

It is a Decisive Word – it is no Pleasantry

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Forward

Blinded by their preconceived notions about Islam, one comes across numerous Christian and Jewish web sites where absolute false and forged anti-articles are written.

Not a week goes by without biased articles appearing in American and European newspapers slandering Islam and describing it with backwardness and terrorism. The so-called specialist writers, semi-academics or rightwing propagandists, though are totally ignorant about Islam, they deliberately misinform and misguide their readers by spreading outright lies.

In Time Magazine, (April 16, 1979 issue), Edward Said reported: "Over 60,000 books have been written against Islam by the Christian West." One of the major skepticism against Islam revolves on the personality of the Prophet Mohammad – peace be upon him – and his great mission to mankind. Without substantial evidence or sensible explanation to defy the rational beliefs of the Muslims, those critics brand the Prophet as an "imposter" and likewise claim that "he is the author of the Holy Koran". They also question the authenticity of the prophet's Sunnah (his sayings and deeds). These claims and fabrications are absolutely unfounded.

In America the so-called Christian leaders deliberately misguide their people about Islam. On their television stations, in school curricula, through their think tanks and in the national newspapers they cease not to fabricate false and defamatory image of Islam. Their words about Islam are full of such falsehood that no Muslim can read it with patience.

What surprised me most and pushed me into the open field is the way the Christian leaders in America and the Pope of Rome attacked Islam and its Holy Prophet. Their obscene words about Islam showed their complete ignorance about the last of religions, and confirmed their prejudice and meager knowledge about the Prophet of Islam.

Because they believe in their hearts that Islam is not a true religion, and that Muhammad is not the Messenger of Allah, they gave themselves the right to mock at the seal of the Prophets, and play in derision with the verses of the Koran. They don't know that by committing such shameful act they bring upon themselves the wrath of Allah.

Their assault on Islam and its Messenger has put them in a very critical position with Allah. As people possessed of mind they should have considered a relevant but very serious question: What would be their status with Allah if Islam is truly the last divine Revelation to the world? Their abode would certainly be disastrous – an eternal life in the terrible fire of Hell. The Koran mentions several verses describing the terrible abode awaiting those slandering the Message of Islam and its noble Prophet.

No matter how much and how horribly the Christian leaders and their followers slander Islam and its Prophet, Muslims will never retaliate in a similar manner, since retaliation means slandering Jesus, a matter that Muslims can never do. The Koran considered Jesus as a great Prophet sent by Allah to the Children of Israel. It is a pillar

of the Islamic faith to believe in all the Prophets who came before Muhammad including Jesus. For Muslims, belief in Jesus is on the path to heaven. Muslims cannot cast doubts about Jesus character or about his prophetic status. If any Muslim ever does so; he will become unbeliever in Muhammad as well.

Usually when the religion of Islam is attacked, Muslims hasten to explain their religion thinking naively that the attackers are incognizant of the peaceful principles of Islam and need further clarification.

The purpose of this book however is not to explain the Islamic religion further but rather to warn the attackers that their shameful act will not go without punishment. If they don't desist, repent and follow the right path to Allah by worshipping Him alone, they will perish in the valleys of destruction. Their arrogance will land them in abyss of punishment. They will suffer calamities in the present life, painful agony in their graves and eternal dreadful torments in Hell, for all eternity.

The Message of Islam is deep and serious because it is the last warning to the world. No other divine Book will come after the Koran. The appointment after the Koran will not be with another Book, but with Allah, where the recompense will be either Heaven or Hell. This is why the Koran is a weighty Word descended for the last time from the Lord of the world upon His servant Muhammad. The Word is universal, directed to the whole world, and not just a group of people as was the case with all prophets before Muhammad.

Allah says to Muhammad in the Koran about this momentous Message:

"Verily, We shall cast upon thee a weighty Word (Al-Muzzamil, 5).

Yes, the Message of Islam, the last Warning of Allah to mankind, is not to be taken lightly or in derision, it is exactly as Allah described it in the Koran:

"It is a decisive Word - it is no pleasantry." (Al-Tariq 13, 14).

Chapter 1

Islam as a religion is under attack

The attack on Islam is nothing new to Muslims. It is as old as the Islamic history itself. The Prophet of Islam was severely attacked by the Arab pagans of Makkah, and the Jews of Medina. They ridiculed him, belied his Koran, and argued with him in falsehood attempting to refute the truth. They listened to the Koran mockingly and laughed it to scorn. Allah says in the Koran:

**The judgment ever approaches; none but Allah can avert it.
Do you then wonder at this Message; and will you laugh and not weep?
And you indulge in vanities, rather prostrate yourselves before Allah and
worship Him (An-Najm 57-62).**

The unbelievers received the Message of Islam with careless indifference and with amused self superiority, which later turned into active hostility. Their jealousy prevented them from accepting a man like themselves as a teacher and a guide. When he proved to be above them in moral worth, in true insight, in earnestness and power of eloquence, they accused him of witchcraft. If he wants them to believe him he must present them with a miraculous sign like those with which were equipped the prophets of old.

The Koran states:

Nigh unto men has drawn their reckoning, while they in heedlessness are yet turning away; no remembrance from their Lord comes to them lately renewed, but they listen to it yet playing, diverted their hearts. The evildoers whisper one to another, 'Is this aught but a mortal like to yourselves? What, will you take to sorcery with your eyes open?' Al-Anbiya 1-3).

**Nay, but they say: 'A hotchpotch of nightmares!
Nay, he has forged it; nay, he is a poet!
Now therefore let him bring us a sign, even as the ancient ones were sent as Messengers.'** (Al-Anbia, 5).

When the infidels heard the Prophet recite the Koran their eyes breathed vengeance. They looked at him as if they would eat him up. They used all sorts of terms of abuse – 'madman', 'demoniac', 'one possessed by evil spirit,' and so on. But the Prophet was unmoved, and took his even course, for he was granted a nature and character far above the shafts of grief or suffering, slander or persecution.

The Koran says in this respect:

**The unbelievers well nigh strike thee down with their glances when they hear the Reminder (the Koran), and they say, "Surely he is a man possessed!"
And it is nothing but a Reminder unto all beings (Al-Qalam 51, 52).**

When the new faith began to move into territories largely occupied by Christians, Islam presented a major challenge to Christian Europe in terms of power, science

and culture. Europe reacted to this challenge with hate. Dante the great poet of medieval Christianity perceived the Prophet of Islam as the "divider" of the world of Christendom and assigned him to all but the lowest level of hell for his grievous "sin". St. Thomas Aquinas, the most outstanding scholastic philosopher who owed such profound debt to the thinkers of Muslim Spain, described Islam as nothing but a construct to accommodate the lust of Muhammad. The Christians of the Middle Age and those of succeeding ages, saw Muhammad as a scheming imposter, a falsehood incarnate, and that his religion is a mere quackery and fatuity.

Many Jewish and Christian scholars in the past as well as today have said and written much on Islam, its people, its civilization, its history, its culture, its philosophy, its Scripture and its last Prophet, apparently with a view to tarnish and disfigure the image of the last divine revelation to mankind, the Koran.

Another reason for such hatred against Islam is provided by the case of Palestine, whose Jewish character was destroyed by the Romans many centuries earlier, became part of the Arab and Muslim world, while a great many Jews clung to the dream of once again inhabiting and ruling that land. Ever since they got a foothold in Palestine in the beginning of the 20th century, the Jews have used all possible means to first create and then maintain Israel. Among other things, they have found it helpful to use the media to keep a negative image of Islam and Muslims alive in the West.

Given the background of negative images associated with Islam and the Muslims in the collective unconscious of the West, it is hardly surprising that, since the demise of the Soviet Empire, "The World of Islam" is being seen as the new "Enemy". Islam in the western media is generally associated with the desert, with a Bedouin lifestyle, with backwardness, with violence and terrorism, and with the maltreatment of and discrimination against women. Islam is generally portrayed as a religion spread by the sword and characterized by "Holy War", and of Muslims as barbarous and backward, frenzied and fanatic, volatile and violent, and a threat to world peace and stability.

One of the major reasons for hostility against Islam before the events of September 11 is also due to the religious political fabric of the American society today. There is the alliance between America and Israel in the war on Islamic terror. But it goes deeper for Christians who interpret the Bible in a literal fashion. Israel has a crucial role to play in bringing on the Second Coming of Christ.

The Christian Coalition wants to make sure that the American administration sees the struggle in the Middle East between Jews and Muslims their way – the Christian way. American Christian Zionists say they are now more important source of support for Israel than American Jews or the traditional Jewish lobby. What propels them? Why do they love Israel so much? The return of the Jews to their ancient homeland is seen by Evangelicals as a pre-condition for the Second Coming of Christ. Therefore, when the Jewish state was created in 1948 they saw it as a sign. Israel conquest of Jerusalem and the West Bank in 1967 also deepened their excitement and heightened their anticipation, and today's war between Jews and Arabs was also prophesied. They have seen it all before – in the pages of the Bible.

Ed McAteer, the Godfather of the Christian Right believes that the current situation is the beginning of the final battle. "I believe that we are seeing prophecy unfold so rapidly and dramatically and wonderfully, and without exaggerating, makes me breathless," says McAteer.

The plot is ripped from the pages of the Bible, so it all winds up here in Israel where, according to the Book of Revelations, the final battle in the history of the future will be fought on an ancient battlefield in northern Israel called Armageddon. It will follow seven years of tribulation during which the earth will be shaken by such disasters that previous human history will seem like a day in the country. The blood will rise as high as a horse's bridle at Armageddon, before Christ triumphs to begin his 1,000-year rule.

And what about the Jews? Two thirds of them will have been wiped out by now but the survivors will accept Jesus at last.

Gershom Gorenberg, the author of the "End of days," a book about those Christian Evangelicals who choose to read the Bible literally said, "They don't love real Jewish people. They love us as characters in their story, in their play, and that's not who we are, and we never auditioned for that part, and the play is not one that ends up good for us. If you look at the drama they are describing, essentially it is a five-act play in which the Jews disappear in the fourth act."

Kay Arthur, head of Percept Ministries in Chattanooga, Tennessee said, "The Jews need conversion. They need to know that the Messiah is coming, and the Bible tells us what is going to happen."

The late Jerry Falwell, a former leader of the U.S. Evangelical Christian right asserted it was the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy that Christians will ultimately control Jerusalem and that any Jews therein will eventually convert to Christianity.

The Christian fundamentalists believe the only Israelis who are really listening to God are the hard line Jewish settlers who live in the West Bank and Gaza and refuse to move. The Christians trudge up to these settlements as if they were making pilgrimage to holy shrines. That is because they and the settlers share a core conviction. They believe that God gave the land of Israel to the Jewish people. "Every grain of sand between the Dead Sea, the Jordan River, and the Mediterranean Sea belongs to the Jews," says McAteer. This includes the West Bank and Gaza.

What about the three million Palestinians who live in the West Bank and Gaza? McAteer suggests the bulk of them could be cleansed from this God-given real estate and moved to some Arab country. Nothing can come between the Jews and their land.

In fact many fundamentalists believe that when Prime Minister Isaac Rabin signed the Oslo Accords and offered to trade land for peace, it was not only a mistake, it was a sin.

Billions of dollars are collected every year from the Christian Coalition and its followers (70 billions) to be sent to Israel for building new settlements on the Palestinian land in the West Bank and Gaza to help gathering all the Jews in one place before their annihilation in Armageddon Battle! (1).

That is precisely why the American Administration and the Israeli Government have been saying since September 11, that they are allies in the war on terror. But the Christian Fundamentalists go further. They say it is not just an alliance between nations but between religions.

Muslims feel this hatred from the Christians and Jews. The Christians and Jews are getting together and ganging up on them.

In this connection, it is important to mention that the use of the Bible to predict the end of the world constitutes an abuse of scripture. The Message that the Christian fundamentalists derive from scripture through their perverted reading is one of cruel vindictiveness against the vast majority of human race. Palestinians are also human beings created by Allah. They have the right to live freely on their land, to enjoy freedom, equality and brotherhood like any other human race. The purpose of man on earth is to make it a better place. But now the hands of the Israelis and their Christian fundamentalist's supporters are stained with the Palestinian blood. The followers of Moses and the followers of Jesus have violated the teachings of the Torah and the Gospel by sharing in the murder of the innocent Palestinians under the pretext of hastening the second coming of Christ or the approach of the battle of Armageddon. They have committed the greater sin of all; the sin of murdering human souls without right. They simply push back their timetables when the foretold events do not occur, then persist in vanquishing the Palestinians until the prophecies are fulfilled. Would Christ in his second coming accept to inaugurate an era of universal peace based on Palestinian expulsion and Palestinian bloodshed?

The punishment at the Day of Judgment is severe and would certainly touch Christian fundamentalists, and politicians supporting them as well as the Israelis who are implementing the policy of vanquishing innocent Muslim and Christian Palestinians. They all share before Allah the crimes of daily murdering, assassinating and the ethnic cleansing of thousands of unarmed civilian Palestinians. They will be the greatest losers before Allah in the Day of Judgment. Their striving goes astray in the earthly life, while they deem they are working good deeds. Allah shall not assign to them any weight on the Day of Judgment, and if they don't desist and repent their recompense will be torture in the blazing Fire of Hell.

Christianity has never been immune from error in apocalyptic teachings that have continually led Christians astray. These errors of understanding had become so rooted into Christian thinking as to constitute an effective delusion in the church, thus shaking its credibility before the world. Since the beginning of Christianity and many fundamental ministers are setting dates for the end of the world. The past two millenniums are full of failed prophetic predictions. Starting from 50 C.E. until the year 1999, there is 40 dates proposed so far. They all claimed that the end will come in their time. They established different foundational beliefs in regard to their respective millennium viewpoints. The fundamental ministers

misread the biblical verses and forced them into meanings serving their preconceived notions. They predetermined what Allah would do in the future. Date setters, making irresponsible predictions, follow nothing but conjecture and usually mislead the masses.

The fundamental Christians even thought they were helping God by hastening the second coming of Christ! Is God so weak and helpless as to seek help from His servants, and He is the One whose command, when He desires a thing, is only to say to it, "Be" and it is?

Is their God as cruel and unjust as to accept help based on crimes of expulsion, bloodshed, racism and genocide! Is their God as racist and reckless as to accept only Christians to dwell in heaven while the rest of His human creation is to be thrown in Hell!

The times of the second coming of Christ, tribulation, rapture and the Day of Judgment are only in the knowledge of Allah. These events in order to happen might take one day, one month, one year or thousands of years. It is not our concern or job to determine the dates of such events because Allah has concealed from His creation the time of the Day of Judgment and the events preceding it. The concealment is a divine mercy because the Day of Judgment is overwhelmingly severe and tremendously catastrophic. The coming of the Judgment Day is certain, but the exact time is only known to Allah.

Is this how the Christian right works for its salvation? By considering all Palestine a conclusive home for Israel and to hell with the Palestinians, the original inhabitants of the land? The Christian right should have realized that by blindly supporting the Israeli aggression against the Palestinians, had entered into the circle of injustice. Its hands became stained with the Palestinian blood and its conscious became burdened with the crimes of murder and expulsion.

In the sight of Allah supporters of criminals are equally guilty as criminals themselves. These crimes are the product of the Christian right's unconditional support for Israel without considering the simple right of the Palestinians to live as human beings in their poor modest homes.

Don't play Allah, for Allah is just to His servants and is against tyranny and aggression. Had they confined themselves to the real Christian teachings aiming at piety, righteousness, peace, and believing in Allah's Oneness, their relationship with Allah and the world would have been different and better.

They have forgotten their covenant with Allah and occupied themselves with things that are not of their concern. They better desist and work for their salvation by remembering their covenant with Allah. Allah wishes His servants to worship Him alone, to be morally correct, to stop corruption in the land, and to bring justice and everlasting peace into the lives of all His servants.

Do they think because they are wealthy now and have the power to impose their will upon others, they will be left uncontrolled without being charged? The universe is not theirs to spread mischief in the land, but belongs to Allah, its Creator. They must be smart enough to guard themselves against the calamities

Allah brings to the evildoers in the present life. They must be wise enough to protect themselves in the Hereafter from chains, fetters and a raging fire prepared for the evildoers. They must be intelligent enough to protect themselves from a Day when a man shall behold what his hands have forwarded, and shall say, 'If only I were mere dust and had not been raised to suffer the disgrace and the chastisement'.

Promoting hatred and scorn for Islam and Muslims has become the only socially and legally acceptable modern prejudice.

Even long before the event of September 11, the media in the western world and particularly in America was still overwhelmed by the tendency to portray a distorted image of Islam. The attack on Islam was frequently launched by several Christians who insist on calling Muslims "heretics", "idle-minded", "devil worshipers", "irreligious". These misconceptions are inculcated in the minds of Christian children by priests, whose real purpose is to distract their young and inquisitive brains. These interceptive activities are fed with the slanderous propaganda that the Islamic religion embodies aspects disagreeable with modern civilization.

For example, on October 2, 1985 – long before the event of September 11 - the Christian Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart, whose television show appears on hundreds of stations across North America, attacked the Holy Koran by saying that it contained "absurdities, contradictions and outright foolishness." Swaggart while launching such impudent accusations against Islam seemed to forget that he was severely crushed by the Islamic scholar Ahmad Deedat in their universal debate regarding Islam and Christianity.

A Christian preacher called Peter S. Ruckman launched a series of impudence and obscenity against Allah, the Lord of Creation; Muhammad, the seal of the Prophets, and the Koran, the last divine revelation to mankind. Ruckman called the Prophet the foulest names imaginable.

In a Christian journal called "Bible believer's Baptist" dated July, 2001, under the title "The Noble Koran vs. The Holy Scriptures (Rom. 1:2)", Ruckman claimed that he read the Koran more than thirty times and became fully aware of its contents. His supposed comprehension and intelligence came up however with the following impudence: "The Koran was dictated by an illiterate Arab through a period of about twenty-three years. He was a fleshy, sensual epileptic who often went into frenzies and foamed at the mouth like a camel....At fifty-two years he married a nine-year-old and added her to his thirteen-wife harem, he left nine widows at his death and went to a Paradise where he could get a score of beautiful, black-eyed virgins added to his fourteen "legit" wives....I have overstated nothing and slandered no one. This demoniac "rag head" encouraged killing all Christians and Jews; in obedience, his followers practiced mutilation and torture of prisoners, the killing of the males, the concubinage of their wives, and the enslavement of their children. Since Muhammad was primarily interested in sex and violence (a TV setup) he threw the New Testament out of the tent flap as soon as he saw it, for it did not recommend polygamy and even advised against it."

Even so does Allah let the Koran enter into the hearts of the sinners because of their mocking at the Messengers. Ruckman came out from reading the Koran with foulness and obscenity instead of lesson and wisdom. He would scoff at the Koran, and seems to forget the punishment of the ancients who mocked at their messengers and belied divine revelations. As we read in the Koran.

Indeed, We sent Messengers before thee, among the factions of the ancients. And not a single Messenger came to them, but they mocked at him. Even so We cause it (the Koran) to enter into the hearts of the sinners. They believe not in it; though the wont of the ancients is already gone (Al-Hijr 10-13).

Is one who does know that the Koran is the truth from Allah, like one who is blind? It is those who are endued with understanding that receive admonition. If by their contumacy and ignorance, they have cut themselves off from Allah's grace, who can guide them or reclaim them from their errors? Those whom Allah leaves astray, no one can guide. The Koran says about such ignorant people:

What, is he who knows what is sent down to thee from thy Lord is the truth, like him who is blind? Only men possessed of mind remember (Al-Ra'd, 19).

...and whomsoever Allah leads astray, no guide has he. For them is chastisement in the present life; and the chastisement of the world to come is yet more grievous; they have none to defend them from Allah (Al-Ra'd 33, 34).

Ruckman's mind is fogged so that he cannot understand and his ears are clogged so he cannot hear. His only motive to read or hear Allah's truth is to scoff at it. Allah put coverings over his heart and mind and deafness into his ears lest he should understand the Koran. If Ruckman had truly read the Koran he should have known that those who were blind in the world, will be blind in the Hereafter, and shall be further astray from the way. He should have read that he whom Allah guides to His path of rectitude is the one who is guided into all truth, and he whom Allah sends astray, never shall he find other guardian besides Allah. On the Day of Judgment Allah shall throng him and his peers drawn on their faces, blind, deaf and dumb to be delivered to their appropriate quarters in Hell; every time it shows abatement, Allah shall increase for them the fierceness of the fire.

Whomsoever Allah guides, he is rightly guided; and whom He leads astray thou will not find for them protectors, apart from Him. And We shall muster them on the Resurrection Day upon their faces, blind, dumb, deaf; their refuge shall be Gehenna (Hell), and whensoever it abates We shall increase for them the blaze (Al-Isra', 97)

If Ruckman had read the Koran only once and not thirty times as he surprisingly claimed he should have known that the Koran teaches that the limbs and faculties of the slanderers will stand as witnesses against them in the Day of Judgment:

On the day when their tongues, their hands and their feet shall testify against them as to their actions. Upon that day Allah will pay them in full their just due, and they shall know that Allah is the manifest Truth (An-Nur 24, 25).

If Ruckman had read the Koran thirty times, he would have known that the Koran has addressed him and his fellow believers, that, if they could see at the agonies of death when the angels of death stretch forth their hands saying to them: "Yield up your souls. Today you shall suffer a humiliating torment for attributing to Allah nothing but falsehood and for turning your heads in contempt objecting to Allah's signs and revelations."

Allah will also tell them: "You have come back to us bare and alone as We created you for the first time, stripped of all positions We bestowed on you in life. Nor do We see your intercessors whom you had claimed they enjoyed the same position of Allah; so now all relations between you and them have been severed, and all that you used to claim has vanished from you."

Allah says in the Koran:

If thou couldst only see when the evildoers are in the agonies of death and the angels are stretching out their hands: 'Give up your souls! Today you shall be recompensed with the chastisement of humiliation for what you said untruly about Allah waxing proud about His signs. Now you have come to Us one by one, as We created you upon the first time, and you have left what We conferred on you behind your backs. We do not see with you your intercessors, whom you claimed to be partners with Allah; the bond between you is now broken; that which you ever asserted has now gone astray from you (Al'Anam 93, 94).

If Ruckman had read the Koran many times as he falsely claimed he should have known that the Prophet came with a divine mission to teach and reclaim the world, and he is entitled to the respect of all, for his mission works constantly like the forces of nature.

After reading the Koran thirty times as he claimed, Ruckman should have known that those who try hard to oppose and invalidate Allah's divine signs shall go deeper and deeper into their Hell.

And those who strive against Our signs to void them – they shall be the inhabitants of Hell (Al-Hajj, 51).

By reading the Koran so many times Ruckman should have come across the verse stating that those who defy Allah and His seal of the prophets, have come within the measure of Allah's wrath and have incurred Allah's curse here and Hereafter and their awaits them the torment that is laid upon the damned.

Those who hurt Allah and His Messenger – them Allah has cursed in the present world and the world to come, and has prepared for them a humbling chastisement (Al-Ahzab, 57).

If Ruckman had read the Koran thirty times as he claimed, he should have come across the verse that explains that Allah knew in advance that neither the Jews nor the Christians (People of the Book) shall be pleased with Muhammad until he conforms to their system of faith. In this regard, Allah instructed the Prophet to tell them: 'the guidance of Allah (Islamic monotheism) that is the only guidance.' In this verse, Allah warned Muhammad that if he were to follow their desires after what he had received

of knowledge (the Koran), then he would have against Allah neither any protector nor any helper.

Never will the Jews be satisfied with thee, neither the Christians, not till thou followest their religion. Say: 'Allah's guidance is the true guidance.' If thou followest their caprices, after the knowledge that has come to thee, thou shalt have against Allah neither protector nor helper (Al-Baqarah, 120).

Ruckman would have also come across the verse which explains that those among the Jews and Christians who read their Book with careful scrutiny in search for the truth shall comprehend the truth and honor the Koran. And he who refuses to acknowledge the truth shall be the great loser.

Those to whom We have given the Book (Jews and Christians) and who recite it with true recitation, they believe in it (the Koran), and whoso disbelieves in it, they shall be the losers (Al-Baqarah, 121).

Ruckman concealed the truth by covering it with falsehood. Even thus speak the ignorant who know not. Allah is all aware of his insolence and on the Day of Resurrection He will judge his ugly deeds. He will have no defender from Allah. Humiliation will cover his face, and on him will be a penalty terrible. He will taste the torment of the fire.

The events of September 11, 2001 have triggered the re-attack on Islam, particularly in the United States. Former American president, George Bush the son, has declared a crusade against terrorism. The western mass-media has spread this call around the world, and in less than twenty-four hours the most fervent opponents of Islam sprang into action. Members of the Christian Coalition and neo-conservatives have developed a common platform, which argues that terrorism is not confined to extremists within the Muslim world, but is a logical outgrowth of the teachings of the Islamic faith. Some of these neo-conservatives have said the actions of terrorists are a confirmation of the Clash of Civilizations predicted by Harvard's Samuel Huntington. Others have posited that what we are witnessing is a clash within Islam itself, between the moderates and the extremists. Either argument is designed to put the Muslim world on the defense.

Right after the terrorist attacks on September 11, many high-ranking leaders of the religious right in America have been quite vocal attacking Islam, the Koran and Prophet Muhammad in the public square. With a few exceptions, American columnists, intellectuals and political leaders have encouraged this hate campaign with their silence. Muslims viewed Bush's silence as complicity with the Christian right. In this political climate of hate and intolerance, Muslims asserted the existence of a political alliance between the American administration and the religious Christian right that was at that time shaping the American foreign policy.

Ministers and pastors of the religious right have begun to stigmatize Islam, attacking everything that Muslims hold sacred and dear.

Social conservative leader Paul Weyrich said, "Islam is at war against us" and that it is not a "religion of peace and tolerance like Judaism or Christianity."

Political neo-conservatives have taken up the attack on Islam as well. Kenneth Adelman, who served on the Pentagon's Defense Policy board, said: "The more you examine Islam, the more militaristic it seems...its founder, Muhammad, was a warrior, not a peace advocate like Jesus."

Eliot Cohen, also on the Defense Policy Board said that the enemy is not terrorism but "militant Islam."

Norman Podhoretz wrote in *Commentary magazine*, "There is something in the religion (Islam) itself that legitimizes the likes of Osama bin Laden."

At about 39 minutes into a 2002-Nov-10 broadcast, Jimmy Swaggart referred to the Prophet Muhammad as a "sex deviant," "Pervert," and "pedophile." He also called for the expulsion of all Muslim university students in the United States and for profiling of airline passengers with a diaper on their head and a fan-belt around their waist. Of American Muslims, Swaggart said: "We ought to tell every other Muslim living in this nation that if you say one word, you are gone."

Franklin Graham is one of the America's most powerful Christian leaders. He is the President of the Samaritan's Purse, a Christian relief organization. Franklin has emerged as a major figure among evangelical Protestants offering prayers at national events, including the benediction at President Bush's inauguration. His father Billy counseled a long list of presidents.

In an interview Graham gave near Wilkesboro, at the dedication of a chapel in his parent's name, he said, "We are not attacking Islam but Islam has attacked us. The God of Islam is not the same God. He is not the son of God of the Christian or Judeo-Christian faith. It is a different God and I believe it is a very evil and wicked religion."

In his prepared statement, which he sent to the *Observer*, Graham said: "It is not my calling to analyze Islam or any other religions, though I recognize that all religions have differences. In the past, I have expressed my concerns about the teachings of Islam regarding the treatment of women and the killing of non-Muslims or infidels."

"I don't believe this is a wonderful, peaceful, religion," said Graham. "When you read the Koran and you read the verses from the Koran, it instructs the killing of the infidel, for those that are non-Muslims."

"It wasn't Methodists flying into those buildings, it wasn't Lutherans," said Graham. "It was an attack on this country by people of the Islamic faith."

In this connection I wonder how Franklin Graham would react if someone quotes the following verses from the Bible to misrepresent Christianity as a religion of violence. The Holy Bible states: "**As for my enemies, who do not want to reign over them, bring them here and kill them in my presence.**" (St. Luke 19:26) and "**Do not think that I came to send peace on earth. I did not come to send peace, but a sword.**" (Mathew 10:34).

If someone quotes the following verses out of the context from the Hebrew Bible to discredit Judaism, how would the Director of Jewish Center for Tolerance react?: **"If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son, who will not obey the voice of his father...then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones; so you shall purge the evil from your midst; and all Israel shall hear, and fear."** (Deuteronomy 21: 12-21); **"Kill every male among the little ones and kill every woman who has known man intimately. But spare for yourselves all virgin maidens"** (Holy Bible: No. 31:18).

We must not equate intolerant, oppressive practices of few contemporary misguided Muslims with the compassionate and peaceful religion of Islam. Similarly, we must not assume Roman Christianity of the dark ages as true Christianity even though it was the most popular form of religion in Europe before reformation. We must not blame Christianity for massacre of Protestants by Catholics all across Europe from the 5th to the 17th century. We must not blame Christianity for anti-Semitism which made the Jews flee from Europe to the Muslim World and for the inquisition of Ferdinand who killed and expelled Muslims and Jews from Spain except for those who were forced to convert to Christianity. We cannot consider Christianity a violent religion because Napoleon Bonaparte and Adolph Hitler killed and annihilated millions of Christians in two destructive wars. We cannot call Christianity a religion of child molesting because of Catholic American priests molesting children and raping girls and women in churches.

It is really unfortunate that a top leader in a mainstream Christian Church like Graham would use such hate-filled and bigoted language in describing the faith of one-fifth of the world's population. The last divine faith sent by the Lord of the universe to mankind.

Pat Robertson, Christian Coalition founder and television evangelist - known as number one enemy of Islam and Muslims in America – had been mouthing Islam for decades. Robertson's 700-Club regularly features highly inflammatory programming that promotes bigotry against Muslims.

In September 18, 2002 American Muslims watched a ridiculous play. The stage was Fox News Channel and the main actors were the foul mouthed racial bigot, Pat Robertson and his interviewers, Sean Hannity and Alan Colmes. The program was an example of how the network promotes anti-Muslim hate. On that program, host Sean Hannity seemed to encourage televangelist Pat Robertson in his venomous attack on Islam and on Prophet Muhammad.

About Muhammad Robertson said:" This man was an absolute wild-eyed fanatic, he was a robber and a brigand. And to say that these terrorists distort Islam, they are carrying out Islam. I mean, this man [Muhammad] was a killer. And to think that this is a peaceful religion is fraudulent." Robertson also called Islam "a monumental scam." He also went on to say that Islam "is not a peaceful religion that wants to co-exist. They want to co-exist until they can control, dominate and then, if need be, destroy."

About the Koran Robertson said: "The Koran is strictly a theft of Jewish theology."

Thus does Allah cause the Koran to enter into the hearts of the sinners! They will not believe in it until they see the grievous penalty.

While sitting in America surrounded by his followers, and the millions of dollars he collects from them each year to help the Israelis build settlements on Palestinian lands, and while he is protectively separated from the Islamic World by oceans and seas, Pat Robertson had the nerve to attack Allah, the Koran and the Prophet of Islam. In addition to well known political and religious reasons for his enmity to Islam, Paterson attacked Islam with insolence because he thinks that Islam is a false religion, and that Muhammad is not a prophet, and the Koran is Muhammad's invention. He took Islam, the last divine revelation to mankind, as mere amusement and play. Is that his attainment of knowledge? Doesn't he know that every thing he has done or uttered is in his records of deeds and every thing great or small is inscribed?

It is about words like this that Jesus spoke when he warned:

"Men will have to give account in the Day of Judgment for every careless (idle) word they have spoken."(Matthew 12:36).

Pat Robertson collects from his followers millions of dollars each year in order to expel the Palestinians from their homes by building new Israeli settlements on their land. He foolishly thinks that he is doing a good deed by hastening the second coming of Christ, but the truth is, he has committed a heinous crime by driving the Palestinians out of their homes , then watching them slaughtered while trying to restore their homes back. This is how Allah leads astray the evildoers, and he whom Allah leads astray, will not find for himself a way. Satan decked out fair to Paterson his evil deeds and on the Day of Resurrection he will be asked about such horrendous crime, the crime of blind racism, the guilt of sharing in the annihilation of innocent Palestinians by murdering them, depriving them from living in peace on their land, then frittering and dispersing them to live aimlessly in exile!

According to the teachings of Islam, those who unjustly hurt believing men and women or offend them for no valid reason shall bear the guilt of a grievous sin.

And those who hurt believing men and believing women, without that they have earned it; have laid upon themselves calumny and manifest sin (Al-Ahzab, 58).

The Prophet said:

"Abusing a Muslim is evil, and fighting him is disbelief."

Do Pat Robertson and the other beliers think they could do what they will without restriction or any moral responsibility and they will not be accountable for their actions?

The Koran says:

What, does man reckon he shall be left to roam at will without being charged? (Al-Imran, 36).

Pat Robertson thinks his wealth and fame in America would make him last forever. Whether he believes it or not, he and all the other scoffers at Islam, should understand that such cowardice and malicious attack will not go without punishment. They soon will come to know when they shall be questioned on the Day of Judgment about all that they used to fabricate. They indeed cried loud lies to Allah's signs.

Know Paterson not that for those who molest the Prophet of Islam will have a grievous penalty?

Allah says in the Koran:

Those who hurt Allah's Messenger – for them await a painful chastisement (At-Tawba, 61).

The Day of Judgment is near. Hell, the embodiment of evil is lying in wait for the transgressors who have willfully rebelled against Allah and His Messenger Muhammad peace be upon him.. It will be a definite destination, from which there is no return. They will dwell therein for ages, tasting therein neither coolness nor any drink save boiling water and pus for a suitable recompense. By Allah, they will soon be enduring a blazing Fire. They will be thrown into that which breaks to pieces; the fire of Allah kindled to a blaze.

Surely those who disbelieve in Our signs, We shall certainly roast them at a Fire; as often as their skins are wholly burned, We shall give them in exchange other skins, that they may taste the chastisement. Surely Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise (An-Nisa, 56).

While American TV stations are free to invite people to raise arguments or challenges attacking Islam, they have not shown fairness or even balance by not inviting Muslim scholars to respond to these attacks. It is unfortunate that Pat Robertson - this intolerant TV preacher - has a national platform to spew hate against Islam on daily basis. I wonder if it could be that Pat Robertson is afraid at the speed at which mainstream Americans are accepting Islam, and because he has no power to stop this trend he is spreading hatred against Muslims and their religion!

The despicable words Pat Robertson uttered against Islam showed clearly that he is totally ignorant about the religion of Islam and its holy Book. The absurdities he is launching about Islam show clearly that he is but reading the scripts that has been generated by the policy makers in the newsrooms and the media imbeciles. His insolence against Islam will bring about his doom. He forgot that on the Day of Resurrection He will account for every insolent word he uttered against Islam. He forgot that Allah is One that hears and sees all things. He forgot that Allah will judge his deeds on the Day of Judgment.

Pat Robertson reminds me of the following Koranic verses:

**Woe to every sinful liar, who hears the signs of Allah being recited to him, then perseveres in waxing proud, as if he has not heard them; so give him the good tidings of a painful chastisement.
And when he knows anything of Our signs, he takes them in mockery; those – for them awaits a humiliating torment.
Behind them Hell; and that which they have earned will be of no profit to them, nor those they took as protectors, apart from Allah; for them awaits a mighty chastisement.
This is guidance; and those who disbelieve in the signs of their Lord, there awaits them a painful chastisement of wrath (Al-Jathiyah 7-11).**

On the Day of Judgment it will appear to the beliers of the Koran and the slanderers of the Prophet the evil of what they did. They will be completely encircled by that which they used to mock at. The Koran says:

**And the evil deeds they have done will appear to them.
And they shall be encompassed by that they mocked at. And it shall be said,
"Today We do forget you, even as you forgot the encounter of this your day;
and your refuge is the Fire, and you shall have no helpers.
That is for that you took Allah's signs in mockery, and the present life deluded you.
So today they shall not be brought from it (Hell), nor can they make amends
(Al-Jathiya 33-35).**

Ironically, it is worth mentioning that a Christian American converted to Islam after listening to the preaching of Pat Robertson and his peer Jimmy Swaggart. Their senseless preaching made her embrace Islam! She said:

"I have watched Pat Robertson on the 700 Club and I listened to televangelist Rev. Jimmy Swaggart. I watched programs on the Trinity Broadcasting Network. All the while hoping that one of the ministers would say something that would click in my mind, and I would finally know, 'Yes, there really is God!' None of them ever said anything that caused that connection to happen, though many said things that confused me even more. Earlier this year I began to listen to the apocalyptic ramblings of Christian radio's 'prophecy experts'. Their paranoid espousal of various conspiracy theories, rabid support of Israel and religious Zionism, and fiery preaching about the 'Islamic threat' held for me a strange fascination. Why? Well, I suppose it was simply the need I was feeling to fill the void within me. In any case I soon found that the beliefs these evangelists held, such as infallibility of God's word, and original sin was not in agreement with my theological ideas. I couldn't understand how babies could be born with original sin? I began to look for something else to hold onto."

Let persons like Paterson and Swaggart keep their comments to themselves. They are undeserved, irrelevant, quite stupid, foolish and above all, sinful.

Benny Hinn proclaimed to thousands of Christians at the American Airline Center in Dallas, Texas: "We are on God's side. This is not a war between Arabs and Jews. It is a war between God and the devil." Several conservative ministers from the Dallas area, who shared the podium, clapped and nodded their approval. Later

a few of them said the line between Christians and Muslims is the difference between good and evil.

In an interview broadcast on the American news show 60 minutes on October 6, 2002 the deceased Jerry Falwell spoke about Islam and its Prophet Muhammad. In the interview with CBS correspondent Bob Simon, Falwell stated that after reading about Islam, he was forced to conclude that Muhammad "was a violent man, a man of war."

"Jesus set the example for love, as did Moses," Falwell says. "I think Muhammad set an opposite example."

Bob Simon asked Falwell directly if he considered Muhammad to be a terrorist and he replied that yes, he did believe that the Prophet was a terrorist. He stressed in the interview that this was his personal opinion and that he would never voice this opinion in a sermon or book. Falwell has also previously labeled the Prophet of Islam a pedophile possessed by the devil.

Jerry Falwell later apologized to Muslims for his anti-Muslim remarks, He said: "I sincerely apologize that certain statements of mine made during an interview for the September 30 edition of CBS's "60 minutes" were hurtful to the feelings of many Muslims."

Reverend Jerry Vines, speaking at an annual church conference in Saint Louis, Missouri, attacked Prophet Muhammad and said: "the man who founded Islam had 12 wives, the last of which was nine-year-old girl."

Vines claimed in the speech that many of America's problems could be blamed on religious pluralism.

"Pluralists would have us to believe that Islam is just as good as Christianity, but I am here to tell you, ladies and gentlemen, that Islam is not just as good as Christianity," said Vines.

"And I will tell you Allah is not Jehovah either. Jehovah's not going to turn you into a terrorist that'll try to bomb people and take the lives of thousands of people," he continued.

During Vines' address missionaries handed out green ribbons to encourage Baptists to pray for Muslims' conversion to Christianity.

Among American evangelical Christians, one poll showed 87% supported invading Iraq and hoped to convert Iraq's Muslims to Christianity.

Italy's Oriana Fallaci churns out best sellers depicting Islam as a backward creed of thugs.

Republican Tom Tancredo said that the US might "take out (Muslim) holy sites" in response to another terrorist attack on the US. When asked if he meant Makkah, he responded "yeah".

Lieutenant General William Boykin, Deputy Undersecretary for Defense and War Fighting Support, called the US army a "Christian" army and referred to Muslim fighters as "satanically inspired". "We in the army of God, in the house of God, kingdom of God, have been raised for such a time as this," he said. Boykin referred to Muslim fighters as America's "spiritual enemy" that, "will only be defeated if we come against them in the name of Jesus". This evangelical Christian labeled Allah, the Lord of creation, as nothing more than an "idol". Recalling a Muslim fighter in Somalia who said US forces would never get him because Allah would give him protection, Boykin said, "Well, you know what I knew, that my God is bigger than his. I knew that my God was a real God, and his was an idol."

Boykin's statements came in speeches – some made in uniform – at evangelical Christian churches.

Donald Rumsfeld praised Boykin's military record then claimed: "There are a lot of things that are said by people in the military or civilian life, or in the Congress, or in the executive branch that are their own views," Rumsfeld said. "That's the way we live. We are free people."

Boykin apologized later on to those offended by his statements. He said he never meant to offend Muslims. "I am not anti-Islam or any other religion," Boykin said. "I support the free exercise of all religions. For those who have been offended by my statements, I offer my sincere apology."

Pentagon officials released Boykin statement after spending hours deliberating how to calm the storm of criticism surrounding Boykin's comments.

Creighton Lovelace, pastor of Daniel town Baptist Church in Rutherford County, N.C. put a sign in front of his church saying "The Koran needs to be flushed." The sign was an apparent reference to a Newsweek article that alleged that U.S. interrogators at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, had placed copies of Islam's Holy Book in washrooms and had flushed one down the toilet to get inmates to talk.

After receiving volumes of negative feedback over the sign, the pastor apologized and removed the sign. He said: "Now I realize how offensive this is to them, and after praying about it, I have chosen to remove the sign," he said. "I apologize for posting that Message and deeply regret that it has offended so many in the Muslim community."

In another statement, Lovelace said: "I did not realize how people of the Muslim faith view the Koran...that devoted Muslims view it more highly more than many in the U.S. view the Bible."

These are not the words of some outcast group, but rather influential leaders within America that share a close relationship with the former President of the United States, his administration and many republican leaders. Neither the Bush Administration nor any Republican leader has condemned their attacks or disassociated themselves from these extremists. Allowing Christian and political leaders to speak and spread hatred against one of the largest growing religion in the world without hearing comments from the Muslim side is a big shame.

Such nonsense is not confined to evangelical Christians. The anti-Muslim Zionist Islamophobe, Daniel Pipes rails against all things Islamic. Daniel Pipes is the Director of the Middle East Forum, an organization devoted to strengthening links between the U.S. and Israel. Pipes has a long documented history of attacking Islam. Daniel Pipes has called Islam a religion with nothing functional to offer. Writing in the Jerusalem Post in May 2000, Pipes said: "The Koran is not a product of Muhammad or even of Arabia but a collection of earlier Judeo-Christian liturgical materials stitched together to meet the need of a later age...A few scholars go even further, doubting even the existence of Muhammad."

As it seems, Daniel Pipes as well as some Christian missionaries claim that Islam is not a revealed religion. It is a distorted derivative version of Judaism and Christianity. These false claims are simply misleading conjecture. While the Prophet of Islam was preaching the new faith, the Jews and the Christians were, at the same time, preaching their own religions. The new faith clearly contradicted Judaism and Christianity in several fundamental issues. Islam contradicted such beliefs held by Christians and Jews such as: ascribing human qualities to Allah (Jews witness that Uzair or Ezra is the son of Allah). Based on the teachings of the Koran, the Jews claim that Jesus was an illegitimate child, and that they killed him. They ascribed major sins to the prophets. They also claimed themselves to be the Chosen People of Allah, His children and beloved. The Christians claimed that Jesus is the son of Allah; that Allah is one person in a trinity and their belief in Jesus' crucifixion and death. They also believe in the original sin and the Jesus' atonement from the sins of mankind. Muhammad's teachings strongly refuted such beliefs. And he taught instead radical monotheism, Allah's transcendence, and that He neither had a spouse, nor an offspring.

Islam also taught that all prophets were free from committing major sins. Also, the Blessed Virgin Mary was not an adulteress, and her son, Jesus, was Allah's servant and Messenger. He was neither crucified nor killed. The doctrine of trinity is false. The atonement for sins is also false. Jews are not chosen people, rather all humans are Allah's creation and equal in His sight except for those who manifest faith and Allah-consciousness.

Islam also brought many new rules which contradict with those of Judaism and Christianity. How then can one hold that Islam is a distorted copy of Judaism and /or Christianity?

A sincere objective study of Judaism and Christianity should necessarily lead a person to the inevitable conclusion that Islam, as preached by Muhammad is the natural culmination of those two religions, and that the Koran is the Last Testament.

In the November issue of commentary, Pipes dismisses assertions by US academics that Islam is a peaceful religion, and that "Jihad may likewise include defensive engagements, but this meaning is itself secondary to lofty notions of moral self-improvement". In his opinion, Osama bin Laden and other self-proclaimed jihadis understand Jihad in keeping with its practice through 14 centuries of Islamic history.

Daniel Pipes, who have found praise for his views on the editorial pages of the Wall Street Journal, argues that Muslims have a legal compulsion to expand the territories

ruled by Muslims at the expense of non-Muslims. He says their goal is "nothing less than to achieve Muslim domination over the entire world."

Among his forged and prejudiced words about Muslims and Islam I quote:

"All Muslims unfortunately are subject of being militant."

"If Muslims have jobs in the military, law enforcement, or diplomacy, they need to be watched for connection to terrorism."

"All immigrants bring exotic customs and attitudes, but Muslim customs are more troublesome than most."

"American Muslims intend to mount a second American revolution, and impose Islamic law.

The Islamic world is sick of the senseless, fictitious and forged arguments and lectures of Daniel Pipes about Islam. Concealing the truth by covering it with falsehood, showed clearly that the poor man had no views of his own. He is but a plaything in the hand of Zionist organizations. He is but a parrot repeating the words of the Israeli government, the neoconservatives, the Christian right, the Judeo-Christian coalition, and the ugly words of Pat Robertson and his peers. The man is simply implementing the agenda of these groups against the Muslim World. These groups and coalitions are but one fabric, and the poor guy is their trumpet blowing the issues of their agenda against the Palestinians, Islam and its adherents.

I advise Daniel Pipes to change to another subject. How about doing a superb job by awakening the gullible Americans and the westerners to the fact that Israel is a threat to world peace. How about being brave enough to bring to light the real intention of Israel - to expel all the Palestinians out of Palestine and throw them out into the desert, and in order to do that they forward false excuses to the West. How about being honest enough to admit that as a toy in heir hand, you share in such deception by giving lectures attacking the Palestinians and along the way Islam and Muslims.

Is Daniel Pipes brave enough and free enough to talk about Israel terrorism against the Palestinians in Palestine? Could he dare mention the Israelis demolishing the Palestinian houses by bombarding them with heavy artillery and helicopters, thus killing innocent boys, girls, women, men and the elderly? Can he mention the stealing of the Palestinian land by building settlements on it by force?

As a matter of fact I don't think Daniel Pipes can do that. Because if he does so he will be fired, he will not be the Director of the Middle East Forum or any other position he holds related to the above mentioned organizations or groups.

Daniel Pipes is now prosperous, backed up with biased media and prejudiced political organizations. But life is short and sooner or later he will be meeting His Creator, Allah. What would Daniel Pipes say to Allah when He charges him of belying His Book the Koran and doubting its authenticity? What would he say to Him when He charges him of attacking Islam the only religion Allah will accept from His servants on the Day of Judgment? What would he say to Him when Allah charges him of accusing his last religion with terrorism? What would be his situation with Allah

when he finds himself confronting all the lies he is now so easily and deliberately launching against innocent Palestinians and Muslims in general?

To be given the faculty of discrimination between right and wrong and then to reject truth, is the worst folly that a creature endowed with will can commit. It must necessarily bring its own punishment.

Daniel Pipes, the erring one, the denier of truth, learn he then that on the Day of Recompense he will have no helpers to protect him from Allah's wrath. Does he know the kind of recompense Allah has prepared for the rejecters of his Signs?

Allah says in the Koran:

Surely those who disbelieve in our Signs – We shall certainly roast them at a Fire; as often as their skins are wholly burned, We shall give them in exchange other skins, that they may taste the chastisement. Surely Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise (Al-Nisa, 56).

For the rejecters We have prepared chains, fetters and a blaze (Al-Insan

Leave me to those who cry lies, those prosperous ones, and respite them a little, for with Us there are fetters, and a furnace, and food that chokes, and a painful chastisement (Al-Muzammil, 11-13).

Daniel Pipes is still rushing into danger by attacking Islam and Muslims. It seems that he wants to suffer a supreme disgrace. Know him not that he who sets himself against Allah and His apostle shall suffer the Fire of Hell!

Allah says in the Koran:

Do they not know that whosoever opposes Allah and His Messenger – for him awaits the Fire of Hell, therein to dwell forever? That is the mighty degradation (At-Tawba, 63).

Caricatures of Prophet Muhammad appeared in the Danish newspaper 'Jyllands – Posten'. One of the caricatures depicted the Prophet wearing a bomb-shaped turban with a burning fuse. Since being first published in Denmark, the cartoons have been reprinted in Germany, France, Spain, Italy and Switzerland.

The Canadian publisher, Ezra Levant defended his decision to reprint the cartoon: "I don't follow Muslims' law; I follow Queen Elizabeth's law. I don't follow the Koran, I follow the Canadian Constitution, and there are two key parts to the Canadian constitution I am relying on: one is freedom of expression and the other is cultural diversity (enshrined) in the constitution."

The man is using Queen Elizabeth's law and the Canadian constitution to attack Islam! Doesn't he know that slandering the Prophet of Islam would take him straight to the abyss of Hell-Fire, and before that to the wrath of Allah and the curse of more than one billion Muslims representing fifth the inhabitants of the world? He should take heed of the supplication of the oppressed for there is no shield between him and Allah.

What would Ezra Levant say if a thoughtless Canadian Muslim used these same laws to attack Moses or Jesus and their divine Books!

To Muslims, the Koran is a sacred Book that should never be dropped, defiled or ridiculed. Muslim captives at the Guantanamo Bay prison said that guards kicked and stomped on the Koran and cursed Allah, and that American interrogators punished them by taking away their pants, knowing that would prevent them from praying. Guards also mocked captives at prayers and censored Islamic books. In one incident a prison barber cut a cross-shaped patch of hair on an inmate's head.

The military police threw the copies of the Koran on the ground, stomping on them with their feet, and tossing them into buckets and areas used as latrines. According to Newsweek magazine, a military guard at the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, flushed a copy of the Koran down a toilet. Guard's mishandling and mistreatment of the Koran led the prisoners to launch a hunger strike. The strike ended only when military leaders issued an apology to the detainees over the camp loudspeaker.

"They tore the Koran to pieces in front of us, threw it into the toilet." Former detainee Aryat Vahitov told Russian television in June 2004

This disrespect of the Koran occurred with the full knowledge of how much these actions will hurt a Muslim emotionally. A new book documents how religion was used in a despicable way to humiliate Muslims. According to a New York Times book Review of "Torture and Truth" by Mark Danner: "One Muslim inmate was allegedly forced to eat pork, had liquor forced down his throat and told to thank Jesus that he was alive. He recounted in broken English:

"They stripped me naked, they asked me, 'Do you pray to Allah?' I said, 'Yes.' They said 'F---you' and 'F---him.'"

Later, this inmate recounts: "Someone else asked me, 'Do you believe in anything?' I said to him, 'I believe in Allah.'

So he said, 'but I believe in torture and I will torture you.'"

According to Newsweek: 'interrogators, in an attempt to rattle suspects, flushed a Koran down a toilet and led a detainee around with a collar and dog leash.'

In 1997, still a cardinal, Pope Benedict wasn't particularly optimistic: Islam features "a very marked subordination of woman to man," he says in his interview book "Salt of the Earth": "Islam simply does not have the separation of the political and religious sphere that Christianity has had from the beginning."

Just a few months before being elected Pope, Benedict spoke out against predominantly – Muslim Turkey's candidacy to join the European Union, insisting that Europe is defined by Christian values. His views of religious fundamentalism, regardless of the faith, are also worthy of note: "Faith was intended precisely for the simple," he says in 'Salt of the Earth'. But "the quest for certainty and simplicity becomes dangerous when it leads to fanaticism and narrow-mindedness. When reason as such becomes suspect, then faith itself becomes falsified."

When Benedict was elected Pope in 2005, he put the crown on his head and sat proudly on the throne of the Catholic Church. He looked up and down, right and left,

and saw Christendom as rock-like and perfectly stable. No chaos or problems facing his reign, everything is in order and in place. He didn't see that Christendom is disintegrating and falling asunder into a mass of warring sects. He saw instead Islam as his chief rival faith. Instead of promoting harmony between the two faiths he unwisely rushed into danger by attacking Islam and sowing dissension between the two religions.

The Pope made his remarks on Islam in a speech at the University of Regensburg. He quoted from a book in which 14th-century Byzantine Christian Emperor Manuel II Paleologos was having a conversation with a Persian about truths of Christianity and Islam.

"The emperor comes to speak about the issue of Jihad, holy war." Benedict said." I quote, 'Show me what Mohammad brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached.'"

By citing an obscure medieval text that falsely characterizes the teachings of Islam's founder as 'evil and inhuman,' Benedict deviated from wisdom and acquired the enmity of the Islamic world in a glimpse without reason. By citing the Koran as an obstacle, Benedict rebuffed massive outreach efforts of Muslims.

In 2007, at the end of the holy month of Ramadan, 138 high-level Muslim leaders and scholars representing 1.3 billion Muslims worldwide sent a 29-page letter entitled "A Common Word Between Us and You" to leaders of major Christian denominations. The letter calls for religious tolerance, dialogue and understanding. The letter was welcomed by various Christian leaders and institutions, and was well received by the Baptist World Alliance and the Most Rev. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, Britain.

However, Pope Benedict's reaction was negative, and arrogant. He chose to close the door to an idea which was very dear to his predecessor, Pope John Paul II, who, when the Koran was presented to him, bowed and kissed it. Pope John Paul II wouldn't have done such an unusual act out of curtsy or compliment, but because he knew without doubt that the Koran which he bowed reverently to kiss, is the true Word of Allah, and the last divine Revelation to mankind.

Therefore, the office of interfaith dialogue established by John Paul II, was shut down for a while, but later, under pressure, was reinstated.

The Pope did not only show enmity to Muslims, but also to other Christian sects when he announced that the Roman Catholic Church is the only true church before God.

Benedict thinks his religion alone is consistent with reason. He doesn't see that in Christendom there is an angry shout calling for reform.

Pope Benedict must understand that in Islam there is no Vatican, no papacy, no sainthood, no priesthood, no Christian leaders, no present day miracles, and no spiritual healing of the sick. In Islam there are no holy persons who give themselves the right to talk about other religions in contempt. In Islam no one is infallible. Muhammad, Jesus, Moses and all prophets are not divine but humans. Benedict is just

an ordinary person like any other person who must guard himself against a severe torment in the Hereafter if he transgresses his limit and talks evil about the Prophet of Islam and Allah's last divine revelation to mankind. Talking without knowledge and without authority about Islam usually brings the wrath of Allah on those who fight His seal of the prophets and His last divine Book to mankind. The Koran reveres the authentic Gospel of Jesus and the authentic Torah of Moses, and all other Prophets, and do not insult them.

Pope Benedict had the nerve to attack the Prophet of Islam by borrowing words claiming that what Muhammad brought was evil and inhuman, and nothing new, and that Islam was spread by the sword. Pope Benedict seems to forget that he will be responsible for his actions before Allah. His arrogance left him open to charges of rebellion against Allah's last Word to His servants, the Koran, and against His seal of the prophets, Muhammad peace be upon him. Allah would certainly charge him with such grievous sin.

There is absolutely nothing that could be hidden from Allah, be it on earth or in the heaven. Allah is swift in calling to account.

What would Benedict say to Allah were he to meet Him after death? Allah will question him: "Was it at Allah and His verses, and His Messenger that you were mocking?"

Allah says in the Koran about those who ridicule His Book and the Prophet of Islam:

Was it at Allah and His verses and His Messenger that you were mocking? (At-Tawba, 65).

Islam preaches the pure and simple unity of Allah. Islam presents a conception of Allah which is free from mythological fancies. According to Islam, the Oneness of Allah is the primary teaching of all prophets and messengers including Jesus and Moses. An unbiased analysis of the Bible will lead to a clear proof of Monotheism. Jesus himself never even mentioned the Trinity. His message was no way different from that of the earlier prophets, each one of whom had preached the pure, unadulterated monotheism.

Islam considers Christianity's Trinity as clear polytheism and a distortion of Jesus' original message of Allah. The Koran rejects the concept of Trinity and teaches that Allah is one God in the most simple, and elementary meaning of the word. Allah has no children, no parents nor any equal.

The Christian church itself recognizes the impossibility of a logical belief in three divine persons formulating one God, and hence declares the doctrine of Trinity to be a mystery. This doctrine which continues to be a source of controversy within the Christian religion is rejected by the eminent scholars of Christianity.

Rev. J. F. De Groot, S. J. writes in his book "Catholic Teaching" P. 101:

"The most holy Trinity is a mystery in the strictest sense of the word. For reason alone cannot prove the existence of a triune God, revelation teaches it. And even after the

existence of the mystery has been revealed to us, it remains impossible for the human intellect to grasp how the three persons have but one divine nature!"

Although the Christians realize that the concept of Trinity is a mystery they still worship a triune God. A God they don't comprehend or understand!

The Koran, the last divine revelation to mankind, invites the people of the Book (Jews and Christians) towards unadulterated monotheism:

Say: "O people of the Book! Let us come to a common terms as between us and you; that we worship none but God; that we associate no partners with Him; that we erect not, from among ourselves, lords and patrons other than God". If then they turn back, say: "Bear witness that we are Muslims (Al-Imran, 64).

The Koran not only invites the Christians and Jews to worship the one and only God, Allah, but also warns them against believing that Allah is one person in a Trinity:

O people of the Book! Commit no excesses in your religion; nor say of God aught but the truth. Jesus Christ, the son of Mary, was (no more than) an apostle of God, and His Word, which he bestowed on Mary, and a spirit proceeding from Him. So believe in God and His apostles. Say not 'Trinity'; desist; it will be better for you; for God is one God; Glory be to Him; (far exalted is He), above having a son. To Him belong all things in the heavens and on earth. And enough is God as a disposer of Affairs (An-Nisa, 171).

Pope Benedict must understand that Muhammad came to warn the Christians of a grievous penalty if they continue believing that Jesus is the son of God or God is one of three in a Trinity. Those of the Christians who pursue this line of thought and do not correct their derangement of mind await them a painful doom. The sin of ascribing partners to Allah in worship amounts in Islam to clear blasphemy.

The Koran teaches:

They are unbelievers who say, 'Allah is the Messiah, Mary's son.' For the Messiah said, 'Children of Israel, serve Allah, my Lord and your Lord. Verily whoso associates with Allah anything, Allah shall prohibit him entrance to Paradise, and his refuge shall be the Fire; and wrongdoers shall have no helpers (Al-Maida, 72).

They are unbelievers who say, 'Allah is the third of three.' No god is there but One God (Al-Maida, 73).

If they refrain not from what they say, there shall afflict those of them that disbelieve a painful chastisement (Al-Maida, 74).

Pope Benedict must understand that on the Day of Judgment Allah will not accept being worshiped as one person in a Trinity. According to the teachings of the Koran Allah forgives not that partners should be set up with Him in worship (son, lord, deity, idol etc...) but He forgives except that anything else to whom He wills. Forgiveness will only come to those who die while adhering to pure monotheism. Whoever sets up

partners with Allah has indeed invented a tremendous sin and Hell will be his abode to dwell there for eternity.

As the Koran teaches, Allah is the One and Only God, the Only One to Whom worship is due. He is Eternal, Absolute, He begetteth not, nor is He begotten, and there is none like unto Him. If anyone wants a religion other than that, he is false to Allah's Will and Plan. Such a one cannot expect guidance and in the Hereafter he shall be a great loser.

Allah says in the Koran:

Whoso desires another religion than Islam (pure monotheism in addition to good deeds), it shall not be accepted of him; in the next world he shall be among the losers (Al-Imran, 85).

In addition to purifying the Catholic Church from dissipation and sex harassment committed by the catholic priests against girls, boys and women inside the churches, the Pope has another important task to do. He must have the courage to reconsider the doctrine of Trinity and takes Christianity back to the only religion accepted by Allah - pure monotheism (Islam). This is the important task he must undertake and not to insult the Prophet who reestablished the oneness of Allah on earth! As he had the nerve to commit the heinous sin of insulting the Prophet of Islam, he must be brave enough to put the true words of Jesus into effect: **"Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only."** (Mathew 4:10).

Can Benedict free Christianity from mythological fancies before it is too late? This is what we expect to see from Pope Benedict. This is his responsibility before Allah and toward his people and not the obscene words he uttered against the seal of the prophets, and the best of creation, Muhammad – peace be upon him.

Truth stands out clear from error. Muslims totally reject all Christian interpretations claiming that the concept of Trinity is but expressing the unity of Allah. Mere disputations are futile. There is no much time for arguments, debates or rejections. The Day of doom is near, the angel of death is hovering over our heads, and death will come no matter what. Pope Benedict must understand that his position as a pope will not protect him against the wrath of Allah when Allah on the Day of Judgment charges him of the innovation the Christians invented in their religion by considering Allah as one in three or three in one, an innovation that is considered in the sight of Allah as the most heinous sin. I wonder if Pope Benedict is prepared for such a Mighty Day.

In fact, Muslims see the record of Christianity as much darker. They ask: who preached the crusades in the name of the Prime Peace? Who instituted the inquisition and plunged Europe into devastating wars? In fact those crusaders and the Christians accusing the Prophet of violence never seem to take heed of what Jesus looks like when he taught to his disciples: **"He that has no sword let him sell his garment and buy one."** (LK 22:36).

The slanderers of Islam and its Prophet have claimed that they are simply exercising their rights of freedom of speech, opinion and belief. Some in Europe are proudly – actually, arrogant – proclaiming that they have the right to insult God if they want to.

Well, this type of democracy or freedom is worthless for Muslims. Muslims will never accept this kind of humiliation. There is no better motivation to get someone to fight an apparent enemy than to threaten what they love most and are willing to defend at any cost – whether it is their religion, their family, or their holy land.

Freedom of speech is necessary but only as long as it does not promote hatred and does not contain serious distortions of the truth.

This category of Christian bigots although are completely ignorant of the Islamic law, Islamic jurisprudence, Islamic doctrine, and philology of the Arabic language, give themselves the right to interpret the Koran the distorted way they desire to demonstrate to their followers. Very strict requirements are needed for a person to become a Koran commentator and discuss its theological and legal issues. A person must be well versed in several disciplines known as "the sciences of the Koran". Interpretation of the Koran comprises a vast body of knowledge representing all the major basics of Islamic theology and law since the classical period (7th century to 10th century). Given the nature of written Arabic, the sciences of the Koran extend to the study of grammar, lexicography, and history.

Based on total ignorance of the rules of Islam, they slander the religion by fabricating lies. They forward false evidences to persuade their people that the Koran is phony and not the Word of Allah. They open hostilities against the Koran without knowledge. They wage war against the Word of Allah without authority.

The rhetoric of the Christian hate mongers about Islam is certainly anti-Christ teachings. They don't even follow the teachings of their religion. As it shows, it never crossed their mind that Allah is aware of the things they do. He but gives them respite up to a Day when the eyes will stare in horror.

It is indeed sad to see that the enmity and blind hatred the Christian leaders show to Islam have deviated them from the real issue, the issue of disintegration and fast approaching death of Christianity in her own independent and prosperous homelands. It is evident that nothing else than the inherent defects and shortcomings of Christianity have been responsible for its downfall. Today Christianity proved absolutely impotent in satisfying the demands of sane and rational thought. One would clearly notice how mortally wounded stands Christianity as a real world religion and a rival of Islam.

The slanderers of Islam have piled up the good things of this life, and think they have got plenty of helpers and protectors but all these are of no use. On the contrary, their penalty will be tremendous to correspond with their evil attack on Islam. When they read the verses of the Koran their vanity blows malicious mockery. Such like persons shall suffer multiple humiliation and mortifying punishment. Hell awaits them and asserts them as her own and shall beset them on all sides. There and then nothing they earned, accomplished or gained in the present life will be of advantage to them.

And upon the Day of Resurrection you shall see those who lied against Allah, their faces blackened; is there not in Hell lodging for those that are proud? And Allah shall deliver those that were god-fearing to their places of success (Paradise); evil shall not visit them, neither shall they sorrow (Az-Zumar 60-61).

Islam is a Message of peace, and Muhammad is the Prophet of mercy to all mankind. Correlating Islam with violence and terrorism is outrageous and insulting. Only ignorant persons would make such remarks. They ignore the barbarism that was displayed by Christian armies during the Crusades to retake Jerusalem, or the cruelty with which the Spanish inquisition treated the Muslims and Jews of Spain, or the millions of Christians killed by Napoleon Bonaparte and Hitler in wars; and what about the millions of Christians killed along the centuries by the popes of the Catholic Church because they opposed the catholic religion. The scoffers at Islam overlook the fact that Islam arrived in Malaysia, Indonesia, India, China and the Philippines through good conduct, commerce and trade, not war. How about the overwhelming expansion of Islam in America and Europe in contemporary age without a sword!

A terrorist is the one who assaults civilians, their property, their freedom and human dignity; demolishes their houses; besieges their villages; confiscate their earnings. Isn't that what America is doing in Iraq, and the Israelis to the Palestinians in the West bank and Gaza, backed of course with a blind support from America!

One can respond to rational arguments with an honest and straightforward rational discussion. However, there is no real response to something that is meant only to ridicule, insult or harm.

If non-Muslims want to debate and discuss the real issues of religion and belief, Muslims are more than ready to do that. If they resort to defamation and ridicule, then they should not be surprised if they are in turn responded with hatred and disrespect.

The normal expected reaction from Muslims when their Koran and Prophet are attacked by Christians is to slander Jesus and debase his Gospel, but Muslims wouldn't dare hurt, humiliate, stultify, or slander Jesus or his Gospel. Muslims could not reply in kind, since they are told by the Koran to revere Jesus as a Holy Prophet, and to respect his Gospel as a divine Book.

The Christians usually claim that Muslims do not understand that "God is love" and that one should love one's enemy, thus they should be at the forefront of putting an end to such harmful statements and defamation of the Prophet of Islam and the Koran. These shameful acts certainly do not demonstrate grace and love.

Muslims are sickened and disgusted at hearing these malicious attacks but they are not in the least discouraged. Whenever Islam has faced adversity, Muslims have remained patient, with unwavering faith in its teachings, believing in the certainty that truth will, sooner or later, triumph.

Persecuted by his people, Prophet Muhammad spent 13 years exhorting them to believe in one God and never resorted to violence. He founded the Islamic State on the bases of peace and only raised arms against enemies who sought to destroy his fledging state. Even at times of war, Prophet Muhammad also preached Muslims not to assault women, children or old people, not to scoop up trees and not to attack non-Muslim worship places.

Ever since the beginning of Islam, Christian and Jewish places of worship have been protected in countries with Muslim majorities.

The Koran has been overwhelmingly abused in the war on terror to the extent of being torn to pieces, thrown to the ground, tossing it into buckets and areas used as latrines, kicking it around, and flushed down the toilet.

This disrespect of the Koran occurred with the full knowledge of how much these actions will hurt Muslims emotionally. The officers involved in this desecration of the Koran knew well how much this Book meant for the prisoners. They intentionally adopted this strategy as a technique of psychological torture. These torturers knew this fact just as they knew that flushing the Bible down to toilet is not an act of respect.

If America is tolerant to religious extremism, one would hear within the public square criticism of extremists of all faiths. However, we only hear Muslim extremists being condemned.

For example, Thomas Friedman reminded us over and over again that the 19 Muslim men who attacked the WTC and Pentagon came from Egypt and Saudi Arabia. In a tireless manner, he wrote extensively on the "madrassas", or schools, that teach Muslims to hate non-Muslims. He forgot the hundreds of thousands of American Jews who go settled in Israel and are taught that the Arabs are 'vermin,' 'snakes,' or 'evil.' Baruch Goldstein, an American Jewish citizen, opened fire on Muslim worshippers kneeling in prayer within the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron in 1994, killing 29 instantly and wounding dozens.

There is no shrine honoring bin Laden in Saudi Arabia, but there is a shrine honoring Goldstein in an illegal Jewish settlement in the West Bank, where thousands come annually to honor his "martyrdom", even from America.

Actually, these Jewish settlers have a strong political and religious relationship with the Christian right leaders who are viciously attacking Islam.

One has to ask: where was Friedman's pen and all others standing in the same camp, regarding the seminaries within America that produced Goldstein and the nefarious armed Jewish settlers – blindly supported by the Christian right and Judeo-Christian coalition – who believe they have a God-given right to steal Arab land by force? Where are Friedman's thought-provoking articles regarding Graham, the deceased Flawell, and Robertson's attacks against Islam and their alliances with the Bush administration? (2).

To these neo-conservatives who think that Islam is uniquely a "violent religion", they should read their own Bible. They will find – as indicated above – a constant litany of conquest, domination, massacre, and barbarism. If they open the Bible to just about any page, they will be quickly and forcefully reminded with page after bloody page of "smiting," "utterly destroying," and "showing no mercy unto the infidels".

As Lowell Feld put it "The history of Islam, just like the history of Christianity and Judaism, is a mixed bag. Trying to portray Islam with its more than one billion adherents worldwide as uniquely and intrinsically violent is ridiculous. The people making these arguments, Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, Norman Podhoretz and others, should stop pointing fingers, look in the mirror, and do some soul searching about their own religions. Unfortunately, they probably won't, because many of these

people's agendas actually prefer that there be a clash of civilizations and even permanent war. So they label Islam uniquely violent. Now that truly is the "pot calling the kettle black." (3).

To target only Muslims for their extremists and neglect all other existing extremists who defy international law, reject peace and continue to escalate tensions in the Middle East by terrorizing Palestinians and enraging the sentiments of Arabs and Muslims everywhere is outright bias, and a despicable double standard.

The Christian right, the neoconservatives and the Judeo-Christian coalition in the U.S. with their antagonistic policies and warmongering individuals support an extremist ideology that is a threat to peace. Timothy McVeigh represented extremists who still exist in the US today.

There are Christian extremists as well as many other radicals that threaten different parts of the world. People of faith believe in peace, and not intolerance and cruelty. These intolerant religious bigots are disgrace to all thinking people. Their poisonous opinions about Islam are not freedom of speech as they arrogantly claim, but rather blatant racism. Those who stand against Islam are untrue to themselves, and their hearts are deceased. Their hearts are hardened and they deliberately reject light. By their blind arrogance they depress the good and encourage the evil. Their evil cynicism about Islam is the greatest folly in the sight of Allah. This folly may win temporary applause, but it never pays in the end.

It is only themselves they deceive, but they are not aware. In their hearts is a sickness, and Allah has increased their sickness, and in the Hereafter awaits them a painful chastisement for that they have cried lies. Allah took away their light, and left them in darkness unseeing, deaf, dumb, and blind.

The intellectuality of those insulting Allah, the Koran and the Prophet of Islam, is certainly not to be compared with that of the eminent western scholars and philosophers who admitted the greatness of Muhammad in all fields and recognized his religion as the last divine revelation to mankind. To name just few: Lamartine, Hugo, Shaw, Davenport, Gibbon, Carlyle, Gandhi, Stoddard, Briffault, Drapper, Parrinder, Bonaparte and many others. Their splendid words about Islam are an eloquent testimony to the greatness of Islam as well as a condemnation of the unreasonable hatred and despicable ignorance of the attackers who stupidly put themselves in an awkward position before Allah. They seemed to forget that they will soon be accountable to Allah, and He will judge every evil word they uttered against His merciful and last gift to mankind, Islam.

Despite all this wrongful and inimical volley of vituperations carried on against Islam and all the stupendous efforts put forth for the spreading of Christianity, there has been an ever growing increase in the number of Muslims on the earth. Among these people are universally renowned diplomats, statesmen, scientists, scholars, men of letters, writers, and even men of religion. These people studied Islam well, admired its greatness, and became Muslims willingly.

According to a study conducted on American-Islamic Relations, about 20,000 persons convert to Islam every year in America, in addition to those who convert in prison.

In addition to these people, many other universally known celebrities met the Islamic religion with deep respect and admiration although they did not embrace Islam; they believed in the fact that Islam is the true religion and did not hesitate to express that belief of theirs. They believed that Allah is One and that He is the Creator of all beings.

Muslims all over the world have been tremendously oppressed by this unreasonable attack on Islam. They invoke Allah day and night to stand by them and defeat the enemies of His last divine book, the Koran, and the seal of His prophets Muhammad – peace be upon him. The Prophet of Islam said:

"Beware of the invocation of the oppressed as there is no barrier between him and Allah."

"Beware of oppression, for it will turn into darkness on the Day of Resurrection."

"A believer is not a slanderer, a curser, an abuser, nor an impudent man."

"Allah gives respite to an oppressor, but when He takes him to task, he never lets him escape."

Who does greater evil than those who forge against Allah a lie, in order that they may lead mankind astray without knowledge? The enemies of Islam in their effort to misguide people and divert them from the beneficent purpose of Allah, keep plotting and continue to scheme, But their plots will be of no avail, and Allah's purpose will prevail.

The forces of evil make an alliance with each other, and seem thus to make a profit by their mutual bargains. But this is only in the material world. When the limited term expires, their vain and false bargains will be exposed, and there will be nothing but regrets.

Verily, the Koran is the Word that separates the truth from falsehood and commands strict laws for mankind to cut the roots of evil. It is not a thing for amusement.

The enemies of Islam are plotting a plot and Allah too is planning a plan. Allah gives them respite and delays His action, but His scheme of action is decisive, conclusive, strict and unfailing and it strikes at the root. Allah says in the Koran:

They are devising guile.

And I am devising guile.

So respite the unbelievers; delay with them awhile (Al-Tariq 15-17).

Chapter 2

A Message to the enemies of Islam that they may be warned by it

Ignorance is an affront; and I will not turn away from the ignorant. Now is the time for all those who attacked Islam to know the consequences of their blind hatred and bigotry. Islam may be a matter of joke for them but it shall cost them dearly once the time comes for settling the dues before Allah on the Day of Judgment. Every soul shall taste of death, and they shall be paid in full their wages on the Day of Judgment.

I see but grievous words issuing out of their mouths; indeed they say nothing but ignorance or lies. They follow their own whims without any knowledge. They confound the truth with vanity. They seek vain proofs and groundless causes to refute the truth and they disdain indignantly to acknowledge Allah's revelations and laugh them to scorn! They are people whose hearts dare rise defiant against Allah, the Lord of the universe! They are indeed guilty before Allah, and that would certainly bring wrath and punishment.

And so Allah appoints for every prophet some enemies among men and jinn inspiring each other with flowery discourses by way of deception. If Allah willed they would not have done it, but they were left to fabricate the truth so as to cause what is false to be accepted as true.

So We have appointed to every prophet an enemy – Satans of men and Jinn, revealing tawdry speech to each other, all as a delusion; yet, had thy Lord willed, they would never have done it. So leave them to their forging (Al-An'aam, 112).

Allah set in every city the principal persons among the people to lie in order to deceive the people. But they plot not except against their own selves, and they perceive it not.

And even so We appointed in every city great ones among its sinners, to devise there; but they devised only against themselves, and they were not aware (Al-An'aam, 123).

They want to quench the Light of Allah by word of mouth. They propagate false rumors against the Prophet and utter error against Allah. But Allah shall continue to send illumination through His unchanged Word, the Koran, until the souls are lit by the divine truth.

The Koran states:

And who does greater evil than he who forges against Allah falsehood, when he is being called to Islam? And Allah guides never the people of the evildoers. They desire to extinguish with their mouths the Light of Allah; but Allah will perfect His Light, though the unbelievers be averse (As-Saff 7, 8).

What we hear from their mouths is but babble and cackle of ignorance against Allah's truth. What they desire is to suppress truth and to indulge in the satisfaction of their

own evil, selfish motives. The more they try to quench Allah's Light, the clearer it shines, to shame them!

They mock at truth and pretend that it is falsehood. Do they not consider that there is a Day of Account before a Judge Who knows all, for He is the Lord and cherisher of the Worlds?

Is it a wonder to them that Allah has revealed the Koran to Muhammad? Is it a wonder to them that Allah revealed to Muhammad to warn mankind of the torment of Hell if they deny Him, and gives good tidings to the believers that they have a sure footing with their Lord? To Allah shall people return all together, this is the true promise.

The Koran is a book sublime; falsehood come not to it from before it nor from behind it; a sending down from the All-Wise, the All-Laudable. Do they not ponder the Koran? Or is it that there are locks upon their hearts? Do they wonder at this Koran, and they laugh at it and weep not, wasting their precious lifetime in pastime and amusements! By Allah, the Koran is as surely true as they are able to speak.

Do they then wonder at the Koran and search hard for an error to help them refute the Prophet of Islam? And they laugh to scorn and manifest contempt, instead of weeping out their eyes and their hearts? They had better bow down in adoration to Allah their Creator, and prostrate their reason to His omnipotence, and pay to Him reverence and adoration.

The Judgment Day ever approaches; none but Allah can avert it. Do you then wonder at this Message, and do you laugh and do you not weep, while you make merry? Rather prostrate yourselves before Allah and worship Him! (An-Najm 57-62).

The contemporary enemies of Islam had the nerve to defile the Koran – the eternal living reality – and labeled it as falsehood. If Muhammad has forged the Koran, what good does it do to him, and if he did as they unjustly claim, then who on earth can defend him from Allah and vindicate his case? Muhammad only submits to what has been revealed to him from Allah, he is but a Warner open and clear.

Say: "Truly I fear if I disobey my Lord, the chastisement of a tremendous Day." (Az-Zumar, 13).

Do they sneer at a Book well guarded with Allah in the heaven, none but the purified shall touch, a sending down from the Lord of all being. Is it such a Book that they deny? Do they sneer at Allah and to Him belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth, and unto Him all matters are returned?

The Prophet of Islam is not astray, nor is he deceived, nor does he speak out of caprice. The Koran is not but a revelation revealed. The attackers of Islam follow only conjecture, and conjecture can avail nothing from the truth.

The sending down of the Book (the Koran), wherein no doubt is, from the Lord of all Being.

Or do they say, 'He has forged it?' Say: 'Not so; it is the truth from your Lord',

so that you may warn a people to whom no Warner has come before you, that haply so they may be guided (As-Sajdah 2, 3).

Or they say: "He has invented it", say: "If I have invented it, you have no power to help me against Allah. He is best aware of what you utter, He is sufficient witness between me and you, and He is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful." (Al-Ahqaf, 8).

Blessed be He who has sent down the criterion (the Koran) upon His servant, that he may be a Warner to all beings (Al-Furqan, 1).

It is the same story through the ages. People laugh at truth, persecute the truth and try to destroy it. Whenever the Message of Allah comes, the vested interests range themselves against it. Worldly power and worldly pleasures have made the enemies of Islam arrogant and have deadened their sensibility to truth. They reject the Message because it attacks their false position. But Allah's plan is never to be frustrated. It will be carried out eventhough the enemies of truth be averse. Human efforts to defeat Allah's plan will only bring humiliation to those who indulge in them. Such efforts, besides their failures, will land them in abyss of punishment.

Apostles who were sent before Muhammad were also bombarded with foul epithets, the infidels mocked them and gave them a lick with the rough side of their tongues and called them everything they could lay their tongues to. When they cried lies to the signs of their Lord, He seized them suddenly and they were plunged into destruction with deep regrets and sorrows.

The Koran states:

Surely you are only a Warner.

Surely We have sent you with the Truth, as a bearer of glad tidings and as a Warner; and there was never a nation which has passed away without a Warner. And if they disbelieve you, so those before them disbelieved their Messengers when they came to them with Clear Signs, and with the Psalms, and with an illuminating Book; then I seized the unbelievers, and how was my horror (Fatir, 23-26).

The enmity towards Islam is as old as the first chapter of the faith when it first appeared in the Arabian Peninsula. The pagans and the idolaters of Makkah wanted to suppress the new faith, so they belied the Koran and accused the Prophet of forging it. But this claim is absurd because the idolaters knew Muhammad well before he became a Prophet. They knew that he was an honest and truthful man; he was unlettered, and such a Book would have been beyond his power as a simple unlettered Arab, unless Allah inspired it.

Or do they say, 'He has forged it?' Say: 'Not so; it is the truth from thy Lord that thou mayest warn a people to whom no Warner came before thee, that haply so they may be guided (Al-Sajdah, 3).

The idolaters of Makkah said exactly what the contemporary attackers of the Koran and the Prophet are saying today. They said that the Koran is a pack of lies and a fraud which Muhammad had invented with the help of people of the Book, and he

deceitfully used it for the advancement of his religion. They designated the Koran a factitious narrative- tales of those of old which Muhammad reduced to writing as the tales are directed to him morning and evening.

But if they cry lies to thee, lies were cried to Messengers before thee, who came bearing clear signs, and the Psalms, and the Book illuminating (Al-Imran, 184).

The unbelievers say: 'This is nothing but a calumny he has forged, and other folk have helped him to it.' So they have committed wrong and falsehood.

They say: 'Fairy-tales of the ancients that he has written down, so that they are recited to him at the dawn and in the evening.'

Say: 'He sent it down, who knows the secret in the heaven and earth, He is All-Forgiving, All-Compassionate.' (Al-Furquan 4-6).

The evildoers say, "You are only following a man bewitched." (Al-Furquan, 8).

And when they see you, they take you only in mockery (saying): "Is this he whom Allah sent forth as a Messenger?" (Al-Furquan, 41).

But you marvel and they ridicule, and when they are reminded, they take no heed, and when they see a Sign, they make ridicule of it, and they say: "This is nothing but plain magic (As Sâffât 12-15).

Allah instructed His Messenger Muhammad to say to them that he is mortal as helpless as they are, but entrusted with a Message to proclaim. Allah also instructed His Apostle to say to them that he only invokes Allah, his Creator, with whom he incorporates none. And to say to them that it is not within his power to afflict them with harm nor can he steers their mental consent to accept Islam, and that no one can avert Allah's wrath on him if he fails to proclaim the Divine Message, nor will he finds besides Allah anyone to afford him refuge. He can only submit to them the facts revealed by Allah and he who disobeys Allah and His Apostle shall suffer Hell wherein he and such-like persons shall remain forever.

The Koran states:

Say: "I call only upon my Lord, and I do not associate with Him anyone."

Say: "I possess no power over you, either for hurt or for rectitude."

Say: "From Allah shall protect me not anyone and I shall find apart from Him no refuge, excepting a Deliverance from Allah and His Messages."

And whoso rebels against Allah and His Messenger, for him there awaits the Fire of Hell; therein they shall dwell forever (Al-Jinn 20-23).

Allah states in the Koran that if the Prophet had uttered error against Him, He would have smitten him by the right hand and He would have broken the continuity of blood flow in his major artery close to his heart besides a grievous woeful future plight, and no one among people could defend him from Allah.

Had he invented against us any sayings, We would have seized him by the right hand, then We would surely have cut his life-vein and not one of you could have defended him.

Surely it is a Reminder to the god-fearing; but We know that some of you will

cry lies.

Surely it is a sorrow to the unbelievers; yet indeed it is the truth of certainty. Then magnify the Name of your Lord, the All-Mighty (Al-Haqqah 44-52).

Also, at the time of the Prophet, some among the people of the Book (the Jews) wished they could lead new Muslims astray. They denied Allah's revelations and signs although they bore witness to their truth and verity. They confused the truth with falsehood and mixed it up in the mind of the people and intentionally concealed the truth when they admitted it into their minds. They used many ways of preventing the access of people to the truth. One was to tamper with it, or tricked it in colors of falsehood; half-truths are often more dangerous than obvious falsehoods; another was to conceal the truth altogether. They were jealous of the Prophet of Allah, whom they actually saw him before them, and strived to hide his credentials and virtues from the people. They tried hard to conceal the facts which would attract people to him, thus forgetting that by doing this they were descending to the lowest depths of degradation, and they were doing more harm to themselves than to anyone else. They were bringing upon themselves the wrath of Allah (4).

The Koran says in this regard:

There is a party of the people of the Book yearns to make you go astray; yet none they make astray, except themselves, but they are not aware.

People of the Book! Why do you disbelieve in Allah's signs, which you yourselves witness?

People of the Book! Why do you confound the truth with vanity, and conceal the truth while you have knowledge?

There is a party of the people of the Book say, 'Believe in what has been sent down upon those who believe at the beginning of the day, and disbelieve at the end of it; haply they will then return; and believe not any but him who follows your religion.'

Say: 'The true guidance is Allah's guidance...Al-Imran 69-73).

Such like persons of past generations and of times present and those of the future, who refuse to acknowledge the Koran shall soon come to know the fatal consequences of their denial of Allah's words. Those who turn a deaf ear and refuse to listen but to their conception which is an imagination proceeding from their deviating senses, will come to know when they bear the yoke and be dragged in chains, plunged into boilers and from thence into Hell where they suffer eternal torment.

The Koran teaches that Muslims shall certainly be tried and tested in their wealth and properties and in their personal selves, and that they shall hear much that will grieve them from those who received the Scripture before them (Jews and Christians) and from those who ascribe partners to Allah; but if they persevere patiently, and become pious, they will have then considered matters with an attitude of mind that reflects high spirit and strong will.

Allah says in the Koran:

You shall surely be tried in your possessions and your selves; and you shall hear from those who were given the Book before you, and from those who are

idolaters, much hurt; but if you are patient and god fearing – surely that is true constancy (Al-Imran, 186).

Was it Allah, His Revelation and His Messenger that they ridicule? Those who attack Islam and the Prophet of Islam; not the least harm will they do to Allah or His Prophet. Allah desires not to appoint for them a portion in the world to come. They are insolent in the land, and their insolence is only against themselves. They are well pleased with the present life and are at rest with it. They must not think the indulgence Allah grants them is better for them. He grants them indulgence only that they may increase in sin; and there awaits them a humbling chastisement.

The enemies of Islam attacked the man who guided the hopelessly lost mankind into pristine monotheism in its hour of darkness, like no one else before him did. They attacked the Prophet who restored the lost harmony between religion and science, forbade acceptance of irrational creeds and beliefs, and banished superstitions. They attacked the matchless hero of humanity! And who can be more unjust than he who invent a lie against Allah and His Prophet.

They discredited the fountain of mercy and wisdom, the Warner to the heedless, the guide to the erring, the assurance to those in doubt, the solace to the suffering, and the hope to those in despair. They discredited Allah's chosen one to renew the faith. They slandered the one who brought mercy to mankind, the Book, the Koran. But how hateful to the enemies of Islam is the truth!

Blessed be Muhammad. He was asked to declare the one universal God, Allah; the Gracious, the Merciful, and to lead men to the Right and forbid the Wrong. Muhammad prohibited the selfish pride of birth, the massing of power and wealth in the hands of a few, the slaughter of female infants, the orgies of gambling, the danger of usury, the frauds of temples and idols, and priests, the feuds and arrogance of tribes and races, the separation of sacred and profane.

Muhammad is not but a Warner unto all people in face of a terrible chastisement. His wage falls only upon Allah; and Allah is witness over everything. Muhammad is a person steadfast in adherence to His Creator and His cause. He brought to mankind the Koran, the very truth that guides into all truth. Muhammad did his job, he delivered the Message. He is not responsible for people's behavior. He is only a spectacle and a warning.

Say: 'O men, the truth has come to you from your Lord. Whosoever is guided is guided only to his own gain, and whosoever goes astray, it is only to his own loss. I am not a guardian over you.' (Yunus, 108).

Muhammad suffered persecution and insult, because he had to fulfill his mission from Allah. He had nothing to gain from the people, his mission was entirely for their own good, and his reward rests only in the hands of Allah who witnesses all things.

Say: 'I have asked no wage of you; that shall be yours. My wage falls only upon Allah; and He is witness over everything' (Saba', 47).

It will not cause the Prophet any harm if the ignorant attack his Message as we hear and see today. In the sight of Allah Muhammad status is of exalted supremacy. Allah

has chosen him to be the seal of the prophets and has watched his persistent struggle to establish for the last time the Oneness of Allah on earth. Because of Muhammad's steadfast and belief, forbearance and outstanding struggle in spreading Islam, Allah raised him high in heaven and elevated him to an exalted position.

Allah says in the Koran about the manner of Muhammad:

"And surely you are of a great morality."

The enemies of Islam think they are the only ones who are guided and their religion is the only true religion. They view Islam as a monumental scam, an invention of Muhammad, and Muslims are people astray. The fact of the matter is that these hate mongers do not believe in Islam in the first place, this is why they attack Islam without feeling any sense of guilt. They think that by attacking Islam in such despicable manner, are best serving their religion, and at the same time defending their wrong belief that Islam is a false religion and Christianity must guard against it. They don't know that by attacking Islam they have advanced something hideous and have made an abominable assertion. They claim piety for themselves, but in fact they promise one another nothing but delusion. Allah knows best who is pious and who is on the right path. They always forget that every act small or great is related in writing and put on record. It was decked out fair to them their devising, and they are barred from the way; and whom Allah sends astray, for him there is no guide. For them is chastisement in the present life; and the chastisement of the world to come is yet more grievous; they have none to defend them from Allah.

They think they are working good deeds by fighting Islam and Muslims. They behave as if they have the secret of the unseen, but they are empty triflers. The greater losers in their works are those whose striving goes astray in the present life, while they think they are working good deeds. Those are they who disbelieve in the Koran and ridicule the Prophet of Islam. Their works have failed, and on the Day of Resurrection Allah shall not assign to them any weight. Their recompense is Hell, for that they took the Koran and the Messenger in mockery.

Those who defy Allah and His Apostle or challenge them, have come within the measure of Allah's wrath and have incurred Allah's curse in this world and the world to come, and there awaits them the torment that is laid upon the damned. The Koran talked about this.

Those who hurt Allah and His Messenger, Allah has cursed them in the present world and the world to come, and has prepared for them a humbling chastisement. (Al-Ahzab, 57).

They think they have some standing and are heedless of the fact that Satan has gained mastery over them. In their hearts is a sickness, they have bought error at the price of guidance. The likeness of them is as the likeness of a man who kindled a fire, and when it lit all about him, Allah took away his light, and left him in darkness deaf, dumb and blind. It is only their souls they are destroying but they are not aware. Their deeds are like ashes scattered by a violent wind in a stormy day.

Allah turns away from His revelations those whose pride gets the better of their prudence and behave arrogantly in the earth. Whenever they see a sign clearly

indicating Allah's authority, they reject it with scorn and blasphemy. Allah deafens their ears and seals their hearts because if they see the way of righteousness they avoid it, and if they see the way of error, they joyfully follow it. Those who refuse to recognize His revelations and arrogantly refuse them without right, their hopes shall be doomed to disappointment and their deeds to worthlessness. They will be requited with a torment commensurating with their deeds.

I shall turn from My signs those who wax pride in the earth unjustly; though they see every sign, they will not believe in it, and though they see the way of rectitude they will not take it for a way, and though they see the way of error, they will take it for a way. That because they have cried lies to Our signs and heeded them not (Al-A'raf, 146).

Those who hinder men from the path of Allah and make it their aim to pervert the truth and crook the path of rectitude by fabricating falsehood, these and such like persons were born to be losers. They are far astray, and it is they who are liars. They have hearts wherewith they understand not, and they have eyes wherewith they see not, and they have ears wherewith they hear not. They are like cattle, in fact even worse, for those are the heedless of all truth.

We have created for Hell many Jinn and men; they have hearts, but understand not with them; they have eyes, but perceive not with them; they have ears, but they hear not with them. They are like cattle; nay, rather they are further astray. Those they are the heedless (Al-A'raf, 179).

Those who belie the Koran and reject Allah's signs, Allah shall gradually visit them with punishment, in way they perceive not. Allah grants them respite and delay His punishment: for His scheme of action is strong and unailing.

And those who cry lies to our signs We will draw them on little by little whence they know not; and I respite them-assuredly My guile is sure (Al-A'raf 182, 183).

If the attackers were people of understanding, they should have put the possibility: 'What if the Koran is a true divine revelation from Allah to Muhammad?' They should have considered what would happen to them if they declare that the Message of Islam is false. They should have realized that no wretched soul dare attacks Allah's Words and goes without punishment in the present life and in the Hereafter. They should have known that those who dispute concerning Allah and His Messenger, their dispute is void in the sight of Allah, and upon them is wrath, and for them awaits a severe chastisement. They should have also considered the fact that Allah fights those who fight Him and His wrath when poured upon the evildoers is disastrous and unbearable. They should have known better that their feeble and false apologies after belying Islam, defiling the Koran and abusing the Prophet, are worthless and are totally not accepted by Allah who knows best their minds which strive laboriously for some evil end; but enough is Allah to be a witness of their actions. They should have guarded themselves against a Fire whose fuel is men and stones, and over which are harsh, and severe angels who disobey not Allah in what He commands them and do what they are commanded. They should have known that those who attack the Koran – the literal words of Allah - for them is degradation in this life, and on the Day of Resurrection they will taste the chastisement of burning. They have forgotten that

Allah knows what is spoken in the heavens and the earth, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Yes, they have indeed forged a mighty sin.

Those who blaspheme Our Signs are not hidden from Us. Is he who is cast into the Fire better, or he who comes on the Day of Resurrection in security? Do as you please, surely He sees the things you do (Fussilat, 40).

Surely those who oppose Allah and His Messenger will be among those most humiliated (Al-mujadalah, 20).

...Those who upset the Messenger of Allah will have a grievous chastisement (At Tawba, 61).

Do they not know that whoever opposes Allah and His Messenger, for such awaits the Fire of Hell, therein to dwell forever? That is the most grievous disgrace (At Tawba, 63).

...A seal has been set on their hearts, so they do not understand (At Tawba, 87).

...Was it Allah, his Revelation and His Messenger that you ridicule! (At Tawba, 65).

The rejecters of Islam, the beliers of the Koran, the slanderers of the Prophet, do they think they will be left uncontrolled, free to do what they like, and not accountable for their actions? Where could they flee to from the wrath of Allah? To their luxuries, or to what they think their permanent homes! They will see how wrong they had been. Their sighs and regrets will avail them nothing. It will be too late.

The insults and misleading accounts of the abusers are already recorded in their book of deeds. They might get a little enjoyment in the present life, but soon death will overtake them even though living in fortresses built up strong and high, and in the end to Allah will be their return, and then He will make them taste the chastisement of the Fire. On the Day those who insulted the Prophet and doubted His Message will wish that the earth might be leveled with them; and they will not conceal from Allah one tiding.

Every soul shall taste of death; you shall surely be paid in full your wages on the Day of Resurrection. Whosoever is removed from the Fire and admitted to Paradise, shall win the triumph. The present life is but the joy of delusion (Al-Imran, 185).

Allah says to His Prophet in the Koran:

Let it not delude thee, the unbelievers go to and fro in the land; a little enjoyment, then their refuge is Hell – an evil cradling! (Al-Imran 196, 197).

In their gatherings and assemblies they amuse themselves by scoffing at the Koran, ridiculing the Prophet and degrading Allah, the One that all that in the heavens and the earth glorifies! They degrade Allah, the Holy, the Almighty, and the All-Wise! They dehumanize Muhammad, Allah's beloved, the one who was sent by Allah as a mercy to all mankind! They were foolish enough not to realize the terrible abode awaiting them. Allah leaves them in their insolence blindly wandering.

Truly, he who insults you (Muhammad) will be cut off from future hope (Al-Kawthar, 3).

Do the scoffers at the Koran not think they shall be raised up unto a mighty Day? A Day when mankind shall stand before the Lord of all being? Woe, that Day, to those that deny the Koran by playing with falsehoods. None can deny it but a transgressing impudent sinner. Upon that Day they shall be veiled from their Lord, and then they shall roast in Hell. Then it shall be said to them: "This is the truth which you rejected as false."

Those who deny Allah's revelations and refuse to recognize His signs shall be put to torture. Allah will expose them to eternal and dreadful conflagration. As often as their skins are consumed, He replaces them with new skins so that they taste the merciless but just punishment.

Surely those who disbelieve in Our signs We shall certainly roast them at a Fire; as often as their skins are wholly burned, We shall give them in exchange other skins, that they may taste the chastisement. Surely Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise (An-Nisa, 56).

How humiliating it will be for them in the Day of Judgment to realize that the things they used to mock at are realities all around them and the things they were so eager to pursue are mere falsehoods and vanities. If they were to own the worldly riches and the like of it, they shall be glad to offer it on the Day of Judgment in expiation of their guilt and to save their wretched souls from the severe torment that shall be laid upon them. The evils of that which they earned will become apparent to them, and that which they used to mock at will encircle them.

And if the evildoers possessed all that is in the earth and the like of it with it, they would offer it to ransom themselves from the evil of the chastisement on the Day of Resurrection, and there would appear to them from Allah that they never reckoned with, and there would appear to them the evils of that they have earned, and they would be encompassed by that they mocked at (Az-Zumar 47, 48).

And those who strive against Our signs to void them they shall be the inhabitants of Hell (Al-Hajj, 51).

And who does greater evil than he who forges against Allah a lie, or cries lies to the truth when it comes to him? Is not Hell a lodging place for the unbelievers? (Al-Ankabut, 68).

The Day of Judgment is the Day of justice. None will be wronged in anything; everyone will be rewarded or punished according to his deeds. When Allah takes account, His accounting will be perfect; there will be no flaw in it, as there may be in earthly accountants. Allah's knowledge is perfect, and therefore His justice will be perfect also; for He will not fail to take into account all the most intangible things that determine conduct and character. If there be the weight of a mustard seed, Allah will bring it on the Day of Judgment.

And We shall set up the just balances for the Resurrection Day, so that not one soul shall be wronged anything; even if it be the weight of one grain of mustard-seed We shall produce it, and sufficient are We for Reckoners (Al-Anbiya', 47).

On the Day of Judgment the Book of personal deeds will be placed in the right hand of the believers and in the left hand of the sinners. The sinners will be alarmed at its contents and overwhelmed with sudden fear and apprehension of danger. They will say: "Woe to us! What sort of Book is this that does not leave out a minor or a major offense unrecorded, and they shall find that every single deed, good or bad, is placed before them, and then shall they realize that Allah wrongs no one.

And the Book shall be set in place; and you will see the sinners fearful of what is in it, and saying, "Alas for us! How is it with this Book that it leaves nothing behind, small or great, but it has numbered it?"

And they shall find all they wrought present, and your Lord wrongs no one (Al-Kahf 49, 50).

On this Day the evildoers will be dumbfounded. They will be unable to speak or offer any defense. Allah will seal their lips and endow their hands and feet with voice. Their hands will speak to Allah and their feet will bear witness to what they used to earn. On that Day they shall know that Allah is the Truth Manifest. They shall know when they see the chastisement, who is in far error.

Today We set a seal on their mouths, and their hands speak to Us, and their feet bear witness as to what they have been earning (Yasin, 65).

Upon the day when Allah's enemies are mustered to the Fire, duly disposed, till when they are come to it, their hearing, their eyes, and their skins bear witness against them concerning what they have been doing, and they will say to their skins, 'Why bore you witness against us?'

They shall say, 'Allah gave us speech, as He gave everything speech. He created you the first time, and unto Him you shall be returned. You did not seek to hide yourselves that your hearing, your eyes and your skins should not bear witness against you; but you thought that Allah would never know much of the things that you were working. And that thought of yours which you thought about your Lord, has brought you to destruction, and so you become of the losers.' (Fussilat 19-23).

Those who devise evil plots against Islam, do they feel secure that Allah will not cause the earth to swallow them, or the chastisement will not come upon them from whence they are not aware? Or that He may catch them in the midst of their going to and fro, so that there is no escape for them from Allah's punishment? Or He may seize them little by little destroying their wealth and health?

Have they not traveled through the land and seen what was the end of those before them who rejected truth? In the Koran Allah set examples of several great but oppressive nations that He destroyed because they broke His Law and exceeded the bounds. Resistance to Allah's Light destroyed them completely, converting their greatness and glory to perdition.

Allah destroyed the people of Noah, Lot, Madyan, Ād and Thamūd, Quârûn and Pharaoh. Allah punished them for their sins, of them were some on whom He sent a violent wind with shower of stones, and of them were some who were overtaken by an awful cry, and of them were some who He caused the earth to swallow, and of them were some whom He drowned. It was not Allah who wronged them, but they wronged themselves. Allah would never destroy the cities unjustly while their people were putting things right.

**Saw you not how your Lord dealt with Ād;
Iram of the pillars;
the like of which was never created in the land.
And Thamūd, who hollowed the rocks in the valley.
And Pharaoh, Lord of stakes (tortured men by binding them to the stakes).
Who all were insolent in the land?
And worked much corruption therein?
Your Lord unloosed on them a scourge of chastisement.
Surely your Lord is ever on the watch (Al-Fajr 6-14).**

How many a city that was evildoing Allah has shattered, and set up after it another people (Al-Anbiya, 11).

And how many generation We destroyed before them! Do you find any trace of them, or hear from them a sound? (Maryam, 98).

These examples of transgressed nations, show that neither nations nor individuals, however mighty, prosperous, or firmly established they may be, can survive if they transgress the Law of Allah. Allah made these nations in the first place great and glorious, but when they heaped mischief on mischief, they were swept away. Even though Allah's punishment may be delayed, it is not to be supposed that He does not see all things. Allah's providence is ever vigilant. His punishment of evildoers is a form of justice to the weak and the righteous whom they oppress. It is a part of the signification of His title as 'Cherisher'.

Muhammad is not to be fought or disgraced by people who have no understanding because Allah is his Protector, and Gabriel, and the righteous among the believers; and, after that, the angels are his supporters.

...but if you help one another against him, then verily Allah is his Lord, and Gabriel and the righteous among the believers; and furthermore, the angels are his helpers (At-Tahrîm, 4).

Allah has created people and He knows exactly what their souls whisper to their minds and what their breasts forge. There are appointed angels watching over people writing down their deeds. The watchful angels sitting as receivers by their sides, right and left, are recording all that they advance of actions. Nothing they utter and express in words, be it under their breath or openly disclosed but is related in writing by the two angels who keep a watchful guard. The angel on the right records righteous deeds, and the one on the left, the evil deeds.

If only they could see the wicked at the distressful moments of death and the angels of death put forward their hands to disembody their souls and say to them: 'Now is the

moment to surrender your souls. Today you shall suffer the humiliating torment which is laid upon the evildoers for attributing to Allah nothing but falsehood and for turning your heads in contempt objecting to Allah's signs and revelations with inordinate self-esteem.'

...If thou couldst only see when the evildoers are in the agonies of death and the angels are stretching out their hands: 'Deliver your souls! Today you shall be recompensed with the chastisement of humiliation for what you said untruly about Allah, waxing proud against His signs.' (Al-An'am, 93).

Allah, the Lord of creation was abused by some contemporary fanatic hate mongers. They described Him as an idol. The Koran - Allah's last divine Revelation to mankind - was defiled, and described as containing outright lies, absurdities and foolishness. Muhammad, the ultimate exemplar for mankind, the best of creation and the seal of the prophets was slandered and mocked at. They described him as a killer, wild-eyed fanatic, child abuser, a robber, a terrorist and a brigand...etc.

If the whole world is ranged against the Prophet of Allah, and scoffs at all that he brought as sacred, Allah has guarded him from such cynicism, and enabled him to maintain his cause against their falsehood. The scoffers are creatures of a day. Soon will they find their level, and they will be confronted with all their falsehood. Allah sufficed Muhammad against the mockers.

**We suffice thee against the mockers, even against those who set up with Allah another God. Certainly they will soon know!
We know indeed thy breast is straitened by the things they say.
Proclaim thy Lord's praise, and be of those that bow, and serve thy Lord, until the Certain (death) comes to thee** (Al-Hijr 95-99).

Hatred has already appeared from their mouths, and what their breasts conceal is yet greater. Muslims believe in all the scriptures, they believe in the Torah and the Gospel, whereas the enemies of Islam disbelieve in the Book of all Books, the glorious Koran! They spare nothing to ruin Muslims; they yearn for Muslims to suffer. If Muslims are visited by good fortune, it vexes them, and if are smitten by evil, they rejoice at it. But Muslims are patient and god fearing, so their guile will hurt Muslims nothing. Allah encompasses the things they do.

Eat and take your ease on earth for a while until the Day of Judgment comes, and there, every soul shall be pledged for its own deeds. Neither their wealth nor their children shall avail them anything from Allah.

The Koran is the spirit of truth that guides into all truth. The Koran – the latest among the revealed Books of Allah – is an admonition to all people, a Message to all the worlds, to whoever wills to go straight, but man cannot will except that Allah wills. Allah alone is worthy to be feared, and He alone is entitled to grant forgiveness.

**It is naught but a Reminder unto all beings.
For whosoever of you would go straight.
But you cannot will, unless Allah wills, the Lord of All Being** (At-Takwîr 27-29).

No indeed; surely it is a Reminder (the Koran), so whoever wills shall remember it.

And they will not remember, except that Allah wills; He is worthy to be feared, worthy to forgive (Al-Muddathir 54-56).

They foolishly thought that messing with Allah, by ridiculing His Koran, and slandering His Prophet is a light thing, but with Allah it is a mighty thing. On the Day of Judgment those who belie the Koran await them a severe torment.

Woe that day unto those who cry it (the Koran) lies. This is the Day they shall not speak.

Neither be given leave, and excuse themselves.

Woe that day unto those who cry it lies!

This is the Day of Decision; We have joined you with the ancients.

If you have a trick, try you now to trick Me!

Woe that Day unto those who cry it lies!

Eat and take your joy a little; you are sinners!

Woe that Day unto those who cry it lies!

When it is said to them, 'Prostrate yourselves!' they prostrate not.

Woe that Day unto those who cry it lies!

In what discourse after this will they believe?

(Al-Mursalaat 34-40, 45-50).

And this is a blessed Remembrance that We have sent down; so are you now denying it! (Al-Anbiya' 50).

They should have known that no one has the power or the right to argue with Allah about His Koran and His Holy Prophet of Islam. They should have known that messing with Allah, His Words and the last of his prophets will bring forth upon them worldly calamities, in ways they perceive not. They will realize the dreadful they committed on the Day when their faces will be turned about in the Fire.

Muslims must not be impatient if they see the wicked flourish. It may be that the very appearance of flourishing could be a part of the punishment. There may be an eventual punishment by a sort of cataclysm; but evolutionary punishment is gradual and sure. When people forget the warning they have received from Allah, He opens for them all the channels of prosperity until their appetite and desire are gratified and they rejoice beyond a common joy. There and then He suddenly seizes them and afflicts them with ruin, and there, they simply give up hope and nurse despair.

So, when they forgot what they were reminded of, We opened unto them the gates of everything until, when they rejoiced in what they were given, We seized them suddenly, and behold, they were sore confounded (Al-An'aam, 44)

Every minute sees them nearer to their doom, and yet they are heedless and turn away from the Message that would save them. Do they not pause to think and reflect upon the Revelations that reached their ears to realize that it is the truth from the Lord of the Worlds! Or have not they received a Message unheard of nor was it conveyed to their forefathers! Or do they accuse the Prophet of being possessed or insane! Indeed the Prophet is a person steadfast in adherence to His Creator. The Prophet brought them the very truth that guides into all truth, but how hateful to them is the truth!

Say: "It is revealed unto me only that your God is one God; do you then surrender?"

Then if they should turn their backs, say: 'I have proclaimed to you all equally even though I know not whether near or far is that you are promised (Day of Judgment) (Al-Anbiyâ' 108, 109).

Since Allah's Words in the Koran are valid and applicable to all times, past, present and future, Allah knew that His last revelation to mankind will be belied by the unbelievers throughout the ages. He therefore included in the Koran verses warning people of all times of a severe torment if they mock at his Words, or slander His Messenger, the seal of the Prophets.

Woe to every sinful liar, who hears the Signs of Allah being recited to him then, persists arrogantly as if he has not heard them, so announce to him a painful chastisement.

And when he knows anything of Our signs, he takes them in mockery; those for them awaits a humbling chastisement. Behind them Hell, and what they have earned shall not avail them any, nor those they took as protectors apart from Allah; for them awaits a mighty chastisement.

This is guidance; and those who disbelieve in the Signs of their Lord awaits them the torment of a severe wrath (Al-Jathiya 7-11).

Now stern orders are given by Allah to the angels in charge to deal with each sinful liar: "Seize him, fetter him, and then throw him in the fire to be tortured but not to die, and fix him upon a chain seventy cubits long. Verily, he used not to believe in Allah, the Most Great."

The Koran says:

But as for him who is given his book in his left hand, he shall say, 'Would that I had not been given any book and not known my reckoning!

Would it have been the end!

My wealth has not availed me; my authority is gone from me.'

'Take him, and fetter him, and then roast him in hell, then in a chain of seventy cubits' length insert him!

Behold, he never believed in Allah the Almighty.' (Al-Haqqah 25-33).

There is no priesthood, holy persons or exalted people in Islam. According to the teachings of the Koran all people are equal before Allah. This goes for Popes, pastors, religious leaders, bishops, priests, preachers, kings, princes, caliphs, Sheikhs, presidents, laymen, rich people and poor people. The worldly gains, ranks and possessions have no weight in the Day of Judgment. In this Mighty Day people are favored by their faith (Islamic Monotheism – believing in the Oneness of Allah without associating with him any partners such as son, deities...etc), and piety expressed in good deeds.

Their tongues assert the falsehood that all good things will be theirs! They say: "We are more affluent in wealth and are not going to be punished." Their arrogance is openly based on worldly power and position. They have purchased the present life at the price of the Hereafter. They vindicate themselves and forget that Allah knows best whom he fears Him and keeps his duty to Him. They justify their wrongs, thus

forgetting that it is only Allah who sanctifies whom He pleases. Their disputes are actuated by nothing but the desire for self-glory in front of their followers. So eat and enjoy and be pre-occupied with false hope, you will soon come to know. Plunge in vain talk and play, belie the Koran and mock at Muhammad until you meet your Day which you were promised. They do not understand that whatever thing they have been given is the enjoyment of the present life and its glitter, and what is with Allah is better and more enduring. Neither their wealth nor their progeny will bring them nearer to Allah, but only believing in Allah alone without associating with Him sons or partners, and work righteousness.

And it is not your wealth nor your children that will bring you closer to Us except for those who believe and do righteous deeds, these are the ones who shall have a double reward for their deeds, and they shall live in the chambers in peace and serenity (Saba'a, 37).

Allah granted them comfort and enjoyment until their life had lasted long, but the wealth they enjoy is nothing but a test. They should have known that all their knowledge and capacities come as gifts from Allah, but their inordinate vanity mistakes Allah's gifts for their own achievements. Those who do not believe in the words of Allah must not think that the wealth and the respite He grants them is for their own good; He simply gives them plenty of rope that they may grow in their iniquity and increase in sin, and in the Hereafter awaits them a humiliating chastisement.

Let not the unbelievers suppose that the indulgence We grant them is better for them; We grant them indulgence only that they may increase in sin; and there awaits them a humbling chastisement (Al-Imran, 178).

Allah alternates the days among the people. Today sovereignty is theirs, they are masters in the land, but who will help them from the punishment of Allah if it befalls them?

Have they been given a guarantee that in the end they will win? Just because they are alive and rich does not mean that they have been forgiven. Their wealth shall not avail them when they perish. Why do they feel so secure that Allah is going to forgive them? How do they know the wrath and punishment of Allah is not waiting for them around the corner? Have they observed the unseen or taken a covenant with Allah? Don't they know that the angel of death strikes suddenly without warning?

Allah tries His servants by evil and good for a testing, and then to Him shall all be returned.

We have appointed all that is on the earth for an adornment for it, that We may test which of them is best in deeds. And We shall surely make all that is on it barren dust (Al-Kahf 7, 8).

They have transgressed all bounds in their rebellion, and Satan has tempted them and beautified for them their evil work. Allah has prepared for them a fire, whose pavilion encompasses them, if they call for succor, they will be succored with water like molten copper, that shall scald their faces – how evil a potion, and how evil a resting place. If Allah should punish them for what they earn, He would hasten for them the

chastisement, but they have their appointed time from which they will find no escape. He destroyed the ancient cities when they did evil, and appointed for their destruction a tryst.

If Allah were to call to account the people for their iniquity, He would not leave on the earth one creature that crawls; but He is deferring them to a term stated; and when their term is come they shall not put it back by a single hour nor put it forward (An Nahl, 61).

Those who engage in the practice of defaming Islam and its Prophet Muhammad – peace and blessings of Allah be upon him – have committed a grievous sin. Islam views this kind of attack as an act of blasphemy against Allah. According to Islamic Law, the recompense which befits those who strive against belief in Allah and the acceptance of His Apostle Muhammad, and wage war against Allah and His Messenger, and strive to keep mischief spreading on earth, is capital punishment, or crucifixion, contra lateral amputation of their hands and legs or exile from the land. This punishment shall put them to shame in the present life, and there awaits them the torment in the Hereafter.

The Koran states:

The recompense of those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger and do mischief in the land is only that they shall be killed or crucified or their hands and their feet be cut off from opposite sides, or be exiled from the land. That is their disgrace in this world, and a great torment is theirs in the Hereafter (Al-Maidah, 33).

On the Day of Resurrection they will come out of the graves quickly as racing to a goal, with their eyes lowered in fear and humility, ignominy covering them all over. That Day will be a harsh Day, for the unbelievers not easy. Hell-Fire spares not any sinner, nor does it leave anything unburned, it burns and blackens the skins. On that day the enemies of Allah will be coupled in fetters, their garments will be the pitch, and fire will cover their faces.

What is the matter with them, how they judge? Do they dispute with us concerning Allah, who is our Lord and their Lord! Don't they know that Allah is the Lord of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them? There is no God but He, He gives life and ordains death, and He is their Lord and the Lord of their fathers of yore? We shall be accountable to Him for our deeds and them for theirs. Do they reckon that they will escape Allah's punishment? Their ugly words have been recorded, and it will not dissipate in the air. Do they think that Allah will not charge them for such insolence? Evil is their judgment. Thus Allah seals the hearts of those who do not understand. At the Day of Judgment their words against Islam will be brought to them and they will receive a punishment most severe.

And leave me alone to deal with the beliers, those who deny my verses, those prosperous ones, and respite them a little, for with Us there are fetters, and a furnace, and food that chokes, and a painful chastisement (Al-Muzzamil, 10-13).

Leave me with him who cries lies to this Message. We will draw them on little by little, without them knowing; and I am respiting them, assuredly my guile is

sure.

Or do you ask them for a reward, so they are burdened? Or is the unseen in their keeping, and so they say, "Surely he is a man possessed!"

But it is nothing but a Reminder unto all beings (Al-Qalam 44-47, 51, 52).

And turn to your Lord and submit to Him, before the chastisement comes upon you, then you will not be helped.

And follow the best that has been revealed to you from your Lord, before the chastisement comes upon you suddenly while you are unaware.

Lest any soul should say, "Alas for me, in that I neglected my duty to Allah, and was a scoffer."

Or lest it should say, when it sees the chastisement, "Or that I might return again, and be among the good-doers."

Yes indeed! My Revelations has come to you and you denied them, and were proud, and become one of the unbelievers.

And upon the Day of Resurrection you shall see those who lied about Allah, their faces blackened. Is there not in Hell an abode for those who are arrogant? (Az Zumar 54-60).

Surely those who oppose Allah and His Messenger shall be repressed as those before them were repressed. Upon the day when Allah shall raise them up all together, then He shall tell them what they did. Allah has kept account of it, while they have forgotten it.

When the earth has taken on its glitter and is ripened in beauty, and its inhabitants think they have power over it, Allah's Command comes upon it, by night or by day, and He makes it stubble as though it had never flourished yesterday.

The Day of accountability is ever approaching mankind, none but Allah can avert it. The Hour is their appointed tryst, and the Hour is very calamitous and bitterer.

The Koran gives hints about the closeness of the Hour:

The reckoning is ever approaching mankind, and yet they turn away in heedless (Al-Anbiya', 1).

The Hour is coming; I conceal it that every soul may be recompensed for its deeds (Taha, 15).

Allah is the One who has revealed the Book with the Truth, and the Due Balance. And how would you know? The Hour may be near (Ash Shura, 17).

Everyone should receive the fruits of his deeds. If one has sown flowers he should pluck flowers. If one has sown thorns he should pick thorns. Virtues breed virtues and vices breed vices. The death from which they flee will truly overtake them; then they will be sent back to the Knower of the things secret and open; and He will tell them the truth of the things they did.

Every thing that they have done is in the scrolls, and everything, great or small, is inscribed (Al-Qamar 52, 53).

Or do they think We hear not their secret and what they conspire together? Yes indeed and Our Messengers (angels) are present with them writing it down (Az-Zukhruf, 80).

In the West, Muslims nowadays, are badly treated for no valid reason except that they are Muslims. According to the teachings of Islam those who unjustly hurt Muslim men and women in whose hearts reigns piety have laid upon themselves calumny and manifest sin:

And those who hurt believing men and believing women unjustly have laid upon themselves calumny and manifest sin (Al-Ahzab, 58).

The enemies of Islam capitalize on their foolishness and wickedness to destroy Islam. They however, will never succeed in their evil plan for Islam as the religion of truth will continue to prevail over all religions.

They desire to extinguish with their mouths the light of Allah; but Allah will perfect His Light. Though the unbelievers be averse. It is He who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the religion of truth, that He may uplift it above every religion, though the unbelievers be averse (As-Saff 8- 9).

Allah has promised to protect His book from any sort of corruption.

It is We who have sent down the Remembrance, and We watch over it. (Al-Hijr, 9).

The unbelievers plot and plan against Islam and Allah too plans and He is the best of planners.

And when the unbelievers were devising against thee, to confine thee, or slay thee, or to expel thee, and were devising, and Allah was devising; and Allah is the best of devisers (Al-Anfal, 30).

The Prophet's credentials are known by the test of time. This was already becoming apparent to discerning eyes. Islam is now firmly established in the hearts of all Muslims inhabiting the globe. If it could possibly be supposed that the Prophet was a self- deceived visionary, it would affect him only, and could not fail to appear in his personality. But in fact he was steady in his constancy and Faith, and he not only went from strength to strength, but won the hearts of those who came into contact with him. How was this possible, unless he had the Truth and the inspiration of Allah behind him?

The strong belief of Muslims in their faith can never be shaken by dialectical assaults, on the contrary such disputations recoil on the heads of those who indulge in them.

The truth of Islam is final, it does not come and go, but stays to restore the true balance – unlike falsehood which by its very nature is doomed to perish.

If Islam was just some false religion as its enemies claim, would so many people, from Western scholars to Christian missionaries, have to tell so many lies about it? The reason is that the ultimate truth of Islam stands on solid ground and its

unshakable belief in the unity of Allah is above reproach. Due to this, Christians cannot criticize its doctrines directly, but instead make up things about Islam that are not true so that people lose the desire to learn more about Islam.

As expected, and as usual, the enemies of Islam will belie my words regarding the terrible torment awaiting them in the Hereafter as a result of their malicious attack on the Prophet and the Koran. This belying however, is of no significance to Muslims because they are used to such hysterical nonsense since the advent of Islam until present. But the important matter here is that the scoffers have been clearly warned of the severe consequences resulting from their baseless and insolent attack on Islam. The warning has reached them whether they like it or not, whether they believe it or not. They will soon come to know the consequences of their insolence when they are afflicted with misfortunes in health and wealth in earthly life, followed by a severe torment in the grave, and in the Day of Judgment they will be confronted with the torment that is laid upon the damned – the chastisement of burning in Hell. Here they will realize who is further astray from the way.

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