

## The myth of Islamization of the west – Charlie Hebdo

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The religion of Allah the Lord of creation is only one religion - Islam (the submission to His will). Islam means to surrender one's heart completely to Allah by worshipping Him alone without associating with Him any partners. Islam calls for strict monotheism, also transliterated as "Tawheed". The doctrine of "Tawheed" holds that Allah is One (Al-Ahad), and single (Al-Wahid). Strictly, the word connotes 'unification', 'oneness', or 'union'. Adam taught his siblings this truth, which was also emphasized in all divine Books which came afterwards such as the scrolls of Abraham; the Psalms of David; the Torah of Moses, the Gospel of Jesus; and the Koran of Muhammad. Believing in the oneness of Allah must be crowned by good deeds and piety as mentioned in the divine Books.

According to Islam, Allah is unique, indivisible, and absolute, He is independent of the entire creation. He is a universal God, rather than a local, tribal, or parochial.

There is an uncompromising monotheism at the heart of the Islamic faith. To attribute divinity to a created entity, known in Arabic as shirk, is an unpardonable sin. The entirety of the Islamic teaching rests on the principle of Tawhid.

The Koran says in this respect:

There is no god but He: that is the witness of Allah, His angels and those endowed with knowledge standing firm on justice. There is no god but He the Exalted in Power the Wise (Al-Imran, 18-20).

But the people of old, and the people of the Book (Jews and Christians) exceeded in their religion the bounds of what is proper, trespassing beyond the truth, and followed the vain desires of people who went wrong in times gone by who misled many and strayed themselves from the even way.

Allah says in the Koran:

“Say, ‘People of the Book! Do not go to extremes in your religion and do not follow the whims of those who went astray before you – they caused many to go astray and themselves strayed away from the right path (Al-Maida, 77).

The Koran states that those who were charged with safeguarding the Torah and the Gospel of Jesus have physically corrupted them:

Woe, then, to those who write the book with their hands and then say: This is from Allah, so that they may take for it a small price; therefore, woe to them for what their hands have written and woe to them for what they earn (Al-Baqara, 79).

The Koran also says:

But on account of their breaking their covenant (the Children of Israel))We cursed them and made their hearts hard; they altered the words from their places and they neglected a portion of what they were reminded of; and you shall always discover treachery in them excepting a few of them; so pardon them and turn away; surely Allah loves those who do good (to others). And with those who say, We are Christians, We made a covenant, but they neglected a portion of what they were reminded of, therefore We excited among them enmity and hatred to the day of resurrection; and Allah will inform them of what they did. O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), indeed Our Messenger has come to you making clear to you much of what you concealed of the Book and passing over much; indeed, there has come to you light and a clear Book from Allah (Al-Maida, 13-15).

The Koran also reads:

And when Allah made a covenant with those who were given the Book: You shall certainly make it known to men and you shall not hide it; but they cast it behind their backs and took a small price for it; so evil is that which they buy (Al-Imran, 187).

Furthermore, the people of the Book in addition to changing the Words of Allah in their Books to serve their whims and mundane desires, they had also taken their learned men and their monks for their lords beside Allah. They had

taken Jesus, the son of Mary as God or the son of God although they were commanded to worship only the one God, Allah.

The Koran says:

They have taken their rabbis and their monks as lords apart from Allah, and the Messiah, Mary's son, - and they were commanded to serve but one God; there is no God but He; glory be to Him, above that they associate (Al-Tawba, 31).

The old divine Books had been lost. The original Torah of Moses does not exist anymore. We have instead the Talmud and some other Jewish books. The original Gospel of Jesus was also lost and now we have four or five different Gospels written by men that had not seen Jesus. Before the Council of Nicaea the Christians had 250 gospels that later on boiled down to four or five gospels, each differing from the other.

David McAfee wrote: "The Bible exists today in hundreds of variations and languages, some with entirely different meanings. The Bible is composed of canonical scriptures and books that have been added and removed over time, by various Christian authorities. Many of the books that compose the New Testament are actually hundreds of years older than the time when Jesus was supposed to have lived, and most of the gospels have unknown or pseudo-named authors- even those that give a first-hand account of his actions have proven to be much more recent than his passing. But it is not the arbitrary additions to the accepted Christian canon that I believe is important, it is what was removed and forgotten that tells us most about the time period in which the Bible was being compiled." (1).

Because of this distortion in the divine Books, Allah has decided to keep His religion completely safe until Doomsday. Allah sent therefore Muhammad with the Koran to rectify the distortion made in the Holy Books, and to bring people back to the original religion of Allah – Islam.

This time Allah Has promised to guard the Koran from corruption. This is confirmed by the noble verse:

"We have, without doubt, sent down the Message; and We will assuredly guard it (from corruption). (Al-Hijr, 9).

Today Islam is the only religion in the text of which no changes could be made. The Koran is there in its entirety before the world, maintaining its ideological superiority over all other religions.

The Koran says:

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 (Al-Tawba, 33).

The Muslim believers have common qualities that combine them together. They believe in strict monotheism. They believe in one God – Allah - and worship Him alone without associating with Him any partners. Their hearts have been touched with the divine Hand of Allah, so they enjoin what is just, and forbid what is evil; they faithfully engage in the act of worship and give charity and alms; and they obey their Lord Allah and His Messenger. They all run towards Allah, a goal towards which they have to strive unitedly.

The life of the Muslim believers is in this world symbolic of their life in the Hereafter. In this world they live like so many flourishing trees standing in a lush green garden; everyone adds to the beauty of the other. Every believer is the well-wisher and companion of other believers, so much so, that the whole atmosphere becomes that of an abode of peace and tranquility. This good life will turn into the heavenly life in the Hereafter. There, the believer will not only reap the harvest of the good deeds sown by him in the present life, but will also come in Allah's grace and win His love and esteem. He will receive such bounty by the special grace of Allah, as he had never hitherto imagined (2).

The Koran states:

And the believers, the men and the women, are friends one of the other; they bid to honor, and forbid dishonor; they perform the prayer, and pay the alms, and they obey Allah and His Messenger. Those upon them Allah will have mercy; Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise. Al-Tawba, 71).

In another verse we read:

Allah has promised the believers, men and women, gardens underneath which rivers flow, forever therein to dwell, and goodly dwelling places in the Gardens of Eden; and greater, Allah's good pleasure, that is the mighty triumph (Al-Tawba, 72).

When non-Muslims read the Koran and see the beautiful pious life Muslims are living, and the outstanding reward awaiting them in heaven, they enter Islam

in groups. They embrace Islam out of their own free will. No one force them to embrace Islam because in Islam there is no compulsion in religion.

The Koran says:

No compulsion is there in religion. Rectitude has become clear from error. So whosoever disbelieves in idols and believes in Allah has grasped a firm handhold which will never break. Allah is All-hearing, All-knowing (Al-Baqara, 256).

If it had been Allah's will not to grant a free will to man in order to believe or not to believe, all would then have faith. But Allah willed that man believe out of his own free will, and faith comes out of an active use of that will. However, we must not be so arrogant as to suppose that this is enough. Man is weak, and needs Allah's grace and help to choose the right path. If man sincerely wants to strive in the way of Allah, Allah will help him comes near Him, but if not, Allah will place doubt and obscurity on his way and will send down upon him wrath because he was heedless.

The Koran says:

Had your Lord pleased, all the people on earth would have believed in Him without exception. So will you compel people to become believers? No soul can believe except by the will of Allah; and He lays abomination upon those who have no understanding (Yunus, 100).

In other words, the Koran has come to the whole world from Allah, he who chooses to follow the Koran shall only profit his own soul, and he who chooses to stray shall only harm his own soul. The Prophet is not here to watch over people's folly. His task is only to deliver the Message of Islam, and Allah rewards or punishes His servants according to their obedience to Him or disobedience (3).

The Koran clearly states:

Say, 'Mankind, Truth has come to you from your Lord! Anyone who accepts guidance is guided only for his own sake; and he who goes astray does so at his own peril. I am not appointed as your keeper (Yunus, 108).

Believing in Islam as the only religion of Allah and abiding by its tenets and rules is a blessing from Allah to his servants. Preaching Islam to others would never be successful if Allah does not want to guide a wrongdoer or a disbeliever to His straight path, because guidance comes only from Allah.

The Korans says:

And Allah summons to the Abode of Peace (Paradise), and He guides whomsoever He will to a straight path (Yunus, 25).

The Koran also says:

whereby Allah guides whosoever follows His good pleasure in the ways of peace, and brings them forth from the shadows into the light by His leave; and He guides them to a straight path (Al-Maida, 16).

As guidance comes only from Allah, Allah also sends astray whom He wills.

The Koran says:

And those who cry lies to Our signs are deaf and dumb, dwelling in the shadows. Whomsoever Allah will, He leads astray, and whomsoever He will, He sets him on a straight path (Al-An'am, 39).

One might say, "According to the verses mentioned above, man has no free will to choose between the right path and the wrong one since Allah guides to His path whom He wills and sends astray whom He wills!"

The answer is very simple. If one reads the Koran in context, he will quickly realize that people have a free will to believe or disbelieve in Allah.

The Koran says:

Say: "The truth is from your Lord; so let whosoever will believe, and let whosoever will disbelieve." Surely We have prepared for the evildoers 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 (Al-Kahf, 29).

We also read the following verses:

Surely this is a reminder; so let him who will take unto his Lord a way (Al-Muzzammil, 19).

Say: "I do not ask of you a wage for this, except for him who wishes to take to his Lord a way (Al-Furqan, 57).

No indeed; it is a Reminder and who so wills, shall remember it (Abasa 11, 12).

These verses clearly show that man has the free will to choose a path unto the Lord.

In order for Allah to guide to His right path, man has to struggle hard to find His path. Allah will only guide those who actually struggle to find the truth and want to be guided.

This is confirmed by the next verse:

But those who struggle in Our cause, surely We shall guide them in our ways; and Allah is with the good-doers (Al-Ankabut, 69).

It is therefore clear that Allah misguides the wrongdoers who intentionally commit wrong deeds, persist in denying the divine Message, and chose the road to perdition.

Allah says in the Koran:

Allah confirms those who believe with the firm word, in the present life and in the world to come; and Allah leads astray the evildoers; and Allah does what He will (Abraham, 27).

Allah is the Most Merciful, Most Compassionate, His Mercy encompasses all things. Allah says in the Koran:

“... and My Mercy embraces all things (Al-A’raf, 156).

One aspect of the Mercy of Allah to His slaves is that He sends Messengers and reveals divine Books and laws to organize people’s lives according to the ways of wisdom, far removed from hardship and difficulty.

Muhammad peace be upon him came as a mercy for all beings. He is the seal of the prophets, and the one who was charged to renew the faith.

Allah says in the Koran

“We have not sent thee (O Muhammad), save as a mercy unto all beings (Al-Anbiya’, 107).

Although Prophet Muhammad's Message addressed Arabs first, its nearest audience, it was not limited to a particular nation. Many Koranic verses transcend locality, region, ethnicity, and nationality by starting with the call, "O Human beings," or "O People."

In Islam, all people are equal. There is no question now of race or nation, of a ‘chosen people’, or the ‘seed of Abraham’; or the ‘seed of David’; or of Hindu

'Arya-Varta'; of Jew or Gentile, Arab or Persian, Turk or Tajik, European or Asiatic, white or colored; Arian, Semitic, Mongolian, or African; or American, Australian, or Polynesian. To all men and creatures, the principles of Islam universally apply.

Muhammad has given the Good news for the Righteous and the warning for the unjust without favour or partiality, and without abating one jot of the truth, openly and squarely for all. He taught people how to carry out Allah's will and live a good life.

The culmination of Allah's Revelation is in the Koran. The Koran conforms previous scriptures, corrects the errors, which men introduced into them, and explains many points in detail for all who seek right worship and service to Allah. The Message of Muhammad is directed to all, it is a universal Message.

The Koran says:

We sent you not, but as a Mercy for all creatures (Al-Anbiya', 107).

The Prophet's message brings the idea that everything in creation is a living, chanting, obedient worshipper of Allah, regardless of whether they are humans, animals, or other creatures.

We read in the Koran:

The seven heavens and the earth, and whosoever in them is, extol Him; nothing is, that does not proclaim His praise, but you do not understand their extolling. Surely He is All-Clement, All-Forgiving (Al-Israa' 17).

The God of Muhammad is not his God only, but also the God of all, for there is but One God, the universal God, the universal Lord who created man and the universe and love and cherishes all. The God of Muhammad is the God of all nations that came before Muhammad and all those who will come after him (3).

The Koran says:

Say: " we believe in Allah, and in that which has been sent down on us and sent down on Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac and Jacob, and the Tribes, and that which was given to Moses and Jesus and the prophets, of their Lord; we make no division between any of them, and to Him we surrender (in Islam). (Al-Baqara, 136).

Based on the above, non-Muslims embrace Islam in thousands every day in the West, because it is the will of Allah to guide them to His path. It is in fact a blessing from Him and a mercy to them. Therefore, the term “Islamization of the West” is false because the westerners who embraced Islam were not forced to do so, they reverted to Islam out of their own free will.

When the Germans took the streets to protest against what they called “Islamization of the West”, they should have known that the thousands of their brothers who reverted to Islam did that out of their own conviction. They were not coerced to do so, but again it was the mercy and grace of Allah that willed to invite non-Muslims to His one and only religion – Islam.

Most of the times, I shed tears when I read the journey of those reverts to Islam. I read their struggle to come near Him, and their sincere efforts to know Him. Then I read how in rebuttal to their spiritual struggle in the way of Allah, He showered them with His grace and invited them to Islam. Allah could have left them astray, but His love for His servants compels Him to save them from the Fire of Hell and helps them enter Paradise. But entering paradise is conditioned by worshipping him alone without associating with Him any partners (Jesus son of Mary, saint, pope, priest, idol, tree, cow, fire, moon, sun...etc), and this must be crowned with good deeds as mentioned in the Koran and the Sunna of the Prophet.

The Islamization they are talking about is not something terrible as they like to picture it, but rather a mercy from Allah to make his servants live according to His will. It is the grace of Allah and honor showered on people struggling to tread His path of righteousness, and as a result, He will admit them to Paradise.

Allah says in the Koran:

“O believers, if you help Allah, He will help you, and confirm your feet. But as for the unbelievers, ill chance shall befall them! He will send their works astray. That is because they had been averse to what Allah has sent down, so He has made their works to fail (Muhammad, 7-9).

In France Muslim gunmen have attacked the offices of the French magazine Charlie Hebdo killing 17 people including the editor. More than a million people surged through the boulevards of Paris behind dozens of world leaders walking arm-in-arm in a rally for unity described as the largest demonstration in French history. Millions more marched around the country and the world to

repudiate three days of terror that killed 17 people. More than 40 world leaders headed the huge demonstration and shouting, "We stand together against barbarity, and we are all Charlie".

President Hollande said about the attack that it was an act of extreme barbarity. Many foreign leaders also condemned the attack. The former Charlie Hebdo publisher Phillipe Val said: "We all need to stand together against this horror".

Families of the victims, holding each other for support, marched in the front along with the leaders and with journalists working for the Charlie Hebdo newspaper. Several wept openly.

"Je Suis Charlie" — "I Am Charlie," read legions of posters and banners.

I personally agree, and as all Muslims do, that the killing was an act of barbarism, because Islam is the religion of peace. Islam promotes peace and understanding among people of all faiths, and it strongly prohibits all forms of violence and aggression against all people regardless of their faith or race.

The Koran says:

"O believers, be you securers of justice, witnesses for Allah, even though it be against yourselves, or your parents and kinsmen, whether the man be rich or poor; Allah stands closer to either. Then follow not caprice, so as to swerve; for if you twist or turn, Allah is aware of the things you do (Al-Nsa', 135).

Allah reminds us in the Koran that the best of us in Allah's eyes are those who are most righteous. Allah made it clear that there is no single people, race, or nation that is better than others. Allah created us all equal. In Allah's eyes, the best of us are the most righteous and most kind. On the Day of Judgment man is judged solely based on his actions.

The Koran states:

"O mankind! We created you from a single (pair) of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that ye may know each other (not that ye may despise each other). Verily the most honoured of you in the sight of Allah is (he who is) the most righteous of you. And Allah has full Knowledge and is well-acquainted (with all things)" (Al-Hujurat, 13).

This verse teaches that we should live peacefully with other nations and we should respect our differences. We should learn to live together and to get to know each other, and to engage in dialogue amongst all nations and treat every human being as being equal (4).

In the Islamic world, protests broke out around the world against Charlie Hebdo. This happened in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Moscow, Shishnya, and in the Arab world.

In this respect, I would like to emphasize that if President Hollande had said: “The killing was an act of extreme barbarity” - a matter that I fully agree with - I would also say, “The cartoons Charlie Hebdo published about the Prophet of Islam is unacceptable and detestable. The horrible irresponsible act, which incited the grudge of 1.5 billion Muslims around the world is foolish, irresponsible, and utterly dangerous.

The staff in Charlie Hebdo, and those in other similar magazines, do not understand that Muslims do not live in the present world to earn mundane profits. They rather live for Allah and by Allah. Their purpose in life is to win paradise by following the teachings of the Koran and the Sunna of the Prophet. To them, the Prophet is a supreme example to be followed.

Allah instructed Muhammad to tell the people, “If you people truly entertain a great regard for Allah, then follow me and there shall Allah confer on you His grace and blessings and forgive you your iniquities.

The Koran says:

Say: “If you love Allah, follow me, and Allah will love you, and forgive you your sins; Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Compassionate.” (Al-Imran, 31).

There is no other Prophet by whose life Allah swore.

We read in the Koran:

By thy life, they wandered blindly in their dazzlement (Al-Hijr, 72).

Muhammad stands on a most exalted standard of character and his life reflected exactly the teachings of the Koran. He was the living Koran. The sublime moral and spiritual excellences of the Holy Prophet was manifested in

every aspect of his private as well as public life. Since he was the last of the prophets, perfection in every aspect of life, material as well as spiritual, was illustrated in him.

The Koran talks about the exalted morality of the Prophet.

Surely thou art upon a mighty morality (Al-Qalam, 4).

Because of his exalted morality, and the agony he suffered while spreading the Message of Islam to the world, Allah and the angels extend mercy and blessings to the Prophet. The believers were then ordered to invoke Allah's mercy and blessings on the Prophet and say: "Peace be upon him and blessed be he with all divine favours."

The Koran says in this respect:

Allah and His angels bless the Prophet. O believers, do you also bless him, and pray him peace (Al-Ahzab, 56).

"The Prophet is the beloved of Allah; he loves Allah and Allah loves him. He was the close friend of Allah; as he said: "Allah has taken me as a close friend just as he took Ibrahim (Abraham) as a close friend."

The Prophet was sent as a mercy to all mankind. The Koran says:

We have not sent you except as a mercy to mankind (Al-Anbiya', 107).

This mercy is not transmitted to all mankind except through the uncorrupted Message and the exalted Messenger. Thus this verse, clearly states that the Prophet is to be not only the witness over his own nation, but over all mankind.

The Koran says:

And We have not sent thee (O Muhammad) except as a giver of glad tidings and a Warner unto all mankind but most of them know not (Saba', 28).

The Prophet said:

"I have been given five things which were not given to any Prophet before me. Among these were the right of intercession (on the Day of Resurrection), and that, "every prophet was sent to his nation, but I have been sent to all mankind." (Al-Bukhari, 335)

We know that from Adam until the advent of Muhammad, Allah has sent many Prophets. Muslims believe their number was about 125,000. Each came with the message of monotheism and specific instructions to his own people. Some came with written instructions and a holy book, and others only carried the message. Over time, all these messages and books were lost, corrupted and so was much of the original pristine messages. The only Divine Book preserved to this day is the Koran, unaltered with a promise by the Creator that it will be preserved forever.

Allah, the Preserver of this message, only chose Muhammad the best of creation, to carry this message to the whole world.

Allah says in the Koran:

This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion (Al-Maida, 3).

Muslims consider the honour of the Prophet Muhammad to be dearer to them than that of their parents or even themselves. Defending the Prophet and his Holy Book the Koran, is considered an obligation upon them.

Those who abuse the Prophet of Islam - the close friend of Allah - have forgotten that they will have to face Allah; those who have contented themselves with the temporary amenities of this world as opposed to the eternal bounties of the Hereafter; those who become completely unmindful of the realities revealed by Allah; those who attach themselves to ungodly things to such an extent that under the pretext of freedom of speech they do not mind insulting and slandering the Prophet of Islam, humiliate his Book the Koran – the last divine revelation sent to the world – and even burn it!

These fools led their lives as if they were not required to face Allah after death and lived with arrogance in this world. They led their lives free of the fear of Allah's scourge, thinking that they had the right to practice as much impudence and insolence, and spread as much chaos in the Islamic world as they like. They did not realize that every man is helpless before Allah – He will one day seize upon all human beings and everybody will be compelled to accept his verdict.

These foolish acts against Islam as a religion, and the Prophet of Islam, amounts to treading the path of Hell in the eyes of Allah, and those who adopt the way of Hell will not arrive anywhere except in Hell.

Thus Allah has made fair-seeming to the wrongdoers that which they used to do, and in the end Hell fire will be their permanent abode.

The Koran says:

Those who entertain no hope of meeting Us, being pleased and contented with the life of this world, and those who give no heed, to Our signs, shall have their abode in the Fire in requital of their deeds (Yunus, 7).

Allah does not wrong people, but people wrong themselves.

Prophet Muhammad said:

"Abusing a believer is like throwing oneself into destruction."

The Prophet also said:

"Abusing a believer is transgression. Fighting him is infidelity and devouring his flesh is a sin and his wealth has the sanctity like his blood."

The Prophet of Islam had been severely abused and humiliated by the West. Under freedom of speech, the West has taken all the liberty to slander Muhammad the best of creation without limits. Charlie hebdo was one of these slanderers.

The problem with the Westerners is that they think that the Koran is not a divine Book and that Muhammad invented it, and that Allah is a moon god, a monkey god or a demon god! But what would be the case if Islam is truly the last of religions, and Muhammad is the seal of the prophets? The scoffers will be facing a terrible chastisement in this world and in the Hereafter.

The West should have known that abusing the Prophet of Islam will not go without punishment. Those who defy Allah and His Messenger or challenge them, have come within the measure of Allah's wrath and have incurred Allah's curse here and Hereafter, and there awaits them the torment that is laid upon the damned. The slanderers should have known that he who fights Allah and His Messenger are ruined. Allah has mentioned in His Book that we will never find someone who harmed a Messenger and did not seek repentance except that Allah struck him with a calamity.

The Koran says:

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).

We also read in the Koran the next two verses:

Those who molest the Messenger will have a grievous penalty (Al-Tawba, 61).

Do they not know that whoever opposes Allah and His Messenger shall abide forever in the fire of Hell? That is the supreme humiliation (Al-Tawba, 63).

When the demonstrators marched in Paris shouting: “We are all Charlie”, did they mean that they were supporting the impudence Charlie was persistently launching against the Prophet and his religion, or were they backing a freedom of speech that had no limits and would not mind attacking religions, prophets, and Allah?

Years ago, when Charlie Hibdo attacked the Prophet of Islam and saw Muslims rejecting such abominable act, it justified its insolence by saying that it also attacks Jesus and other prophets! Muslims abhor the slandering of Jesus or any other prophet as well. Jesus and his mother are mentioned in the Koran, and the Koran considered Jesus as one of the greatest prophets.

Marching in demonstrations saying: “We are all Charlie”, will never stop terrorism. Because these demonstrations also implied that attacking Islam and the Prophet is also allowed under the false pretext of freedom of speech.

Those who insult Islam wish to poison relations between the Muslim world and the West by sowing discord between them. Those who are sympathetic with Charlie Hibdo, must have the nerve to call for criminalizing anti-Islamic speech. They must have the guts to urge their countries to enact laws that would criminalize criticism of Islam.

We all value freedom of expression, but we should also use good judgment and common sense to avoid actions that are intentionally insulting or promoting hatred. Without the criminalization of assaults on the sanctities of all heavenly religions, the Muslim world will continue to suspect and even loathe the West.

Islam guarantees all people freedom of belief and freedom of opinion and expression, but these freedoms should not extend to attacks on Islam. These crimes and assaults against Muslim sanctities must not be tolerated by the countries where they are produced or launched.

Western countries must take appropriate action to deter repeats of such acts of barbaric aggression. Laws should be passed that criminalize insults to Islam.

Demonstrations asking for solidarity against terrorism are worthless without enacting laws criminalizing the abuse of Islam and all other religions as well.

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