed the people of this city are oppressive.” xxxv

The oppression of the people who engage in this decadent behavior is manifest in the fact that they completely undermine the moral boundaries that provide the fabric of a healthy and functional society. It also denotes that Allah (i.e. God) made a mistake in that He created the homosexual as a man when he should have been a woman.

This behavior indicates that Allah (i.e. God) created us with no standard perception of sexuality; rather everyone is at liberty to decide their own sexuality based upon their lusts and desires. And the truth of matter is that Allah (i.e. God) did, in fact, create us with an intrinsic perception of sexuality, and had the truth been dependent on the desires of the human being everything in the heavens and the earth would have been anarchic.

وَلَوْ أَتَبَعَ الْحَقُّ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ لَفَسَدَتِ السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ

“If the truth was in accordance with their lusts and desires the heavens and the earth and everything in them would have been ruined...” xxxvi

This immoral behavior is being circulated by way of all modern methods of indoctrination such as: movies, music, cartoons, music videos etc. The media’s usage of agenda oriented jargons and terms that are saturated with persuasion to help shape public opinion all endorse homosexuality. They will continue with this bombardment until it eventually desensitizes those who have some

level of God consciousness and understand through the lens of their religiosity the perilous nature of this ungodly behavior.

They will continue with its endorsement until it becomes widely accepted by the masses or, at very least, people lose all zeal to challenge it. And the overall objective of Shaytan (i.e. Satan) and his followers is to make those who have an inkling of awareness of moral and spiritual boundaries appear to be the dissidents of society.

Ironically enough, homosexuals and those who endorse their lifestyle lack tolerance of an opposing view to their immoral behavior while they demand complete liberalism from everyone else. In addition to this, they are quick to label anyone who opposes their behavior as “extreme” or other such terms denoting prejudice against them. Their aim is to paint themselves as the *real* victims, while those who contest their lifestyle are radicals who have no sensitivity to the choice of their brand of sexuality. Here again, history repeats itself, as this is the same thing the “sodomites” said to Prophet Lut (i.e. Lot) and those who opposed their behavior:

فَمَا كَانَ جَوَابَ قَوْمِهِ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا أَخْرِجُوا آلَ لُوطٍ مِّنْ قَرْيَتِكُمْ إِنَّهُمْ أَنَاسٌ يَّتَطَهَّرُونَ

“So the only response of his people was that they said: “Remove the people of Lut from your city indeed they are a people who would rather be pure.”^{xxxvii}

Imam Abdur Rahman Ibn Nasr As Sa’di (may Allah have mercy on him) commented on this verse in his tafseer:

“The people who believed with Prophet Lut (i.e. Lot) were considered “the people who would rather be pure” because they refused to participate in the immoral behavior of homosexuality...”

This is always the recourse of a people who feel that their enjoyment is being infringed upon-no matter how incongruous it is to the standards of morality- to those who understand the moral boundaries of right and wrong and are not willing to compromise them for the sake of practicality. As President Barak Obama said so eloquently: *“Our pragmatism breeds cowardice...”^{xxxviii}*

Consequently, this is case with many Churches today who are failing the West in a vain attempt to appeal to the ungodly for the sake of expediency and numbers. Many Churches condone and perform same-sex marriages- while it is totally prohibited in their book- for the sake of practicality and acceptance of the status-quo. However the religion of Islam is uncompromising in the tragedy of such circumstances and challenges the very core of immorality regardless of where it emanates from or how popular and trendy it becomes in our society.

So there is no coincidence that the religion of Islam is met with much resistance in the West today, considering that the echelon of immorality in these countries is unparalleled to anything we’ve seen in the past century. The only recourse for them is to either defame the religion of Islam, which they have failed miserably at considering more people have accepted Islam in the West since the dreadful day of September 11th 2001 than in any other time. CAIR chairman, Nihad Awad told the

Saudi paper 'Ukaz that "34,000 Americans have converted to Islam following the events of September 11, and this is the highest rate reached in the U.S. since Islam arrived there." This report was as early as 2002 so one can imagine what the number of Islamic converts in the U.S. reflects today in 2011.

يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَيَأْبَى اللَّهُ إِلَّا أَنْ يُتِمَّ نُورَهُ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَى وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ

“They wish to put out the light of Allah with their tongues but Allah refuses to allow this and completes His light even though the disbelievers may detest it. He is the one who sent His Messenger with guidance for mankind and the religion of truth so that it may prevail over all other religions even though the idolaters may detest it.”^{xix}

This is the same hostility and opposition that Prophet Ibrahim (i.e. Abraham) was met with when challenged the idolatrous beliefs of his people, including his own father:

فَمَا كَانَ جَوَابَ قَوْمِهِ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا اقْتُلُوهُ أَوْ حَرِّقُوهُ فَأَنْجَاهُ اللَّهُ مِنَ النَّارِ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ

“So the only response of his people was that they said: “Kill him or burn him!” So Allah saved him from the fire. Indeed in this are signs for a people who believe.”^{xi}

However, their endeavors are always frustrated because the message of Islam is so powerful and challenging to the status-quo. This was alluded by a Christian priest by the name of Warqah Ibn Noufal, who Khadeejah, the wife of Prophet Muhammad, took him see after his experience in the cave with Angel Jibreel (i.e. Gabriel). He said to Prophet Muhammad (Sallahu alaihi wa salam):

لَيْتَنِي أَكُونُ حَيًّا إِذْ يُخْرِجُكَ قَوْمُكَ، فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: " أَوْ مُخْرِجِيَّ هُمْ "، قَالَ: نَعَمْ، لَمْ يَأْتِ رَجُلٌ قَطُّ بِمِثْلِ مَا جِئْتَ بِهِ إِلَّا عُودِي

“I wish that I would be alive at the time when your people exile you.” So the Messenger of Allah said: “Will my people exile me?” Noufal said: “Of course they will. No man has ever come with the message you are coming with except that he was met with hostility and opposition...”^{xii}

So when Muslims embody the message of Islam today with sincerity they frustrate the endeavors of the ungodly and obstruct them from satisfying their lowly desires. They become a thorn in the side of those who have lost all consciousness of Allah (i.e. God) who always seem to find themselves being met with inflexible resistance, even if it is only from a minute fraction of Muslims. This is primarily due to the unique nature of this religion which undermines the very nucleus of any irreligious endeavor, in addition to the fact that the Muslims will never forsake their religious principles or grow weary in the face of an obvious atrocity, even if the world goes against them.

The idolaters during the time of Prophet Muhammad (Sallahu alaihi wa salam) were met with the same resistance. They tried to persuade him to abandon his mission for the sake of expediency and mutual cooperation, offering him money, women and status, and his response was:

يا عم لو وضعوا الشمس في يميني والقمر في يساري على أن أترك هذا الأمر ما تركته حتى يظهره الله أو أهلك دونه

“O my Uncle! If they were to put the sun in my right hand and the moon in my left hand in hopes that I would abandon my mission, I will not abandon it until Allah gives honor to this religion or I die in pursuit of it!”^{xiii}

Our Islamic standards of morality leave no room for compromise and no matter how acceptable and popular this heinous act of homosexuality becomes amongst the masses. We will not abandon our moral conviction for pragmatism nor condone this vile behavior, whether in our ranks or outside of our ranks, or remain silent about it out of fear of being ostracized.

The reality of the situation is that this behavior is an epidemic in the West and extremely infectious, even to those under our auspices (i.e. our children). As people who have a solid belief in Allah (i.e. God) and a clear understanding of His power and ability to inflict a painful punishment on those who engage in this practice, we should, at the very least, speak out against this atrocity and make our stance on this issue clear. We should not adopt the behavior of other religious groups who would rather mind their own business until the harvest of this behavior reaches their very own doorsteps.

We have to do our best in educating our children about the immorality of this behavior and to observe closely the company they keep and the behaviors they exhibit to ensure that this disease remains outside our ranks. For indeed the spread of this behavior in the Muslim community was the greatest fear of the Prophet (Sallahu alaihi wa salam).

إِنَّ أَخَوْفَ مَا أَخَافُ عَلَى أُمَّتِي عَمَلُ قَوْمِ لُوطٍ.

“The thing that I fear most for my community is the behavior of the people of Prophet Lut.”^{xiiii}

This is because the Muslim community is the last pillar of morality in a society that has lost all consciousness of Allah (i.e. God) and the boundaries of morality, and the spread of this behavior within the ranks of the Muslims is an indication of the closeness of the Last Day. In August of 2011 an earthquake reaching a 5.8 magnitude, which is unusually high, hit Virginia and sent tremors along the East Coast as far as New York, the Carolinas and even New England. And Prophet Muhammad warned us with his statement:

ولا ظهر في قوم عمل قوم لوط إلا ظهر فيهم الخسف...

“Never does the behavior of the people of Lut (i.e. sodomy) become prevalent in a community except they will be afflicted with earthquakes.”

This is a reminder to all the believers, as Allah says:

وَذَكِّرْ فَإِنَّ الذِّكْرَ تَنْفَعُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

“Remind. For indeed the reminder benefits the believers.”^{xliiv}

And we implore Allah, The All-Hearer (i.e. As Sameea’), The One who responds to the supplicant when he supplicates (i.e. Al Mujeeb) to make us amongst those who, if they are given they are grateful, if they are tested they are patient, and if they commit sin they repent, for these are the ingredients of success and Allah has power over all things. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon His final Messenger, Muhammad Ibn Abdullah and upon his family and companions.

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ⁱ Found in Surah (7:96-99)

ⁱⁱ Found in Surah (3:110)

ⁱⁱⁱ Found in Surah Al Baqrah (2:143)

^{iv} Found in Surah Al Furqan (25:1)

^v Found in Surah Al Anfal (8:29)

^{vi} Found in Surah Muhammad (47:10)

^{vii} Found in Surah Al A’raf (7:155)

^{viii} Collected in Saheeh Al Bukhari

^{ix} Found in Surah Ali Imran (3:25)

^x Found in Surah Al A’raf (7:146)

^{xi} Found in Surah Ma’idah (5:78)

^{xii} Collected in the Musnad of Bazzar

^{xiii} Author’s Note: “Sexual preference” was the term that was used previously, however it denoted that the individual had a choice in his bran of sexuality and went completely against the long-term agenda of those who sought to endorse and legitimize this lifestyle. Consequently, they opted for a more agenda oriented term such as “sexual orientation” which denotes that this is, in fact, not a choice but actually a genetic gene found in the human being that makes him desire the same sex.

^{xiv} Found in Surah Qaf (50:37)

^{xv} Found in Sure Al Ankabut (29:40)

^{xvi} Found in Surah Al Zukhruf (43:36)

^{xvii} Found in Surah Jathiyah (45:23)

^{xviii} Found in Surah Fussilat (41:25)

^{xix} Found in Surah Al Mumtahanah (60:5)

^{xx} Found in Surah An Nisaa’ (4:119)

^{xxi} Collected In the Mustadrak of Hakim

^{xxii} Found in Surah Al Ankabut (29:29)

^{xxiii} Found in Surah Al A’raf (7:81)

^{xxiv} Homosexuality 101: What Every Therapist, Parent and Homosexual Should Know- Julie Harren, Ph.D.

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- ^{xxv} Found in Surah Ar Rum (30:21)
^{xxvi} Found in Surah An Nahl (16:72)
^{xxvii} Found in Surah An Nisaa' (4:34)
^{xxviii} Collected in Saheeh Al Bukhari
^{xxix} Found in Surah An Nisaa' (4:34)
^{xxx} Collected in Saheeh Al Bukhari
^{xxxi} Found in Surah Ali Imran (3:14)
^{xxxii} Found in Surah Al Nahl (16:43)
^{xxxiii} Found in Surah Al Anbiyaa' (21:74)
^{xxxiv} Found in Surah Al Ankabut (29:30)
^{xxxv} Found in Surah Al Ankabut (29:31)
^{xxxvi} Found in Surah Mu'minun (23:71)
^{xxxvii} Found in Surah Al A'raf (7:80)
^{xxxviii} "The Audacity of Hope" by Barak Obama
^{xxxix} Found in Surah As Saf (61:8)
^{xli} Found in Surah Al Ankabut (29:24)
^{xli} Collected in Saheeh Al Bukhari
^{lii} Collected in Dalaa'il an Naboowah by Imam Al Bayhaqi
^{liii} Collected in the Sunan of At Tirmithi
^{liv} Found in Surah Adh Dhariyat (51:55)