

# **Ad-Deen**

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## Meanings of the word ‘Deen’

According to Arabic Dictionaries, the word *DEEN* has the following meanings (depending upon the context):

- Obedience (to some authority)
- State of abasement and submissiveness (to some authority)
- Service
- a particular law
- a statute
- an ordinance
- custom
- habit
- way or system of life
- a way, course, mode, or manner of acting or conduct
- management, conduct or regulation of affairs
- state, condition or case
- requital
- recompense
- judgement
- reckoning
- authority
- rule
- government
- power

### ‘Deen’ as Obedience

When the preposition “*la*” or “*laam*” is used with the word *DEEN*, it mostly means “obedience”. According to the Qur’an, obedience is only to Allah - “...*lahu ad-deen*...{*Ad-Deen* (i.e. the obedience) is only to Him (Allah)}” [7:29, 10:22, 16:52, 29:65, 31:32, 39:2, 39:11, 40:14, 40:65, 98:5].

قُلْ أَمَرَ رَبِّي بِالْقِسْطِ وَأَقِيمُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ عِندَ كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ وَادْعُوهُ  
مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ كَمَا بَدَأَكُمْ تَعُودُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾

7:29 Say (O Messenger), "My Lord enjoins justice and moderation; and set upright your faces at every MASJID and call on Him, being sincere to Him in obedience; as He brought you forth in the beginning, so shall you also return".

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ فَاعْبُدِ اللَّهَ مُخْلِصًا لَهُ الدِّينَ

39:2 Surely, We have revealed to you the Book with the truth, therefore serve Allah, being sincere to Him in obedience.

قُلْ إِنِّي أُمِرْتُ أَنْ أَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ مُخْلِصًا لَهُ الدِّينَ ﴿١١﴾

39:11 Say (O Messenger): “I am commanded that I should serve Allah, being sincere to Him in obedience”.

وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ حُنَفَاءَ وَيُقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ  
وَيُؤْتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَذَلِكَ دِينُ الْقِيَمَةِ ﴿٥﴾

98:5 And they were not enjoined anything except that they should serve Allah, being sincere to Him in obedience, upright, and establish *As-SALAT* and provide *Az-ZAKAT*, and that is the perfect *DEEN* (Way or System of Life).

فَادْعُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿١٤﴾

40:14 Therefore call upon Allah, being sincere to Him in obedience, though the unbelievers are averse

هُوَ الْحَيُّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ فَادْعُوهُ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ ۗ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ  
الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٥﴾

40/65 He is the Ever-Living, there is no god but He, therefore call on Him alone, being sincere to Him in obedience; (all) praise, glory and thanks is due to Allah, the Guardian-Lord of the worlds.

أَلَا لِلَّهِ الدِّينُ الْخَالِصُ ۗ وَالَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ مَا نَعْبُدُهُمْ إِلَّا  
لِيُقَرِّبُونَا إِلَى اللَّهِ زُلْفَىٰ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَحْكُمُ بَيْنَهُمْ فِي مَا هُمْ فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي مَنْ هُوَ كَاذِبٌ كَفَّارٌ ﴿٣﴾

39:3 Now, surely, sincere obedience is due to Allah (alone) and (as for) those who take guardians besides Him, (saying), we do not serve them except that they may make us nearer to Allah, surely Allah will judge between them in that in which they differ; surely Allah does not guide him aright who is a liar, ungrateful.

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ تَابُوا وَأَصْلَحُوا وَاعْتَصَمُوا بِاللَّهِ وَأَخْلَصُوا دِينَهُمْ  
 لِلَّهِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ مَعَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَسَوْفَ يُؤْتِي اللَّهُ  
 الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴿١٤٦﴾

4:146 Except those who repent and amend and hold fast to Allah and are sincere in their obedience to Allah, these are them who are (numbered) with the believers, and Allah will soon grant the believers a reward of immense value.

As can be seen from the above given verses, the obedience (**Ad-Deen**) is only to Allah. **Ad-Deen** or obedience to Allah in the above verses has been associated with the following:

- **Ibadat** to Allah alone (10:104, 39:2, 39:11, 98:5) by establishing a Way or System of life according to His revealed Book (39:2)
- calling upon Allah alone [*Du'a*] (7:29, 40:14, 40:65)
- not taking any guardians besides Allah considering them as an approach to Allah or a means of getting near to Allah (39:3);
- establishing **As-SALAT** and providing **Az-ZAKAT** (98:5)

## ‘Deen’ as Law

The word DEEN also means law, as in 12:76 and 24:2. Also in 5:3, after giving some laws, Allah says that He has perfected your DEEN i.e. Law for you and has approved for you *Al-Islam* as a Way or System of Life.

فَبَدَأَ بِأَوْعِيَّتِهِمْ قَبْلَ وِعَاءِ أَخِيهِ ثُمَّ اسْتَخْرَجَهَا مِنْ وِعَاءِ أَخِيهِ كَذَلِكَ  
 كَدْنَا لِيُوسُفَ مَا كَانَ لِيَأْخُذَ أَخَاهُ فِي دِينِ الْمَلِكِ إِلَّا أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ نَرْفَعُ  
 دَرَجَاتٍ مَن نَّشَاءُ وَفَوْقَ كُلِّ ذِي عِلْمٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٧٦﴾

12:76 They were brought before Joseph for the search. He began with the bags of his half-brothers before the bag of his brother (Benjamin). And finally extracted the cup

out of his brother's bag. We thus perfected the plan for Joseph. He could not have detained his brother under the King's law [Deen-il-Malik]. But that was the Will of Allah. We raise people in ranks according to Our Laws. And above every person of knowledge there is One who knows all.

الرَّانِيَةُ وَالرَّانِي فَاجْلِدُوا كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ مِّنْهُمَا مِائَةَ جَلْدَةٍ وَلَا تَأْخُذْكُمْ بِهِمَا رَأْفَةٌ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَلْيَشْهَدْ عَذَابَهُمَا طَائِفَةٌ مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٢٤﴾

24:2 The adulteress and the adulterer, flog each one of them with a hundred stripes. And let not compassion sway you in their case from carrying out Allah's Law [Deen-e-Allah], if you believe in Allah and the Last Day. And let a group of believers witness the penalty.

حُرِّمَتْ عَلَيْكُمْ أَلْمَيْتَةُ وَالِدَمُّ وَلَحْمُ الْخِنْزِيرِ وَمَا أُهْلَ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ بِهِ وَالْمُنْخَنِقَةُ وَالْمَوْقُوذَةُ وَالْمُتَرَدِّيَةُ وَالنَّطِيحَةُ وَمَا أَكَلَ السَّبُعُ إِلَّا مَا ذَكَّيْتُمْ وَمَا ذُبِحَ عَلَى النُّصُبِ وَأَنْ تَسْتَقْسِمُوا بِالْأَزْلَمِ ذَٰلِكُمْ فِسْقٌ ۗ الْيَوْمَ يَيسَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنَ دِينِكُمْ فَلَا تَخْشَوْهُمْ وَاخْشَوْنَ الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمْ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا ۗ فَمَنْ اضْطُرَّ فِي مَخْمَصَةٍ غَيْرَ مُتَجَانِفٍ لِإِثْمٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿٥﴾

5:3 Forbidden for you (for dietary consumption) are: Any Animal that dies of itself; Blood; The flesh of swine; And anything (not just meat) that has been dedicated to any other than Allah (such as an idol, grave or saint); Any Animal that has been strangled to death, Beaten to death, Dies by falling from height, Gored to death by horns; Animal eaten by a wild animal unless you are able to slaughter it while it is still alive; That which is sacrificed on altars (devotional stones or blocks in shrines considered sacred). Also forbidden is dividing the meat through raffling and games of chance. This Day, the rejecting opponents have given up the hope of eradicating your DEEN, System of Life. Clear distinction in matters of the Lawful and the Unlawful draws a tangible line between their ways and your way. Fear them not but fear Me. *This Day, I have perfected your Law /DEEN for you, completed My favor upon you, and chosen for you Al-Islam as the System of Life.*

In the above verse (5:3), after mentioning some of the rules and laws about dietary consumption, Allah says that He has perfected the Islamic Law [the word *Deen* seems here to have been used to mean Law, as it has been used

to mean law in 12:6, since it comes after mentioning some laws about dietary consumption. The second occurrence of the word *Deen* in 5:3 seems to have been used to mean 'the System of Life', as the context shows]

## ‘Deen’ as a Way or System of Life

*Al-Islam* has been termed as *Ad-Deen* in the Qur’an. Please see the following:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ لَأَسْلَمُوا وَمَا اخْتَلَفَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ بَغْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ

سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ ﴿١٩﴾

3:19 Indeed Ad-Deen (i.e the Way or System of Life) approved by Allah is Al-Islam (Submission to His Laws and Commands). The people of the Scripture differed for nothing but selfish envy among themselves, after the Knowledge has come to them. One who rejects Allah's Revelations will find that His Law of Requital is swift in reckoning.

*Ad-Deen* as a Way or System of life has been expounded in 10:104-109:

قُلْ يَتَأْتِيهَا النَّاسُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ فِي شَكٍّ مِنْ دِينِي فَلَا أَعْبُدُ الَّذِينَ تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَلَكِنْ أَعْبُدُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي يَتَوَفَّاكُمْ وَأُمِرْتُ أَنْ أَكُونَ مِنَ

الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٠٤﴾

10:104 Say (O Messenger), "O Mankind! If you have any doubt about my System or Way of life [*deenī*] (that I am trying to establish) then (know that), I worship not and obey not those whom you worship and obey instead of Allah. But I obey Allah Who causes you to die (and Who controls the Laws of life and death of individuals and nations). I have been commanded to be of the believers."

وَأَنْ أَقِمَّ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا وَلَا تَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿١٠٥﴾

10:105 And that you set your purpose resolutely for the Upright System of life [*Iilddeeni haneefan*] and do not be of those who associate anyone with Allah in any form.

وَلَا تَدْعُ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَنْفَعُكَ وَلَا يَضُرُّكَ فَإِنْ فَعَلْتَ فَإِنَّكَ إِذَا مِنْ

الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٠٦﴾

10:106 Do not ever call upon anyone besides Allah. They have no control over your harm or benefit. If you did that, you will be among the wrongdoers.

وَإِنْ يَمَسُّكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ فَلَا كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ وَإِنْ يُرِدْكَ بِخَيْرٍ فَلَا رَادَّ

لِفَضْلِهِ يُصِيبُ بِهِ مَن يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَهُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿١٠٧﴾

10:107 If Allah should afflict you with harm (according to His Laws), there is none who can remove it (contrary to His Laws). And if He intends good to you, there is none to hinder His Grace. He brings it upon His servants according to His Laws of Universal Causation. And He is Forgiving, Merciful.

قُلْ يَتَأْتِيهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَ كُفْرًا مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ فَمَنْ أَهْتَدَىٰ فَإِنَّمَا يَهْتَدِي

لِنَفْسِهِ وَمَنْ ضَلَّ فَإِنَّمَا يَضِلُّ عَلَيْهَا وَمَا أَنَا عَلَيْكُمْ بِوَكِيلٍ ﴿١٠٨﴾

10:108 Say (O Messenger), "O Mankind! Now has come to you the Truth from your Lord. So whoever chooses to follow the right path, follows it for his own "Self". And whoever chooses to go astray, goes astray to his own hurt. And I am not a guardian over you."

وَاتَّبِعْ مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيْكَ وَأَصْبِرْ حَتَّىٰ يَحْكُمَ اللَّهُ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الْحَاكِمِينَ

﴿١٠٩﴾

10:109 (O Messenger), Follow what is revealed to you and be steadfast in adversity until Allah issues His Judgment. And He is the Best of judges.

As can be seen in the verses 10:104-109 given above, some fundamentals of *Ad-Deen* as a way of life are given as follows:

- *Ibadat* to Allah alone [10:104]
- Becoming a believer [10:104]
- Setting one's purpose resolutely for the Upright System of Life [*Ad-Deen*] [10:105]

- Not committing *Shirk* (by associating anyone with Allah in any form) [10:105]
- Not calling upon anyone besides Allah [10:106-107]
- Following Allah's Guidance in His revealed Book [10:108-109]

Further elaboration of *Ad-Deen* and *Ibadat* is given in 12:40:

مَا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ إِلَّا أَسْمَاءً سَمَاوَاتٍ سَمَّيْتُمُوهَا أَنْتُمْ  
وَعِبَادُكُمْ مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ بِهَا مِنْ سُلْطَانٍ إِنْ الْحُكْمُ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ أَمَرَ أَلَّا  
تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا  
يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾

12:40 "Those whom you worship and obey besides Him, are but names that you have named, you and your forefathers. Allah has revealed no authority for them. All ruling or command [*Al-Hukm*] belongs to Allah alone. [And there is no Hakim or Judge but He.] He has commanded that you serve none but Him. That is the Right Way or System of Life [*alddenu alqayyimu*]. But most people are not aware of this fact (or disregard it in practice)."

As can be seen in 12:40, *Ibadat* is associated with *Al-Hukm* suggesting that rendering *Ibadat* to Allah means abiding by His *Al-Hukm* or command in all aspects of life, which is the Right Way of Life [*Ad-Deen*].

## **Al-Islam is Ad-Deen – It is not a Madhhab.**

The word *Madhhab* does not occur in the Qur'an at all. Literally, the word *Madhhab* means 'a place to which one goes'. From that, a place to which one goes for the purpose of satisfying the want of nature, is also sometimes called *Madhhab*. Then the word also became to be used to mean: a way, course, mode or manner of acting or conduct or the like; a way of believing, opining, thinking, or judging; a belief, a creed, a persuasion, a doctrine, an opinion, a tenet or a body of tenets or beliefs. In Islamic Jurisprudence (*Fiqh*), it stands for 'school of thought'. For example, *Hanafi*, *Maliki*, *Shafiee* and *Hambli* are considered four schools of thought. It must be stressed that Al-Islam is not *Madhhab* but Ad-DEEN i.e. a Way or System of life in which the obedience is only to Allah's Laws and Commands.

## **Establishment of Ad-Deen**

In 42:13, Allah enjoins to **establish *Ad-Deen***, i.e. the System of life in which the obedience is only to Allah's Laws or Commands. Please see the following:

❖ شَرَعَ لَكُمْ مِّنَ الدِّينِ مَا وَصَّى بِهِ نُوحًا وَالَّذِي أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ وَمَا  
 وَصَّيْنَا بِهِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَى وَعِيسَى أَنْ أَقِيمُوا الدِّينَ وَلَا تَتَفَرَّقُوا فِيهِ  
 كَبُرَ عَلَى الْمُشْرِكِينَ مَا تَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَيْهِ اللَّهُ يَجْتَبِي إِلَيْهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَهْدِي  
 إِلَيْهِ مَنْ يُنِيبُ ﴿١٣﴾

42:13 He has ordained for you all, the same System of Life that He enjoined upon Noah - And We have revealed to you (O Prophet) the same Message as We enjoined upon Abraham, Moses, and Jesus: "Establish the Divine System of Life (in which the obedience is only to Allah's Law or Command) and make no sects in it." Hard it is upon the idolaters (those who worship false 'authorities') the unity you call to. Allah draws unto Himself everyone who is willing, and guides unto Himself everyone who turns unto Him."

*Ad-Deen* as a System of life can only be established firmly after gaining power or rule in the land. Without power or rule, a ritualistic religion can survive but establishment of *Ad-Deen* as a System of life that encompasses all aspects of life is not possible, as the following verse suggests:

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي  
 الْأَرْضِ كَمَا أَسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي  
 ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي  
 شَيْئًا وَمَن كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾

24:55 Allah has promised that those of you peoples who will believe in the Divine Laws and work properly and efficaciously, He will surely make them rulers in the earth - Just as He granted rule to the previous nations (28:5-6), (33:27). He will surely establish for them the System of life (*DEEM*) that He has approved for them, and will replace their fear with peace and security. (All this because) they serve Me alone. They ascribe no partner to Me. But all who, after this, deny these Laws will drift out (of the community of living nations).

The 'belief' in the above verse does not pertain to any dogmas and tenets, but to the realization and conviction that the entire Universe is operating under the unchangeable Physical Laws of One Supreme Authority, thus providing the basis for all Science and Technology. '*Aamaal-e-Saliha*' refer to such deeds that are just and proper according to Allah's Laws and efficacious for the intended purpose.

The verse 22:41 further makes it clear that the power and establishment in the land is a pre-requisite for establishing the key elements of *Ad-Deen* such as *As-Salat* and *Az-Zakat*.

الَّذِينَ إِن مَّكَّنَّاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَمَرُوا  
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهَوْا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۗ وَلِلَّهِ عَاقِبَةُ الْأُمُورِ ﴿٤١﴾

22:41 Those who, if We give them power in the land, establish *As-Salat* - the Divine System - set up the Just Economic Order of *Az-Zakat* (in which wealth circulates freely to nourish every member of the society, and the basic needs of all individuals are taken care of). Their rule ensures that the Divine Moral Values are promoted, and what the Qur'an forbids, is discouraged. And in their governance all affairs are decided according to Allah's Laws and Commands (in the Qur'an (5:44)).

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ  
وَكَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ شَهِيدًا ﴿٢٨﴾

48:28 He it is Who has sent His Messenger with the Guidance and the True System of life (*DEEM*) that He may cause it to prevail over all other systems of life. And Allah is Sufficient as Witness (to this Pronouncement).

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ  
وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٩﴾

61:9 He it is Who has sent forth His Messenger with the Guidance, and the True System of life (*DEEM*), that He may make it prevail over all other systems of life however hateful this may be to those who ascribe partners to Him.

**Sectarianism, parties or groupings of all kinds is forbidden in Deen**

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ فَرَّقُوا دِينَهُمْ وَكَانُوا شِيَعًا لَسْتَ مِنْهُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ إِنَّمَا  
 أَمْرُهُمْ إِلَى اللَّهِ ثُمَّ يُنَبِّئُهُم بِمَا كَانُوا يَفْعَلُونَ ﴿١٥٩﴾

6:159 (O Messenger!) Those who break the unity of their DEEN and become sects, you have nothing to do with them whatsoever. Behold, their case will go to Allah and He will tell them what they had been doing.

﴿مُنِيبِينَ إِلَيْهِ وَاتَّقُوهُ وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَلَا تَكُونُوا مِنَ  
 الْمُشْرِكِينَ﴾ ﴿٣١﴾

مِنَ الَّذِينَ فَرَّقُوا دِينَهُمْ وَكَانُوا شِيَعًا كُلُّ حِزْبٍ بِمَا لَدَيْهِمْ  
 فَرِحُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾

30:31-32 Turn unto Him alone then, and be mindful of Him, and establish *As-Salat* and be not of the *MUSHRIKEEN*; those who split up their *DEEN*, and become sects - each sect delighting in whatever beliefs they have. ((3:104), (6:160), (23:52-53), (42:13). Sectarianism is invariably based upon taking humans as 'authorities').

According to 30:31-32, dividing *DEEN* into sects is tantamount to *SHIRK*.

## There is no compulsion in Ad-Deen

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ مِنَ الْغَيِّ فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ  
 وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ لَا انفصامَ لَهَا وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ  
 عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٥١﴾

2:256 There is absolutely no compulsion or coercion in *AD-DEEN*. The Right has been made distinct from Wrong (3:4). Whoever rejects false gods (of all sorts), and attains conviction in Allah (and His Word), has grasped the Unbreakable Support. This assurance comes from Allah, the Hearer the Knower.

There is absolutely no compulsion in adopting *Ad-Deen*, the True System of Life approved by Allah. One has full choice whether to adopt this or not **but** once one has opted for it, it becomes compulsory and obligatory to abide by

all the Laws, Commands, Rules and Regulations therein. When the Islamic Authority will establish *Ad-Deen*, it will make sure that those who have opted for *Ad-Deen* abide by its Rules and Regulations.