

The fourth and fifth questions of Fatwa no. 12087

Q 4: Has the gradual communication of the Islamic legislation ended by the completion of delivering the Message? Is it permissible for a Da`y (caller to Islam) to tell a new Muslim about the commands and the prohibitions of Islam gradually, so that they are not shocked?

A: It is permissible to convey the Message of Islam to others gradually, acting upon the Hadith of Mu`adh when he was sent by the Prophet (peace be upon him) to Yemen. The Six Hadith Compilers (Al-Bukhari, Muslim, Abu Dawud, Al-Tirmidhy, Al-Nasa'y, and Ibn Majah) reported from Ibn `Abbas (may Allah be pleased with them both) that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) told Mu`adh ibn Jabal when he sent him to Yemen: (You are going to people of a (Divine) Book. So when you come to them call them to testify that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah. If they obey you in that, inform them that Allah has enjoined on them five Salahs (to be offered) in every day and night. If they obey you in that, inform them that Allah has enjoined on them Sadaqah (obligatory charity) to be taken from the rich among them and given to the poor among them. If they obey you in that, beware (not to take as obligatory charity) their precious property! And fear the supplication of a wronged person, for there is no barrier between them and Allah.)

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As for Islamic legislation, it has come to an end by the death of the Prophet (peace be upon him), as Allah (Exalted be He) says: (This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My Favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islâm as your religion.)

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