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*In the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate*

His Royal Highness,

Distinguished Guests,

It gives me great pleasure and I am ~~greatly honoured and humbled for being~~ chosen as an outstanding "Daai" in the Muslim world. I came from a country in the south most tip of Africa. If you look at the map of the continent of Africa at the south most point you will see a country called South Africa. It is in the news today because of its apartheid policy. In that country, we Muslims happen to be about half a million and on their behalf I bring to you the peace and salutation and on their behalf I say to you Assalamo Alaikom Wa Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatoth. In that country, in that ocean of Christianity we Muslim happen to be less than 2%, and the Christian missionaries had been making great attendee to digest us, and for three hundred years they have been hammering the Muslims to convert them to the Christianity, but about 300 years of hammering these Muslims have turned out to be one of the most militant Muslim community in the world. In that part of the world because of the forces that are there trying to digest us, we have ~~develop techniques of~~ propagation which technique we are out to share with the Muslim of the world. What is the way as Allah say in the Holy Quran: (Invite all to the ways of thy Lord with wisdom and with beautiful preaching and reason with them in the ways that is best and most gracious).

(ادعو الى سبيل ربك بالحكمة والموعظة الحسنة وجادلهم بالتتي هي أحسن).

And we have developed these techniques of how to call the Jews towards Islam, the Christians towards Islam, the Hindus towards Islam and in the words of Holy Quran, I say: (Tell Them O'People of the book, (O Jews & Christians) that become the common terms as between us and you).

(قل تعالوا إلى كلمة سواء بيننا وبينكم).

Let us get to a common platform. We are asked, we are commanded to call the Jews and the Christians to a common platform and that common platform Allah gives as the terms and conditions of getting together: (That we worship non but Allah and that we associate no partner with him and that we do not take from among ourselves lords and patterns others than Allah but if they turn back, tell them that we are Muslims, we have submitted out well to the well of Allah).

(ألا نعبد إلا الله ولا نشرك به شيئاً ولا يتخذ بعضنا بعضاً أرباباً من دون الله فأن تولوا فقل اشهدوا باننا مسلمون).

Now that message, this Quranic message is now collecting dust in the Top Corium Museum in Istanbul, if you go to that museum in Istanbul, you will find a letter written by our Nabi Karim Salalaho Alaihe Wassalm 1400 years ago. That letter was addressed to emperor Hercules of Constantinople which began with the first verse of Quran.

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

He continues:

From Muhammad Rasoolullah to Hercules, the emperor of Constantinople accepts the religion of Islam and is benefited and this Quranic verse.

(قل يا أهل الكتاب تعالوا إلى كلمة سواء بيننا وبينكم).

That letter is collecting dust, not physically but spiritually that message is collecting dust. It is about time that the Muslims of the world took that message once more again from collecting dust and spread it to the Jews and

Christians and invite them to religion of Allah and I hope and pray that you also hope and pray with us that Allah gives us Success in spreading his message throughout the world.

وأخر دعوانا أن الحمد لله رب العالمين.