

Dialogue between the Shari'as

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Galip Hasan Kuşçuoğlu is a living Saint of Allah. He is now ninetythree years old and continues his duty as a Sheikh of Galibi Tariquat. He has devoted his life as a servant for ALLAH (C.C) (God, Lord) with making conversations, writing books and constructing worship places. Even world leaders has sent him Letters of Thanking for his effort and services to establish the Dialogue between Shari'as. Some of the world leaders who have sent Letter of Thanking are: U.S.A's old President Bill Clinton, The Prince Charles of Wales, The Spain President Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, United Kingdom old President Tony Blair...

You can read these letters in the website of www.galibitariqah.com from the part 'arrivals from you'. Galip Hasan Kuşçuoğlu's first book "Muhtaç Olduğumuz Kardeşlik"(The Brotherhood that We in Need For) is a book related with the dialogue between the Shari'as. At the same website, you can easily read and download that book and others.

One of the most important aims of Galip Hasan Kuşçuoğlu is to establish the brotherhood between the believers of Celestial religions(Ehli Kitap) and realize the dilaogue between the Shari'as. In order to fulfill this, he makes 'Sincerity' and 'Love' stand in the forefront. His ideas about the dialogue between the Shari'as is very important:

A- Anybody who believes in Allah [God, Lord] is a Muslim and his/her religion is ISLAM. There is only one religion from the first human being and the first prophet Adam to today which is ISLAM. If that is so what is Christianity, Judaism and Mohammedian? These are Shari'as. This opinion is very important. If this opinion was understood well, the fight between Shari'as would have been finished and the way to the dialoge was opened and our world could have been turned into a heaven.

In the below paragraphs, Allah (C.C) [God or Lord] addressed to many communities before the prophet Muhammed, to Prophets and to the believers of Celestial religions(Ehli Kitap) as 'MUSLIM'. The root meaning of the world 'muslim' is ISLAM.

As a result, since Allah (C.C) [God or Lord] says MUSLIM to Ibraahim (Abraham), 'Iesa (Jesus), Moosa (Moses), Ya'qoob (Jacob), Ismaa'il (Ishmael), Ishaaque (Isaac), Yusuf, Sulaimaan (Solomon), that means their religion is also ISLAM. In that manner, different Shari'as in the same religion should recognize themselves and start to dialogue.

1.Our Lord, and make us Muslims [in submission] to You and from our descendants a Muslim nation [in submission] to You. And show us our rites [of úajj and Ôumrah] and accept our repentance. Indeed, You are the Accepting of repentance, the Merciful.

(Surah al-Baqarah, 128)

2. And who turns away from the religion of Ibraahim (Abraham) (i.e. Islaamic Monotheism) except him who befools himself? Truly, We chose him in this world and verily, in the Hereafter he will be among the righteous.

(Surah al-Baqarah, 130)

When his Lord said to him, "Submit (i.e. be a Muslim)!" He said, "I have submitted myself (as a Muslim) to the Lord of the 'Alameen (mankind, jinns and all that exists)."

(Surah al-Baqarah, 131)

And this (submission to Allah, Islaam) was enjoined by Ibraahim (Abraham) upon his sons and by Ya'qoob (Jacob), (saying), "O my sons! Allah has chosen for you the (true) religion, then die not except in the Faith of Islaam (as Muslims – Islaamic Monotheism)."

(Surah al-Baqarah, 132)

Or were you witnesses when death approached Ya'qoob (Jacob)? When he said unto his sons, "What will you worship after me?" They said, "We shall worship your Ilaah (Allah – Allaah- GOD), the Ilaah (Allaah - GOD) of your fathers, Ibraahim (Abraham), Ismaa'il (Ishmael), Ishaaque (Isaac), One Ilaah (Allaah), and to Him we submit (in Islaam)."

(Surah al-Baqarah, 133)

3. Say (O Muslims), "We believe in Allaah and that which has been sent down to us and that which has been sent down to Ibraahim (Abraham), Ismaa'il (Ishmael), Ishaaque (Isaac), Ya'qoob (Jacob), and to Al-Asbaat [the twelve sons of Ya'qoob (Jacob)], and that which has been given to Moosa (Moses) and 'Iesa (Jesus), and that which has been given to the Prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and to Him we have submitted (in Islaam)."

(Surah al-Baqarah, 136)

In the above verses from the Koran and Surah al-Baqarah, verse 136, the definition of ISLAM is seen clearly. ALLAH (C.C) [God, Lord] says Muslim to His man who obeys Allah (c.c).

The meaning of Islam is to obey and adhere to ALLAH (C.C) [God, Lord] who is Unique.

4. Then when 'Iesa (Jesus) came to know of their disbelief, he said: "Who will be my helpers in Allaah's Cause?" Al-Hawaarioon (the disciples) said: "We are the helpers of Allaah; we believe in Allaah, and bear witness that we are Muslims (i.e. we submit to Allaah)."

(Surah Ali Imran,52)

5. Say (O Muhammad (sallallaahu 'alayhy wa sallam)): "O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians): Come to a word that is just between us and you, that we worship none but Allaah, and that we associate no partners with Him, and that none of us shall take others as lords besides Allaah. Then, if they turn away, say: "Bear witness that we are Muslims."

(Surah Ali Imran, 64)

6. Ibraahim (Abraham) was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he was a true Muslim Hanifa (Islaamic Monotheism -- to worship none but Allaah Alone) and he was not of Al-Mushrikoon (See V.2:105).

(Surah Ali Imran, 67)

7. Say (O Muhammad): "We believe in Allaah and in what has been sent down to us, and what was sent down to Ibraahim (Abraham), Ismaa'il (Ishmael), Ishaaque (Isaac), Ya'qoob (Jacob) and Al-Asbaat [the twelve sons of Ya'qoob (Jacob)] and what was given to Moosa (Moses), 'Iesa (Jesus) and the Prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between one another among them and to Him (Allaah) we have submitted (in Islaam)."

(Surah Ali Imran, 84)

In this verse, what is meant by the religion is ISLAM. At the same time, the meaning of ISLAM is defined.

8. And who can be better in religion than one who submits his face (himself) to Allaah (i.e. follows Allaah's Religion of Islaamic Monotheism); and he is a Muhsin (a good-doer -- see V.2:112). And follows the religion of Ibraahim (Abraham) Hanifa (Islaamic Monotheism -- to worship none but Allaah Alone). And Allaah did take Ibraahim (Abraham) as a Khalil.

(Surah An-Nisa, 125)

9. And when I (Allaah) put in the hearts of Al-Hawaareeeen (the disciples) [of 'Iesa (Jesus)] to believe in Me and My Messenger, they said: "We believe. And bear witness that we are Muslims."

(Surah al-Maidah, 111)

10. So they[i.e., Pharaoh and his people] were defeated there and then, and were returned disgraced.

(Surah al-Araf,119)

And the sorcerers fell down prostrate(to ALLAH).

(Surah al-Araf,120)

They said: "We believe in the Lord of the 'Alameen (mankind, jinns and all that exists).

(Surah al-Araf, 121)

"The Lord of Moosa (Moses) and Haaron (Aaron)."

(Surah al-Araf, 122)

Fir'aun (Pharaoh) said: "You have believed in him [Moosa (Moses)] before I give you permission. Surely, this is a plot which you have plotted in the city to drive out its people, but you shall come to know.

(Surah al-Araf, 123)

"Surely, I will cut off your hands and your feet on opposite sides, then I will crucify you all."

(Surah al-Araf, 124)

They said: "Verily, we are returning to our Lord.

(Surah al-Araf, 125)

"And you take vengeance on us only because we believed in the Ayaat (proofs, evidences, lessons, signs, etc.) of our Lord when they reached us! Our Lord! pour out on us patience, and cause us to die as Muslims."

(Surah al-Araf, 126)

11. And Moosa (Moses) said: "O my people! If you have believed in Allaah, then put your trust in Him if you are Muslims (those who submit to Allaah's Will)."

(Surah Yunus, 84)

12. And We took the Children of Israel across the sea, and Fir'aun (Pharaoh) with his hosts followed them in oppression and enmity, till when drowning overtook him, he said: "I believe that Laa ilaaha illa (Huwa): (none has the right to be worshipped but) He," in Whom the Children of Israel believe, and I am one of the Muslims (those who submit to Allaah's Will)."

(Surah Yunus, 90)

13. "My Lord! You have indeed bestowed on me of the sovereignty, and taught me the interpretation of dreams; The (only) Creator of the heavens and the earth! You are my Walee (Protector, Helper, Supporter, Guardian, etc.) in this world and in the Hereafter, cause me to die as a Muslim (the one submitting to Your Will), and join me with the righteous."

(Surah-Yusuf, 101)

14. And strive hard in Allaah's Cause as you ought to strive (with sincerity and with all your efforts that His Name should be superior). He has chosen you (to convey His Message of Islaamic Monotheism to mankind by inviting them to His religion, Islaam), and has not laid upon you in religion any hardship, it is the religion of your father Ibrahim (Abraham) (Islaamic Monotheism). It is He (Allaah) Who has named you Muslims both before and in this (the Qur'aan), that the Messenger (Muhammad) may be a witness over you and you be witnesses over mankind! So perform As-Salaat (Iqamat-as-Salaat), give Zakaat and hold fast to Allaah [i.e. have confidence in Allaah, and depend upon Him in all your affairs] He is your Maula (Patron, Lord, etc.), what an Excellent Maula (Patron, Lord, etc.) and what an Excellent Helper!

(Surah Al-Hajj, 78)

15. Take this letter of mine and deliver it to them. Then leave them and see what [answer] they will return."

“(Sebe kraliçesi): Ey ileri gelenler, bana deđerli bir mektup verildi.”

(Neml Sûresi, 29)

She said: "O chiefs! Verily! Here is delivered to me a noble letter,

(Surah an-Naml, 29)

"Verily! It is from Sulaimaan (Solomon), and verily! It (reads): In the Name of Allaah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful;

(Surah an-Naml, 30)

"Be you not exalted against me, but come to me as Muslims (true believers who submit to Allaah with full submission)'"

(Surah an-Naml, 31)

16. He Sulaimaan (Solomon) said: "O chiefs! Which of you can bring me her throne before they come to me surrendering themselves in obedience?"

(Surah an-Naml, 38)

17. So when she came, it was said (to her): "Is your throne like this?" She said: "(It is) as though it were the very same." And [Sulaimaan (Solomon) said]: "Knowledge was bestowed on us before her, and we were submitted to Allaah (in Islaam as Muslims before her)."

(Surah an-Naml, 42)

18. Those to whom We gave the Scripture [i.e. the Tauraat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel), etc.] before it, -- they believe in it (the Qur'aan).

(Surah al-Qasas, 52)

And when it is recited to them, they say: "We believe in it. Verily, it is the truth from our Lord. Indeed even before it we have been from those who submit themselves to Allaah in Islaam as Muslims (like 'Abdullaah bin Salaam and Salmaan Al-Farisee, etc.)."

(Surah al-Qasas, 53)

These will be given their reward twice over, because they are patient, and repel evil with good, and spend (in charity) out of what We have provided them.

(Surah al-Qasas, 54)

Allah (C.C) (God, Lord) mentions about the scripture as Surah Al-Qasas verse 52. Those to whom We gave the Scripture [i.e. the Tauraat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel), etc.]. In the verse 53. If anybody do not damage the meaning of tevhid which is related to Allah is one and unique and do not leave the religion of ISLAM which is the only one religion, Allah (C.C) (God, Lord) says these are MUSLIMS.

19. And argue not with the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), unless it be in (a way) that is better (with good words and in good manner, inviting them to Islaamic Monotheism with His Verses), except with such of them as do wrong, and say (to them): "We believe in that which has been revealed to us and revealed to you; our Ilaah (Allaah) and your Ilaah (Allaah) is One (i.e. Allaah), and to Him we have submitted (as Muslims)."

(Surah Al-Ankabut, 46)

20-We have not already found anybody at there without muslim nation.

Surah Al-Zariyat,35

B- The validity of the believers of Celestial religions(Ehli Kitap) which came before the KORAN, are continuing. The validity and authority of Tauraat (Torah) and Injeel (Gospel) is continuing. There is no any verse of the Koran which says about the invalidity of the boks of the believers of Celestial religions(Ehli Kitap) If that is so, what is there in the KORAN? There are verses containing ‘ approve the preceding Books and give the good news of the subsequent’ meaning.

1. Say (O Muhammad (sallallaahu 'alayhy wa sallam)): "Whoever is an enemy to Jibrael (Gabriel) (let him die in his fury), for indeed he has brought it (this Qur'aan) down to your heart by Allaah's Permission, confirming what came before it [i.e. the Tauraat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)] and guidance and glad tidings for the believers.

(Surah Al-Baqarah, 97)

In this verse, in a cotradictory opinion of QUR'AAN is the validity of preceding books are finished , it is clearly informs the confirmation of the books which came before the Koran.

2. And in their footsteps, We sent 'Iesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary) , confirming the Tauraat (Torah) that had come before him, and We gave him the Injeel (Gospel), in which was guidance and light and confirmation of the Tauraat (Torah) that had come before it, a guidance and an admonition for Al-Muttaqoon (the pious -- see V.2:2).

(Surah al-Maidah, 46)

3. And We have sent down to you (O Muhammad) the Book (this Qur'aan) in truth, confirming the Scripture that came before it and Mohayminan (trustworthy in highness and a witness) over it (old Scriptures) . So judge between them by what Allaah has revealed, and follow not their vain desires, diverging away from the truth that has come to you. To each among you, We have prescribed a law and a clear way. If Allaah willed, He would have made you one nation, but that (He) may test you in what He has given you; so strive as in a race in good deeds. The return of you (all) is to Allaah; then He will inform you about that in which you used to differ.

(Surah al-Maidah, 48)

4. Verily, We have inspired you (O Muhammad) as We inspired Nooh (Noah) and the Prophets after him; We (also) inspired Ibraahim (Abraham), Ismaa'il (Ishmael), Ishaaque (Isaac), Ya'qoob (Jacob), and Al-Asbaat [the twelve sons of Ya'qoob (Jacob)], 'Iesa (Jesus), Ayub (Job), Yoonus (Jonah), Haaron (Aaron), and Sulaimaan (Solomon), and to Dawood (David) We gave the Zaboor (Psalms).

(Surah an-Nisa, 163)

5. And this (the Qur'aan) is a blessed Book which We have sent down, confirming (the revelations) which came before it, so that you may warn the Mother of Towns (i.e. Makkah) and all those around it. Those who believe in the Hereafter believe in (the Qur'aan), and they are constant in guarding their Salaat (prayers).

(Surah al-An'am, 92)

6. (This was Our) Sunnah (rule or way) with the Messengers We sent before you (O Muhammad), and you will not find any alteration in Our Sunnah (rule or way, etc.).

(Surah Al-Isra, 77)

C- We should believe in all the Prophets without discriminating them. We have forgotten ALLAH(C.C.) while making a contest between Prophets. Prophets are Means, Saints are Means as well. The main thing is to accept ALLAH(C.C.) as Unique and mention ALLAH(C.C.) all the time.

Because we Mohammedians regard Prophet Muhammed superior to other Prophets, we produce enmity not a dialogue. The below verses of Kuran are related with that topic:

1. Say (O Muslims), "We believe in Allah and that which has been sent down to us and that which has been sent down to Ibraahim (Abraham), Ismaa'il (Ishmael), Ishaaque (Isaac), Ya'qoob (Jacob), and to Al-Asbaat [the twelve sons of Ya'qoob (Jacob)], and that which has been given to Moosa (Moses) and 'Iesa (Jesus), and that which has been given to the Prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and to Him we have submitted (in Islaam)."

(Surah al-Baqarah, 136)

2. The Messenger (Muhammad) believes in what has been sent down to him from his Lord, and (so do) the believers. Each one believes in Allaah, His Angels, His Books, and His Messengers. They say, "We make no distinction between one another of His Messengers" -- and they say, "We hear, and we obey. (We seek) Your Forgiveness, our Lord, and to You is the return (of all)."

(Surah al Baqarah, 285)

3. Say (O Muhammad): "We believe in Allaah and in what has been sent down to us, and what was sent down to Ibraahim (Abraham), Ismaa'il (Ishmael), Ishaaque (Isaac), Ya'qoob (Jacob) and Al-Asbaat [the twelve sons of Ya'qoob (Jacob)] and what was given to Moosa (Moses), 'Iesa (Jesus) and the Prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between one another among them and to Him (Allaah) we have submitted (in Islaam)."

(Ali Imran, 84)

4. And those who believe in Allaah and His Messengers and make no distinction between any of them (Messengers), We shall give them their rewards, and Allaah is Ever Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

(Surah An-Nisa, 152)

If we consider superiority between prophets, our belief in religion will be weakened as seen in the verses of Kuran. If we say the validity of the books of the believers of Celestial religions (Ehli Kitap) are finished, how can we believe the books of ALLAH (C.C) [God, Lord]. If we had believed in prophets without distinguishing them, there would have been dialogue and consequently brothership other than war.

D- The holy KORAN praises the believers of the believers of Celestial religions (Ehli Kitap) If we still consider the believers of Celestial religions (Ehli Kitap) as disbelievers, we will go against the verses of Kuran. We should understand the message of Kuran well, we should finish the enmity resulting from misunderstandings by dialogue.

Some verses of Koran about the related subject are :

1. Verily! Those who believe and those who are Jews and Christians, and Sabians, whoever believes in Allaah and the Last Day and do righteous good deeds shall have their reward with their Lord, on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve .

(Surah Al-Baqarah, 62)

2. Not all of them are alike; a party of the people of the Scripture stand for the right, they recite the Verses of Allaah during the hours of the night, prostrating themselves in prayer.

(Surah Ali Imran, 113)

They believe in Allaah and the Last Day; they enjoin Al-Ma'roof (Islaamic Monotheism, and following Prophet Muhammad) and forbid Al-Munkar (polytheism, disbelief and opposing Prophet Muhammad); and they hasten in (all) good works; and they are among the righteous.

(Surah Ali Imran, 114)

And whatever good they do, nothing will be rejected of them; for Allaah knows well those who are Al-Muttaqoon (the pious -- see V.2:2).

(Surah Ali Imran, 115)

3. And there are, certainly, among the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), those who believe in Allaah and in that which has been revealed to you, and in that which has been revealed to them, humbling themselves before Allaah. They do not sell the Verses of Allaah for a little price, for them is a reward with their Lord. Surely, Allaah is Swift in account.

(Surah Ali Imran, 199)

4. Made lawful to you this day are At-Tayyibaat [all kinds of Halaal (lawful) foods, which Allaah has made lawful (meat of slaughtered eatable animals, etc., milk products, fats, vegetables and fruits, etc.). The food (slaughtered cattle, eatable animals, etc.) of the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians) is lawful to you and yours is lawful to them. (Lawful to you in marriage) are chaste women from the believers and chaste women from those who were given the Scripture (Jews and Christians) before your time, when you have given their due Mahr (bridal money given by the husband to his wife at the time of marriage), desiring chastity (i.e. taking them in legal wedlock) not committing illegal sexual intercourse, nor taking them as girl-friends. And whosoever disbelieves in the Oneness of Allaah and in all the other Articles of Faith [i.e. His (Allaah's), Angels, His Holy Books, His Messengers, the Day of Resurrection and Al-Qadar (Divine Preordainments)], then fruitless is his work, and in the Hereafter he will be among the losers.

(Surah al-Maidah, 5)

5. Surely, those who believe (in the Oneness of Allaah, in His Messenger Muhammad and all that was revealed to him from Allaah), those who are the Jews and the Sabians and the Christians, -- whosoever believed in Allaah and the Last Day, and worked righteousness, on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.

(Surah Al-Maidah, 69)

6. Those who have been expelled from their homes unjustly only because they said: "Our Lord is Allaah." -- For had it not been that Allaah checks one set of people by means of another, monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques, wherein the Name of Allaah is mentioned much would surely have been pulled down. Verily, Allaah will help those who help His (Cause). Truly, Allaah is All-Strong, All-Mighty.

(Surah al-Hajj, 40)

As a result, anybody who believes in Allah (C.C) (God, Lord) is a Muslim and he/she is our brother. There is no any superiority between prophets. The preceding books are not invalid yet and Allah (C.C) (God, Lord) praises the believers of Celestial religions(Ehli Kitap) In the light of these realities, we should seriously start dialogue between the believers of Celestial religions(Ehli Kitap) and we finish the enmity among us and announce our brotherhood.

I finish my writing and leave you in the care of Allah (C.C) (God, Lord) with Galip Hasan Kuşçuoğlu's statement which will open the Gates for dialogue and will be recorded in history,

'He says;

Should you know well that...

We needed exterior and interior religious brotherhood of human being in the past, but today, we need more!... False meanings brought by missing reality, ignorance emerging from strict rules which do not get along well with the reality; had made many nations enemies to each other.

Missing today's education, as suitable with our bodily desire, we saw no harm in distorting ignorantly the Divine Orders in conviction. In the name of religion, we have plugged the ways to brothership inside and outside not partially but completely without thinking future.

Time is passing, we are late... Lets not be late anymore!... Nowadays and future, as much as we need the brotherhood of the scripture, we need the nearness of disbelievers as well.'