

Striving for the Law of Allah, on the Land of Allah



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From The Qur'an:

"Those who annoy Allah and His Messenger - Allah has cursed them in this World and in the Hereafter, and has prepared for them a humiliating Punishment." **(Al-Ahzab; 57)**

"And they swear by Allah that they are from among you while they are not from among you; but they are a people who are afraid." **(Al-Tawbah; 09)**

Selected Hadith:

"The Prophet said, "Who is ready to kill Ka'b bin Al-Ashraf who has really hurt Allah and His Apostle?" Muhammad bin Maslama said, "O Allah's Messenger! Do you like me to kill him?" He replied in the affirmative. So, Muhammad bin Maslama went to him (i.e. Ka'b) and said, "This person (i.e. the Prophet) has put us to task and asked us for charity." Ka'b replied, "By Allah, you will get tired of him." Muhammad said to him, "We have followed him, so we dislike to leave him till we see the end of his affair." Muhammad bin Maslama went on talking to him in this way till he got the ripe chance to kill him". **(Bukhari; 238)**

Editorial

All praise is due to Allah (SWT), The Omnipotent, The Omniscient, The Omnipresent; and peace & blessing on his noble Messengers (AS), in particular, on the last of them all the blessed Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

The goal is the same, the objective constant; only the guise is new! West's obsession with demonizing Islam and castigating Muslims is not news to us. In fact we have a proper name for the attitude and it's called Islamophobia. From the times of Colonialism to date, they have tried every possible trick in the book to declare Muslims as 'savage', 'brutal', 'inhumane' and followers of a religion based on bigotry and hate. Yet ironically, it is the Modern West and its Civilization that fit any and all of the adjectives used above. Be it the atrocities in the name of 'war on terror' perpetrated around the Muslim world post-9/11; Charlie Hebdo's despicable caricatures under the pretense of the 'not so Free Speech' or the latest edition - a media-hyped contest of drawing the same caricatures under the auspices of a known racist organization and its affiliates in Texas; all inciting hate, racism and intolerance yet masquerading as the civilized. Some call the Muslims paranoid when it comes to their religion, but it's not paranoia if they are really after you! We are not oblivious to this *Doublespeak* of the West and as crazy as it may sound we are not frenzied by it either. In fact we never expect anything less wicked hurled by them.

Dr. Absar Ahmad (Chief Editor)

Points to Ponder

The word Islamophobia is a neologism formed from Islam and -phobia, a suffix used in English to form "nouns with the sense 'fear of —', 'aversion to —'." The compound form Islamo- contains the thematic vowel -o-, and is found in earlier coinages such as Islamo-Christian from the 19th century.

According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the word means "Intense dislike or fear of Islam, esp. as a political force; hostility or prejudice towards Muslims" and is attested to in English as early as 1923. Mattias Gardell defines Islamophobia as "socially reproduced prejudices and aversion to Islam and Muslims, as well as actions and practices that attack, exclude or discriminate against persons on the basis that they are or perceived to be Muslim and be associated with Islam"

"The US corporate media loves talking about the remarkable bravery and strength of Malala and the brutality of the Taliban forces that almost killed her.

Such coverage fuels its racist, orientalist, neocolonialist narrative about "backward," violent, misogynist Muslims and their need for "white saviors," thereby legitimizing Western imperialist interests in South and West Asia.

(Ben Norton in Dissident Voice)

Editor's Note:and now she's even got an asteroid named after her!

Press Releases issued by Tanzeem e Islami

Dated: 8th May 2015

Lahore (PR): “The Objectives Resolution occupies the status of ‘Basic Structure’ and ‘Frame work’ in the Constitution of Pakistan.”

This was stated by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, Hafiz Aakif Saeed, during the Khitab e Jumu’ah at Qur’an Academy Lahore. While commenting on the statement given by the Attorney General of Pakistan in Court, whereby he had stated that the Constitution of Pakistan did not have any Basic Structure in the first place, the Ameer remarked that the said statement was the epitome of incessant and adamant deceitful misrepresentation of facts. The Ameer reiterated that the act of inserting The Objectives Resolution from the Preamble of the Constitution to the main content of the Constitution as an unrivaled article coupled with the statement of the Constitution that the official religion of Pakistan is Islam are in themselves evidence enough to prove that Pakistan is an Islamic Ideological State and no legislation in the country can be done repugnant to the Qur’an and the Sunnah.

While commenting on the recently held competition of drawing blasphemous caricatures in the U.S., the Ameer noted that the West was hell-bent on rousing enmity against Islam and the perpetrators of such devious and evil acts would never stop until the Muslim Ummah musters enough force and courage to take stern action against these Satanic forces. He said that there are 57 Muslim countries in the world today but none has implemented the Islamic System in its entirety, hence the whole world of Islam has been engulfed by shameful ignominy and humiliation. They are dependent on the West in so many ways that they cannot dare to take a principled stand against the West on any issue, he added.

The Ameer concluded by stating that only a tangible Islamic Welfare State can resist the prevalent Satanic System, thus it has become incumbent on every Muslim to strive towards establishing a genuine Islamic System.



Dated: 6th May 2015

Lahore (PR): “The West, despite the worldwide protest against the republishing of blasphemous caricatures, is undeniably on the path of spiteful malice towards the Holy Prophet (SAW) and such attitude must be censured as sternly as possible”, remarked Hafiz Aakif Saeed, the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, while commenting on and lamenting the recently held despicable competition of publishing blasphemous caricatures in the USA.

The Ameer also vigorously condemned the statement given by the spokesperson of the White House, Josh Earnst, regarding the competition in which he had said that ‘freedom of expression’ must be upheld at ‘all cost’ regardless of how hate-inciting it may be and that there was ‘no justification’ of resenting or attacking even spiteful expression!

The Ameer reiterated the universal fact that no Muslim can digest even the slightest blasphemy of the Holy Prophet (SAW). He said that publication of such blasphemous caricatures would only harm the case and cause for peace in the world. He demanded that the United Nations must bring clear legislation against the blasphemy of the noble Prophets (AS) as it was the responsibility of UN to play its role as an International Institution and ensure peace in the world. The Ameer also demanded of our government to use world-wide pressure on the UN through diplomatic means for legislating on the issue.

He concluded by called-upon the leaders of all states to award exemplary punishment to all those responsible for inciting hatred against a single community, the Muslims, by legislating against such crimes of hate in their respective countries and prove that they really are in favor of peace and harmony in the world.

News Headlines of the last Fortnight

National:

- Karachi's top cop SSP Rao Anwar accuses MQM of links with Indian RAW
- ISPR terms MQM chief's speech 'disgusting'
- JI submits resolution against Altaf in Punjab Assembly
- Nepalese army chief lauds Pakistan relief work
- Election tribunal orders re-polling in NA-125
- Corps commanders' meeting takes "serious notice" of RAW's involvement in "causing terrorism in Pakistan": Sources
- PM Sharif inaugurates Pakistan's first solar power plant
- Seventy percent of Karachi without water
- Seven, including foreign diplomats, killed in Pakistan Army helicopter crash
- Religious scholars lash out on Pervez Rasheed for blasphemous statements
- Rafique Rajwana sworn in as governor Punjab
- Bombardment near Saudi border with Yemen kills Pakistani
- Saulat Mirza executed in Machh Jail
- Armed assailants open fire at bus at Safoora Chowk, 43 of Ismailia Community killed

International:

- Thousands protest in US over police injustices
- Yemen rebels attack Saudi border, dozens dead: Saudi Media
- Tel Aviv rally by Ethiopian Israelis faces police brutality
- Texas Police kill two gunmen at blasphemous caricature event
- Prince Mohammed bin Nayef appointed as new crown prince by King: State TV
- Colombia to investigate alleged child abuse by US military
- Saudi Arabia proposes 5-day Yemen ceasefire
- German spies curb Internet snooping for U.S. after row: media
- PM Cameron sweeps to triumph in UK election
- US appeals court says no to NSA bulk data sweep
- Russia stages huge military parade, Western leaders boycott
- Kashmiri Leader Mirwaiz put under house arrest in Srinagar
- Cameron to announce new laws on 'Islamic extremism'



The Best Military Strategist – Part II

Purge. Purge is necessary for any ideological group, it is imperative because over the period of time people with dubious design join the rank and file of such parties, few for nefarious design; few owing to their weakness. If such elements are not purged the society as a whole gets weak. A purge in Muslim society was caused by adopting strict behavior against the hypocrites.

Psychological Warfare. The conquest of Makkah is the classical example of a brilliant psychological war planned by Prophet Mohammad (SAW) which shook Quraysh's confidence of being able to win the fight against Muslims, so much so that Abu Sufyan was driven to say "Mohammad (SAW) has come marching against you with a force you are not equal to".

Ethical Treatment of Prisoners of War. After the battle of Badr prisoners were treated well, before this as per the traditions prisoner were usually killed, but the Prophet (SAW) set an example by freeing any prisoner who taught ten Muslims.

CONCLUSION

Prophet Mohammad (SAW) engineered far reaching reforms in every conceivable field through sound and sagacious policies and practices, lifted people from the abyss of degradation to weld them into a unique and dynamic force of Ummah. He (SAW) accomplished this through the persuasive force of his own actions and deeds. No one has ever presented such a living model so comprehensive and convincing as the last Messenger of Allah (SAW) did. **(...concluded)**



The History of Islamophobia and Anti-Islamism in the West

Islamophobia means an unnecessary and groundless culture of fear against Muslims and Islam. *Islamophobia as a term may be defined sociologically as the fear that the Western society has against Muslims.* Even though the roots of that pathology terminologically came out in late 1920s and has escalated in geometric proportions since 9/11, the underlying fear and conflict has deep roots in the history of the West.

The confrontation of the ‘West’ and Islam dates back to the emergence of Islam itself. In the course of time, the relationship between the two civilizations which came up as conflicting with each other during war and peace alike intensified in particular geographic areas labeled as ‘frontiers’. Today, the Islamophobia and anti-Islamism, growing fast in the West, are subconsciously inherent in Westerners and that subconscious fear comes out in the Western masses when exploited cunningly by their ruling elite through the corporate media, thus becoming a serious threat for Muslims.

With the recession and collapse of Andalusian Muslims and the colonization of Muslim lands with the support of industrialization, Capitalism produced a new breed of ‘biased white men’, mainly in Western Europe and USA who thrived on controlling, excluding and externalizing the Eastern and Muslim cultures and peoples. In the second half of the twentieth century that attitude metamorphosed into a form of racism/xenophobia. This coincided with the emigration of large number of Easterners and Muslims to the West. Bottling up the histrionics, we argue that the rhetorical statement found in various researches that ‘*although every Muslim is not a terrorist, every terrorist is a Muslim*’ sums-up the mindset indoctrinated by the corporate media of an average Westerner and provides a clear enough picture to understand the ‘*fear of Islam*’ that resides in the collective subconscious of the West.

“**Orientalism**”, another perspective towards East and Muslims, in a different dimension, new yet deeper and with long standing implications, a transfiguring and ‘othering’ perspective which became widespread among Western thinkers and political figures as early as during the developmental stages of Industrial Capitalism in 18th century Europe.

Liberal economists like James Mill, who had an intellectual background defending the aims of France and England to control the communities tighter in their colonies, despised the Eastern countries claiming that their civilization was static and corrupt. Even Karl Marx mentioned the ‘changelessness’ of “The Asian Model of Production”. Meanwhile, Christian evangelists considered the traditions of Eastern religions as superstition and they slandered them spitefully. Edward Said depicts the understanding of the orientalist as follows:

“The Orient exists for the Westerner and it is produced within the relationship with the West and by the West. It is a mirror which reflects the ‘Other’ which is foreign to West and inferior to West.”

Since the concept of superior West or racism, which was formed around the 19th century by the intellectual jugglery of the Imperialists of the West, has existed in the West to date, Westerners find it easy to attach with prejudice every ill-event and evil sample to the inferior nature of the East and Islam.

As an Islamophobic reason, othering, transfiguring, expansionism and excluding Muslims because of an orientalist perspective and categorizing each Muslim individual as a potential terrorist, categorically and seriously endangers the lives and future of Muslims not just in the West but the World over. That prejudiced and biased attitude alone prevents the Western masses from getting true information about Islam.

Our job is to respond to all Islamophobic and anti-Islamic actions and movements by using rationale and persuasion. If we are able to show the perfections of Islamic morality and the truths of belief through our own actions, followers of other religions will certainly be interested in what Islam has to offer and we can then leave the rest up to the Creator. If we follow these guidelines meticulously, the non-Muslim masses will have a chance to see true Islam in action and the probability of ridding them of the dreadful disease of phobia is likely to increase.