



THE AMMAN MESSAGE

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Dear Friend,

As-Salamu alaykum. We hope this message finds you well. In November 2004, King Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein of Jordan launched **the Amman Message**, a declaration aimed at clarifying *the true nature of Islam and the nature of true Islam* to the world. It is a message of devotion to God, love of the neighbor, goodwill, moderation and peace. Since then, **the Amman Message** has come to be epitomized in three major juridical and doctrinal points, each crucial to addressing the problems the Islamic world faces today.

1. The great traditional schools of jurisprudence, theology, and spirituality are valid from the point of view of Islam, and the followers of these schools, which include both Sunni and Shi'i denominations, are all Muslims. Islam has fundamental tenets but is also diverse.
2. It is impermissible to declare any Muslim so defined as an unbeliever/apostate (a practice called *takfir*).
3. Only those with the proper moral *and* intellectual qualifications, and the proper methodology, may issue *fatwas* (religious edicts).

Since they were first introduced, these three points have been recognized and ratified universally, through *fatwas* and official statements, in meetings of the highest and most recognized authorities and scholars in Islamic law, from all denominations and schools of thought all over the world. This is a unique historical event. The statements and signatures from these religious leaders can be seen on www.ammannmessage.com.

These three points are vital for the future of the Islamic world. We suffer from disunity and discord, and must reaffirm our unity as an Islamic *ummah*. We suffer from wounds and ignorant prejudice which would take us into conflict with many of those who would live at peace with us. We must denounce the practice of *takfir* (accusing Muslims of apostasy for interpretations and opinions different from ours), which too often opens the door to terrible crimes against our own brothers and sisters. Moreover, all such atrocities committed in the name of Islam are traceable to the *fatwa* of men totally unqualified, morally and

intellectually, to issue one. It is thus imperative that the *ummah* speak with one voice in reaffirming true Islam.

We invite you to add your voice to this unique and historic international Islamic consensus. Please visit www.ammanmessage.com, where you can read more about the Amman Message and find many useful documents and links. Under ENDORSE you can add your name to the list of Muslims worldwide who have endorsed and supported the three points. Your endorsement is important for all our futures.

Yours Sincerely,

The Amman Message Committee

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