

## **PROPAGATION OF ISLAM**

Respected gentlemen "Assalamoalaikum",

Rabbishrahlee sadree. Wa yassir leee amree. Wahlul uqdatam mil lisaanee. Yafqahoo qowlee.

During these troubled times fallacious notions are being deliberately and repeatedly spread throughout the world by many biased,, ill informed, mentally sick and even mischievous persons regarding Islam and Holy Prophet Mohammad S.A.W.S. (PBUH). Those writers and speakers who occupy the highest government offices and the most exalted religious positions have willfully tried to damage the beautiful and towering personality of Mohammad S.A.W.S. (PBUH) in the eyes of the ordinary and simple people of the world. The evil campaigners have used every means to malign Islam, Mohammad (PBUH) and Muslims. Thus, today Islam is under pressure from radio, television, print media, journalists, publishers, politicians, religious high ups and even financial world donor institutions.

We live today in a Society which is a mix of many religions and cults. They all exert political, economical and propagandist pressure. Islam is being maligned and misrepresented with ulterior motives. Anti Islam forces and agencies do not miss an opportunity to belittle and insult Muslims. Muslims are portrayed as fanatics, fundamentalists and terrorists. They are called even foreign infiltrators in the Western World.

If a Muslims talks to them about the fundamentals of life and religion, then he is branded as a fundamentalist. And if he expresses anger at the wrong doings of the West, then he is called a terrorist. But if he accepts their criticism like a lamb, and sits quietly and allows his religion to be disgraced, then he is called a good Muslim.

The result of all this propaganda is that anti Islam feelings and activities are on the rise. They try to portray that Muslims are a threat to the Western way of life. This breeds prejudice and hatred resulting in offensive dialogue. All this in turn results in suspicion, oppression and even Muslims bashing. They call it ISLAMO-PHOBIA.

Muslims should enlighten people of other faiths about Islam. Muslims should not remain frozen in the past. Muslims should not remain satisfied only in the glories of their past. They should once again rise and deliver the message of Qur'aan. They should not remain confined to their own community but they should also reach out to other communities of other religions also. Islam is a universal religion (deen). It is for the entire world. Islam is not limited to Muslims alone. It has no geographical barriers. So arise and deliver the message of Qur'aan, by all means, by word, by print media and by the electronic and computer media.

The mist of prejudice needs to be cleared away. Let this age be of global resurgence and renaissance of Islam. Islam means surrendering to the will of Allah. Let the true understanding of Qur'aanic and Islamic ideals once, again reach out to all in the world. Now a storm should arise within us. Let there be turmoil in our souls.

Inter Faith Dialogue is also encouraged by Qur'aan so that people of other religions can understand Islam and Qur'aan in a better perspective.

Surah Aale Imraan 3:61 says- "let us gather together, our sons and your sons, our women and your women, ourselves and yourselves. Let us then earnestly pray and invoke the curse of Allah on those who lie". .

And remember the last sermon of Prophet Muhammad S.A.W.S. (PBUH). He said:- "I have left amongst you that which will never lead you astray - the Book of Allah - the Qur'aan. If you hold fast to it, you will never go astray. So let him, who is present, convey all this to him who is not here because he may be better guided".

Today it is not the age to convince man by showing miracles. By today man has reached an age of reason and has acquired an ability to draw his own logical conclusions regarding his faith and religion. So, O you Muslims, wake up and start delivering the Message of Qur'aan to the whole world. See what the Holy Qur'aan commanded Prophet Muhammad-in Surah Muddas-sir. No.74:1-2 Yaaa ayyo hal mud-das-sir. Qurn fa an zir. "O thou (Muhammad) wrapped up in your covering, arise and deliver thy warning." So you too, O Muslims-arise and deliver the message of Qur'aan to the whole world. Remain determined, resolute against oppositions. Show patience, perseverance, courage and conviction like Muhammad (P.B.U.H.). Like him remain sincere, loyal and steadfast to your mission. Follow him and put in hard work. Speak with conviction and sincerity.

Your effort will give positive results. Finally the conscience of man will challenge him and ALLAH will lead him to true -guidance. A sudden realization will dawn upon him and he will acknowledge the truth. The truth of ONE TRUE GOD-ALLAH. That will be the moment of his release from the bondage and he will get freedom. He would then realize that which of the blessings of his ONE TRUE GOD could he deny. "Fa bi ayyi aalaaa i rabbi kumaa tu kazzi baan".

Tell them that-

- (a) Word Qur'aan means that book which is read again and again. It is a word of ALLAH and its message is Divine. [Al-Waaqia 56:80]
- (b) Qur'aan at Surah-az-Zumar at 39:41 and Surah-'Abasa at 80:11 says: "say that Qur'aan is a message for all mankind".
- (c) Qur'aan at Surah-al-Haaqqa at 69:51 says that- "Qur'aan, certainly, it is an absolute Truth."
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- (e) Qur'aan at Surah-an-Nahl at 16:101 says that-"Qur'aan supersedes all previous scriptures."
- (f) Qur'aan at Surah-al-Baqarah 2:23, and at Surah Yunus 10:38, and at Surah-al-Israa 17:88 and at Suarh-at-Toor 52:34 "challenges all mankind and Jinns to produce even one Surah like that of Qur'aan and call upon whomsoever they can besides ALLAH, if they are truthful.
- (g) Qur'aan is the Book that guides to what is just and right. Surah-al-Israa 17:9
- (h) Qur'aan is the Book that makes things clear. Surah-Ad-Dukhan 44:2 (h).

- (i) Qur'aan appeals to the wisdom and sense of man. Surah Yunus 10:16
- (i) Only disbelievers reject Qur'aan. Reference Surah-Al Burooj 85:19

When you would invite him to Qur'aan the Divine word of ALLAH, he would begin to understand the meaning and the purpose of his life. He would begin to realize that after his life's journey, a stark reality of death lies in front of him. What would happen of him? Where, would be his final destination after death? Reverence, fear and immediate obedience to his ONE TRUE GOD-ALLAH would follow. This awakening, this realization then would give him a new meaning, a new direction, a new orientation and a new purpose in his life, the he would begin to realize that the aim of his life is to prepare for the next life which is eternal. The purpose of this life then would become a lifetime endeavour and an achievement and not a wasting of time in frivolities of his life. When one would acknowledge this fact, then he would kneel down and would prostrate his head down to his ONE TRUE GOD-ALLAH. Then Islam would become the only logic and rationale behind his existence. Then he would disentangle himself and would walk clear out of his chained existence. Then he would walk from slavery to freedom, from darkness into light. Then he would walk into the arena of reality and truth. Then he would come into the fold of Qur'aan and Islam. He would accept Islam and would become a Muslim-God Willing.

So, tell the whole world that Islam and only Islam is the true religion of all religions. Therefore in Islam all the energies of life should lie. Islam is the only right way of life. Only Islam gives the true spiritual light and power to his body, mind and soul. For any man, only Islam and Qur'aan should be the substance and rule of his life. All human beings for their own good should live by Islam and should die in Islam. Islam is the only true religion. They should be encouraged in all sincerity, honesty and humility to read the Qur'aan. That would give them a new orientation in life and a new goal to aspire for. Request them not to be proud, prejudiced, ignorant or arrogant. Tell them to open their hearts and come to the Truth. Pray for them so that they come to enlightenment from darkness. Request them not to reject the Truth. Request them to examine their faith because an unexamined faith is not worth believing. We hope people of wisdom, intellect and criterion would surely think afresh about heir misplaced, hitherto followed faith.

So, O our Rabb! Grant us victory over the unbelievers. "Fan surna 'alal qawmil kaafireen". Gentlemen that is the end of my talk. Wa maa 'alainaa il lal balaa ghul mubeen". (And our duty is only to deliver the clear message.) (Surah Yaa Seeeen 36:17)

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