



The Tolerance of Islam

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Q: Dear Scheikh. I have especially noticed that you, as a Muslim, do not make a difference between individuals of different beliefs during your spiritual speeches and therapies. Is it not usual to address only people that belong to your own belief? Or how does it work in the spiritual world?

A: In the Name of The Almighty and Merciful.

These are good questions and good questions have to be answered correctly. You are asking me about the level of tolerance of my belief in order to serve human beings of all nations and beliefs and offer them one unity. I will answer like my Grand Sheikh, Sheikh Nazim El Haqqani, answers such questions: "Islam is the most tolerant system that exists."

Islam came with the seal of the prophets, Muhammed* (* means : may peace be on him) 600 years after Jesus Christ*. In the divine presence Muhammed* was the first prophet, but in this world he was the last prophet to come. For the most important and most beloved person has to come last. With his coming the circle was closed. The end is the same as the beginning and vice versa. This is a divine secret. All prophets before him spoke about his coming and tried to prepare their people for his arrival. When he came, he came as a perfect prophet and brought a message, for all humanity, to be extremely tolerant. No other prophet before him came with such tolerance.

And from this tolerance, he allowed the Jewish and Christian scholars to keep their religion until the return of Jesus Christ, but with the condition that they look at the last message from Heaven, the Last Testament, and form an opinion about it. Therefore the Jews and Christians were free to exercise their beliefs and practices while under Islamic rule. Neither disgrace nor destruction came upon them nor their churches and synagogues.

We Muslims believe in Moses* and Jesus Christ* and the revelations that were brought to them by the angel Gabriel from the Almighty. We are on the safest way because we believe in all the divine revelations. We only reject the concept of the trinity because it was never mentioned in a holy book. How can it be that the Christians accept one and only one God in the Old Testament, and then suddenly three Gods in the New Testament? Now we live in the 21st century and we the smart people of the 21st century have to analyse everything according to pure knowledge.

Q: In your conversations, when it concerns general behaviour or world religions, you present the apparently false things in an indescribably gentle way. What I would like to know is whether your position is the point of view of Islam or your own opinion. For there is a conflict between what you say in your conversations and what most Muslims in the world do. So many things are done in the name of a "Jihad" (or holy war) and people die. Very often we are afraid when we just hear the word "Islam". How can we unite these two positions? Isn't there anything to criticise in Islam?

A: We were right. You are someone that has the talent for asking good questions. This question must be answered because it concerns the honour and reputation of Islam. You asked if there were nothing to criticise in Islam. And we are saying that in Islam nothing can be criticised. Not in Islam itself. For the source of Islam is



younger, fresher and cleaner than all the others. Nothing corrupted it. Nothing that was not originally part of it has been added to it. All of the sources of other religions are older than it and were somewhat modified by human hands. Thus the complete originality and cleanliness of the divine revelation was falsified and corrupted.

If you were thirsty and quickly needed something to drink to quench your thirst, from which fountain would you like to drink? From a fountain that is fresh, clean and close by or from one that is weaker and further away? The Torah was revealed over 3'000 years ago and the Bible over 2'000 years ago. After so many thousands of years there are criticisms and disputes about their authenticity and purity. And that criticism is not coming from the Islamic world, but the Christian world. There is no unity amongst them. How is that possible?

In the Last Testament however there is nothing being disputed about nor anything unoriginal. There is only complete unity and agreement concerning it. And that is the case despite having been revealed for 1'500 years. Everything in the Quran is exactly today as it was when it was revealed. No, you can find nothing false nor harmful to human beings in Islam, and so nothing about Islam itself can be criticised.

Q: So do you mean that some Muslims possibly act independently and not according to the Quran?

S.E.: There is a very important verse in the Last Testament concerning that, which says,

"Whoever interprets the Holy Verses according to his own understanding and acts thereupon, he himself becomes the hellfire."

It is very dangerous for a believer to draw his own conclusions from the Quran. And this is exactly the grave mistake made by some Muslims in many Islamic countries. In the name of Allah, in the name of Islam, in the name of justice and in the name of truth are so many acts done that are devilish and unacceptable for humanity, like for example, terrorist attacks against civilians or suicide bombings.

None of the heavenly beliefs promotes, tolerates or allows terrorism and suicide. How can such things be tolerated? No real Muslim or believer can and should tolerate such. Someone cannot fight for rights and justice and thereby damage the rights of innocent people in unjust ways. It does not matter in whose name such things are done. Nothing can pardon or justify an act that hurts or even kills innocent people. No religion accepts the saying that the ends justify the means. Islam especially does not!

The Crusaders who killed hundreds of thousands of innocent people in the name of Jesus were all Christians. The people that made the First and Second World Wars and were responsible for the death of millions of people were apparently also Christians. And we cannot minimize any of these acts. But we cannot hold all Christians responsible for them.

Someone who kills an innocent person or deceives and betrays honourable people cannot be a believer. It does not matter if he claims to do everything he does in the name of the Creator. Even if such a person possibly accepts a Creator, the Creator will not accept such a person.

Simply said, there is a "black sheep" in every family. But we should not blame and judge the entire family due to one black sheep. That too would be unjust. We believers should therefore begin to organize our lives according to our beliefs, and not



our beliefs according to the way we live our lives.

Q: That all sounds so universal. It would be nice if everyone thought that way. How are you able to be so universal?

S.E.: The strength that we require to be able to have respect, mercy and neighbourly love towards all creation is taken from the source of His Mercy and heavenly tolerance as granted to us through the Seal of Prophets, Muhammad*. We take special care to make the circle so wide that all of humanity can come inside. The only condition that we ask from people when they come to us is that they be upright and search for the truth.

Thus when someone who is physically or psychologically comes to me with questions for which he has no answers, it does not matter which nationality or religion he has. I am ready at every moment to help him and show him the truth that I represent.

To show the ways that lead to eternal happiness and the truth both here and hereafter is the task of the spiritually authorized person. To work through these ways and search for eternal happiness and the truth is the task of all humanity.

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