

Islam will prevail

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What is the purpose behind this senseless attack against Islam? Is it to annihilate Muslims and ruin the religion of Islam? Is it to incite the grudge of non-Muslims against Muslims in order to serve racism and well known political agendas? If these are the reasons behind such vicious attacks against Islam and Muslims, the attackers must be dead sure that Islam in such unpleasant conditions always dominates and prevails as it always did.

Since the advent of Islam, as the final and all-compassing Message to mankind up to the moment, its adversaries left no opportunity to thwart it and curb its followers. Right from day one, they did their level best to kill it in the bud using different ways.

Due to the fact that this new religion holds all people equal in terms of rights, duties, human value, etc, regardless of their ethnic, social or economic backgrounds, the rich and leading figures in Makkah, fearing lest they would lose their prestige and wealth, stood adamantly in the face of the then nascent Message. They tried to put different kinds of obstacles to hinder the spread of Islam, in feverish attempts to maintain their positions and prevent any sort of threat to their interests.

In their war against Islam, they tried many kinds of weapons: bodily torture, economic sanctions, false propaganda, and financial seduction, none of which was of any fruit.

The people of Allah are the ones to prevail. Those who obey the commands of Allah and His Messenger are the party of Allah. They were given the news that they will be the ones to prevail.

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 (As-Saff, 9).

Within decades the above promise became true and Islam prevailed. The two superpowers of the day, the Persian and the Roman empires crumbled at the hands of the Muslims.

With the Help of Allah, and the patience and perseverance of Prophet Muhammad and his faithful companions Islam successfully survived all the hardships and expanded its span to include not only the Arabian Peninsula, but rather spacious lands outside it.

By the tenth century, Islam became the main religion, or at least, the religion of the majority of nations in an area covering more than half of the civilized world stretching over three continents from the Pyrenees and Siberia in West and North Europe to the farthest end of Asia, up to China and New Guinea in the East; from Morocco in North Africa to the southern tip of Africa, covering two-thirds of the African continent. Muslim envoys reached the Chinese royal court and were welcomed enthusiastically.

Among every four humans in the world, one of them is Muslim. Muslims have increased by over 235% in the last fifty years up to nearly 1.6 billion. By comparison, Christians have increased by only 47 %. Islam is the second largest religion in France, Great Britain and USA.

The following statistics show the growth of Islam in the world from (1989-1998): North America: (25%); Africa:

(2.15%); Asia: (12.57%); Europe : (142.35%); Latin America: (4.73%); Australia: (257.01%).

One may ask: What makes Islam spreads so vigorously?

There are many reasons why nations have been, from past to the present, so ready to embrace Islam, what is pointed out by Muhammad Asad, a Jewish convert to Islam, probably being the foremost:

"Islam appears to me like a perfect work of architecture. All its parts are harmoniously conceived to complement and support each other, nothing lacking, with the result of an absolute balance and solid composure. Everything in the teaching and postulate of Islam is in its proper place."
[Islam at the Crossroads, p.5].

Most of Western writers, especially those under the influence of the Church, have never failed to accuse Islam of spreading by the sword. The cause of this prejudice lie is mainly due to the fact that the spread of Islam has often occurred at the expense of Christianity. While Islam has, for centuries, obtained numerous conversions from Christianity without much effort or organized missionary activities, Christianity has almost never been able to achieve conversions from Islam in spite of sophisticated means and well-organized missionary activities, and it has always been at a disadvantage in its competition with Islam for fourteen centuries.

This has caused its missionaries and most of the orientalist to develop a complex within themselves by depicting Islam and introducing it as a regressive, vulgar religion of savage people. If history is to be read with an objective eye, such allegations will easily be debunked.

In addition to many other reasons which are responsible for the spread of Islam, it is the exemplary life-style and unceasing efforts of individual Muslims to transmit the

Message of Islam as they were instructed by their Prophet and the commands of their Lord.

Islamic universalism is closely associated with the principle of 'enjoining the good' for Islam is to be spread by Muslims by means of this principle. This principle seeks to convey the Message of Islam to all human beings in the world.

Western fierce media campaign against Islam and Muslims escalated after the 11th of September attacks. Biased media, especially in the USA, rushed into a feverish contest to depict Islam as a religion based on savagery, intolerance and blood-thirst.

Not only in the media were Muslims harassed in the United States of America, Britain, Australia, and other European countries; rather, they were physically attacked at their homes, in the streets, in public places, and in their Mosques, Islamic centers, etc. The same attitude was, unfortunately, maintained toward the Noble Prophet of Islam and the Noble Koran.

Islamophobia reached its peak when a Danish newspaper published heinous caricatures picturing the Prophet as a terrorist. The noble koran was also desecrated in the US and some other countries, indicating the deep hatred towards Islam and Muslims.

There have been many rigid regulations and extremist procedures enacted against Muslims in the US and some European countries, on the pretext of their "war on terror". Many Muslim students were banned from completing their studies, many families expatriated, Islamic activities limited or stopped, Muslim men and women subjected to sophisticated checking and screening procedures in airports, women with hijab and men with beards mocked or harassed, etc. In brief, a Muslim has become for them a word synonymous to "suspect".

Nonetheless, even after the events of September, a wave of new Muslims embraced Islam all over the world. In the USA alone, more than 30000 persons embraced Islam.

By the year 2020, Islam is projected to be the largest religion in the world.

To sum up, in spite of all the feverish attempts on the part of the adversaries of Islam, old and new, Islam is still sweeping the globe easily and peacefully, thus conquering and illuminating the minds and hearts, no matter how hard and intricate their conspiracies are.

Islam continues to be successful in the developed world, and elsewhere, because its call is in accordance with the natural directions of mankind. It advocates the best of human values, such as tolerance, love, mercy, truthfulness and sincerity. Islam educates people and lifts them up to righteous conduct, good manners and virtue. It addresses humanity and logic, heart and soul, feelings and thoughts, etc. Its call is distinguished from others by its logic, truth, realized origins, realism, balance and moderation. It urges the people by the verses of The Holy Koran to think, analyze, investigate and discover the world around us where the beauty of the creation of God is seen in everything.

The Koran says:

What, have they not considered within themselves? Allah created not the heavens and the earth, and what between them, save with the truth and a stated term; yet most men disbelieve in the encounter with their Lord (Al-Rum, 8).

The word "Muslim" means one who submits to the will of Allah, regardless of their race, nationality or ethnic background. Becoming a Muslim is a simple and easy process that requires no pre-requisites. One may convert alone in privacy, or he/she may do so in the presence of

others, by pronouncing the "Shahada", the testimony of faith, with full faith in the One God, Allah.

The testimony of faith is: "I testify that there is no true god but Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."

But who is Allah? Allah defined himself in the Koran as:

Surely your Lord is Allah, Who created the heavens and the earth in six days – then sat himself upon the throne, covering the day with the night it pursues urgently – and the sun, and the moon, and the stars subservient, by His command. Verily, His are the creation and the command. Blessed be Allah, the Lord of all Being (Al-A'raf, 54).

Belief in Islam is not built on dogmas or magic tales like salvation and great bloody sins. It is free from submission to anybody other than Allah or to believe in a power other than the power of Allah or of any idol. The relation in Islam between Allah and man is a direct relation that does not need any interference of people like Popes, priests, church men for confession or any other ambiguities. Islam convinces Muslims of the day of resurrection, the Day where each man, or woman, will be held responsible for his or her own deeds. The Koran completely rejected the Christian dogma of vicarious atonement (1).

Islam pays due attention to both the soul and the body. It neither suppresses physical desires nor allows extravagance in this regard; it makes a balance between the natural inclination to enjoy life and to worship Allah. It forbids desires that come under the heading of depravity and perversion. It builds the peace between the man, himself, his parents, his family, his society, his present life, the whole universe and his future life.

People embrace Islam because they find security, comfort and peace in it. They see the simplicity of the faith and in

the way of converting to Islam. They see in Islam a cure for their problems, and through it they are able to get rid of their feelings of confusion, anxiety and loss. They find in the Holy Koran the complete guide to a peaceful life, the evidence of Muhammad's truth as Allah's prophet, the Miracles in all scientific and logical fields, the luminance, the Wisdom, the Law, the logic, the reason and Allah's light.

Islam is the religion of the fitrah (natural disposition), i.e. the natural inclination or pattern on which Allah has created mankind. For this reason, people of sound minds and upright inclinations embrace Islam by their nature. The Prophet said:

"Each child is born in a state of fitrah (natural disposition) which leads him to think about His Creator, Allah, then his parents may convert him to Judaism, Christianity or any other belief". This means that Allah has created mankind with the potential to learn the truth, accept pure monotheism and submits to the One God, Allah. Worship in Islam is therefore simple and easy to perform. It is a direct relationship between man and His Creator (1).

Islam spreads quickly because it is a religion of logic and values. Islam is suitable for all people, educated and uneducated, male and female, old and young; poor and rich; everyone finds in it happiness and satisfaction. Those who become Muslim in developed countries realize what their man-made laws have done to them. They see how prevalent psychological illnesses, nervous breakdowns, insanity and suicides are despite the technological advances they have. The worldly desires and monetary gains satisfy only their bodies, but fail to nourish the heart and soul.

Islam will continue to succeed, with the permission of Allah, so long as those who work for its sake are sincere and its followers adhere to it and believe in it, and apply its perfect laws(1).

Religion is the only source of nutriment for the human soul. Of all the existent religions, Islam is the truest, the newest, and the most comprehensive so that it provides its adherents with an ever during adaptability to the world's changing conditions.

The Islamic religion is the final religion and is therefore at the zenith of perfection. This fact is acknowledged even by (George) Bernard Shaw (1856-1950) who said: "Were we to choose a common religion for the entire world, it would definitely be the Islamic religion."

Sad to say, today's western world still accommodates Christians who insist on calling Muslims "heretics", "idle-minded", "devil-worshippers", "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. The fact, on the other hand, is that Islam is the only religion suitable for today's civilized world.

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. In addition to these people, many other universally

known celebrities met the Islamic religion with deep respect and admiration although they did not officially become Muslims; they even believed in the fact that Islam is the true religion and did not hesitate to express this belief of theirs. Scientists, philosophers, and politicians, admired by the entire world, first of all believe in the fact that Allah exists and is One and that He is the Creator of all beings (2).

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