

Islam Advocates Peace for Humanity

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Abstract: Allah Almighty created universe and earth and all belongings, he is managing it. He has ordained mercy on Himself. Allah is Kind, Merciful, Gracious and most Compassionate. Islam propounds the principles which are connected with humans and their behavior. The holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is an ideal symbol of Mercy for all creatures and delivered message of peace. He was not taught by humans how to read and write. He does not say anything of his own, unless inspiration (Wahi) sent to him from his Lord Almighty Allah. Islam means peace. The Quran advocates peace for humanity and provides constitutional doctrines of public good for all humans. The terminologies like “Islamic terrorism” and “Islamic phobia” are absurd. Islam is not fighting with the rest of world, rather Muslim nations have suffered heavily due to terrorism and some of them are ruined. This paper highlights that the terrorism is in serious contradiction with notions and rules of Quran and teachings of the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him). Islam condemns all forms of terrorism i.e oppression, injustice, Fasad, corruption, , injustice, mischief and nuisance in the world. The Islamic provisions regarding “Fasad fil ardh” are analyzed for conclusion that Islam advocates for peace for all humans irrespective of class, color, creed or religion.

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Preposition

Islam is religion of peace. The terminologies like “Islamic terrorism”, “fundamentalism” and “Islamic Phobia “are falsely spread. Islam is not fighting with the rest of world but suffering from terrorism.

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Introduction

In world War 1945, atom bombs were dropped on two cities of Japan, Nagasaki and Hiroshima killing 80,000 and 146,000 people, respectively. According to (Sheridan .K, January 23, 2014)¹, the death toll has reached 500,000 since start of US led invasion. As a result of the Soviet War in Afghanistan two decades back, several thousand innocent human were killed. According to (Editor of Encyclopædia Britannica, 2017 May 17)², 15000 Soviet Army men were killed. According to (Crawford, Neta.C. 2015 May 22)³ during War in Afghanistan (2001-14) more than twenty six thousand citizens were killed and 30000 wounded. The deaths due to indirect causes were 3, 60,000. Moreover, in addition to above, as per (Crawford, Neta.C. 2015 May 22)³, other 91000 Afghan civilians were also killed. The number of deaths in terrorist attacks in Pakistan is over the figure 60,000; majority being Muslims. Pakistan has fought with terrorism as a front state with NATO and also fighting within the country. The battle of Zarb-i-azab was fought by Pakistan Armed forces and Air Force. In 2017, “Radul Fassad” operations against terrorism has been planned and launched, in which Pakistan Army Air Force, Navy and all other functionaries of the county are taking part. The term ‘Fitnah’ means oppression and injustice; whereas Fassad means spreading corruption, mischief, and nuisance in the world. Allah Almighty prohibits all kinds of terrorism i.e. ‘Fitnah’ & ‘fassad’ to avoid disorder in the society. According to (Al-Maida verse 32)¹², anyone who kills a person unjustly, it is as though he has killed all mankind. And whoever saves a life, it is as though he had saved all mankind. The complete verse is given below:

(Al-Maida verse 32)¹²:

مَنْ أَجَلَ ذَلِكَ كَتَبْنَا عَلَىٰ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ أَنَّهُ مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ... الخ

Quran is a holy book of guidance and advocates to eliminate ‘fassad’, ‘fitnah’ and in order to establish peace in the society. Islam means peace and silm. The Muslim is one who submits himself to Allah Almighty to acquire peace.

Arguments in support of the Preposition

1. In recent decades, the world is under the tension of serious attacks on innocent humans. The attackers, on one hand claim themselves incorrectly to be Muslims and on the hand have blasted innocent Muslim men, women, children, Mosques and

other property. In Pakistan, the terrorists have attacked and blasted Schools, Mosques, Churches, Markets, Shrines, Police Cadet's barracks, residential quarters, campuses, Air ports, grave yards and Shrines of memorials killing innocent men, women and children. They have been entering into the prayer Halls during prayer congregation and worship places shooting and blasting through suicide bombers.

2. According to Khan N. A. (2010 Dec)⁵, the major reason for terrorism is political as terrorism was initiated with the attack on World Trade Center on 09 September 2001 where 3000 innocent people were killed. There have been hundreds of attacks on Islamic Republic of Pakistan as retaliation and due to personal grievances of terrorists regarding Military Operation in Waziristan.
3. The Fatwa (Qadri T. 2010)⁶ is a comprehensive 500 pages ruling based on Quran and Hadith, has been issued that Terrorism and suicide bombing are nothing but unjust evil and against Islamic provisions. This Fatwa also condemns terrorism and declares violence & terrorism as “Kufr” in view of Islamic laws. In 2011, the Fatwa (Qadri T. 2010)⁶ was approved by Jamia Al-azhar in Cairo, Egypt.
4. Former President of USA, Barack Obama Hussain (Rafique. N. 2009, June 4)¹⁷, while addressing at Al-azhar University Egypt, said we are not fighting with Islam, we have common objectives and principles of Justice, progress, tolerance and dignity all humans and confronting violence.
5. ICNA (Khan K. 2005 July 28)⁷ in the Fiqh Council of North America declared a Fatwa to reaffirm and condemn “religious extremism” as well as “Terrorism” and use of violence against innocent humans. This Fatwa also condemns and declares suicide bombing as barbaric act and haram.
6. The Ulema Council in Pakistan (Spencer R. 2015 June 7)⁸ has also condemned terrorism. Allah Almighty ordained Mercy

upon Himself, therefore, Islam advocates humanity and mercy for others in Quram(Sura Al-Anam verse 12)²¹:

قُلْ لِمَنْ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ قُلْالخ

7. The task entrusted by Allah Almighty to Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) was very difficult but he accomplished very successfully. He had to receive Wahi from Allah through Jibrail alaysalam, remember it, practice it, and preach the Allah's messages to the people who were involved with all sorts of crimes, offences and sins including "Shirk", Fassad fil Ard and violation of human rights. The beloved and noble Prophet of Allah introduced a new civilization called Islam based on peace for all. The salient features of his personality were truthfulness, honesty, integrity, trustworthiness, qualities of self-discipline, nobility, freedom, kindness and (Khan K. 2005 July 28)⁷ mercy for all creatures":

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

8. According to Al-Quran, Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) does not say anything of his own inclination or desire, but on revelation revealed , (Al-Najam verse3 and 4)¹¹:

وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ (3) إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ (4)

Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon him) taught his followers the fundamentals of Islam, most importantly to worship only one God (Allah) and to safe guard rights of Allah and rights of human beings.

Prophet Muhammad ("may God's blessings and peace be upon him"), has 99 names. Two most commonly used names are "Muhammad" the praised one; and other is "Ahmad" the Most Glorified. All names are consistent and most suitable to his dignity, personality and character of high morals and excellence. Therefore, civilization i.e. Islam introduced by him requires peace, unprecedented high moral standards and extra-ordinary etiquettes.

According to Al-Quran (Sura Al-Ahzab :56)²²

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

(Sura Al-Ahzab :56)²² : Surely Allah and His angels bless the Prophet, O you who believe! Call for (Divine) blessings on him and salute him with a (becoming) salutation i.e peace.

9. In Islam, use of force is allowed only when the terrorists create Fitnah-Fassad, injustice, nuisance, corruption, tyranny, cruelty, high handedness and mischief in the society to disrupt and disturb peace. Therefore, the aims and objective of Islam is to maintain peace. In the following verse, Allah provides guidance that how peace can prevail in land.

According to Alquran (Sura Almaida verse 33)²²:

إِنَّمَا جَزَاءُ الَّذِينَ يُحَارِبُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَيَسْعَوْنَ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَسَادًا أَنْ يُقَتَّلُواالخ

10. Translation of (Sura Almaida verse 33)²²: “The penalty for the criminals who wage war against Allah and His messenger and commit mischief in the land is only that they shall be killed or crucified or their hands and their feet be cut off on the opposite sides, or be exiled from the land.”
11. There are other most relevant holy verses of Quran not explicitly discussed in this paper are given at Al-Quran¹⁴ for further research work in this context. According to provisions of Pakistan criminal law, the principal of mischief on earth “fasad-fil-arz”, the offender is punished up to fourteen years imprisonment.
12. As peace lover, Prophet Muhammad (“may God’s blessings and peace be upon him”), signed a historic written treaty (Zahoor A. and Haq Z)¹⁵ to maintain unity and peace between Muslim Arabs, non Arabs and Jews of Madina. The treaty was helpful for maintaining peace ensuring both Muslims.
13. According to (Raofi. W. 2016)¹⁶ there is three steps solution of problems for Muslim world i.e. Americans and other governments must stop interfering in the Middle East, the Muslims must openly condemn terrorism, violent extremism and democracy takes root in the Middle East.

According to (Hart, H. M.)¹⁷ Muhammad *ṣalla Allāhu 'alayhi wa sallam* (“may God’s blessings and peace be upon him”), was ranked at number one, as most influential personalities of world because his overall impact on human society, enormous influence on the lives of followers, being leader for all times and unparalleled and unprecedented combination of political and religious qualities. According to (Ahmend I)²⁰, the reason of present decline of Ummah is due to political Decentralization and Religious Sectarianism and suggests that Muslim world must focus on Unity, Education and elimination of poverty, Development of Islamic Economy and dialogue with Non-Muslims. Since the collapse of USSR and Communism, all the cold war is shifted towards Islam; west is suffering from fever of Islam Fobia. Muslim World must develop pleasant relationship with rest of the world and fight the common enemy i.e. terrorism. The terrorism of all kinds is “Fitnah and Fassad fil Ardh” which must not be tolerated and hence eliminated. According to Dr Allama Muhammad Iqbal, (Bang-e-Dra, 163; Tulu-e-Islam)²³

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Conclusion

Islam enunciates peace and harmony among human beings without discrimination of color, creed, region or religion. Allah Almighty is *Rabbi l-'Alamīn* and the Holy Prophet is *Ramatul'lil'Alameen*. The whole spectrum of Islam ordains the peace and blessings for humans. The most significant pillars of Islam are based on Taqwa, human rights, morality, ethics, honesty, truthfulness, integrity, diligence and helping attitude for other humans. Allah Almighty has ordained to safeguard the life and property of humans who does not create “fassad”. There is no justification of killing innocent human beings. The paper provide the justification that “Fassad” is to be eradicated by force and to establish peace. Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) propagated and disseminated Islam as a Mercy for all creatures as Allah’s messenger, with message of peace. The Quran advocates peace for humanity and provides constitutional doctrines of public good for all humans. The paper concludes the assertion that terrorism is in serious conflict with policies and rules of Quran and teachings of the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him). Islam opposes all forms of terrorism i.e oppression, injustice, Fassad, corruption, injustice, mischief and nuisance in the world. Islam advocates for peace

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