

ISLAM OVERSHADOWS ALL "ISMS"

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FOREWORD

Every Human being should not only possess good qualities, but should also do away with the bad habits. The religion with sound principles and sans all avoidable evils will be received by one and all and will spread like wildfire without any opposition. Almighty Allah while praising the qualities of Prophet Mohamed (may peace be Upon Him) says in

QURAN THE PEN (4)

INNAKA LA ALA KHULUKHIN AZEEM'

(And thou (standest) on an exalted standard of character). Not telling lies was the most appreciable quality in you followed by love towards all. Allah further says

LA THAJZIU ASSAIYO BISSAIYIAATI

(BIOGRAPHY)

Mohamed (Peace Be upon Him) you never retaliated .you never uttered even a single word against even to your worst enemies, who were causing all kinds of hardships to you When his followers urged him to curse his bitter critics and enemies. Prophet Mohamed (Peace Be upon Him) never obliged them. On the other hand he prayed to God humbly for the wellbeing of his enemies. "Oh Allah! show my community the right path, because they are innocent"

Prophet Mohamed (Peace Be upon Him) never hated anyone and he continued this behaviour till his very end .

ALLAHUMMA AHYEENI: MISKEENA (M)V VA AMITNIMISKEENA (M)V VAHSHURNI EI ZUAMRATHILMASAAKEEN" "OH ALLAH! let me be among poor (Respect. obedient & polite, need) people and lead a poor life, till the end Even when I am awoken on the final day let me be in the midst of poor and innocent people."

The community which preaches love, restraint, brotherhood, and which truly follow the dictates' of almighty Allah, will flourish for ever' If even followers of Islam do not adhere to the above said sound principles, no power in this world will ever be able to help and save them.

One of the greatest qualities of Prophet (PBUH) was that he never used to hide the mistakes of believers and used to give them the punishment it required. Also if a non muslim rich or poor did

anything good (neki) the Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) whole heartedly used to applaud the actions,

**AL-HAR-U-YALU
VALLU-V'ALA
SATHIYA MEVA JEYATHE:**

TRUTH ALONE WILL TRIUMPH

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Looking at the, present chaotic world where the ideologies of communism and capitalism have failed to bring progress *and* peace. Only Islam has the capacity to overcome from this strife one could see ISLAM marching ahead of all the 'isms' and breaking new grounds.

Of late all those who used to praise communism and hoist its flag are sick with it. Likewise people are getting fed up with Capitalism also, from which they used to seek solutions earlier. The failure of these 'Isms' has been a triumphant victory for Islam.

The people of Poland who till the recent past had been such vociferous supporters of communism are now craving for freedom from the very clutches of communism. Why is then Communism bidding farewell to Hungary and Czchoslovakia? Why the staunch supporters of 'Communism' now act against it? Communism was said to have come to the world to rescue the people from the exploitative hands of capitalists. Then why has it become a failure? Why the working class in these countries has started revolting against Communism? Why has China started discarding "Maoism" and Communism?

The latest entrant is Burma. All these things prove the failure of communism in East Europe and Asia.

The situation in the other developed countries is also no better. People there are also fed up with the style and mode of living. They are in search for such a mode of living which will lay a strong foundation for a serene and peaceful life. It is this groping in the dark which has brought them closer to the light of Islam. Time is not far away when these people will embrace Islam. A Christian researcher David D. Perez has probed the positions of all the religions and concludes thus

- i) the believers in God are increasing day by day

- ii) the population of the Muslims is 120 crores and that everyday thousands are embracing Islam.
- iii) shortly Islam will become the dominant religion in this world,

This rising wave towards Islam has created confusion in the minds of the people all over the world. The enemies want the super powers to jointly wage a war against it. Great Britain is also not an exception. The Muslims in Britain are mostly settlers from other countries. These settlers neither could force nor lure the majority towards Islam, Still one just cannot understand why Islam is spreading so rapidly there. It is because, the educated people there feel that the spirit of Islam is natural, purely practical, real, •1 dynamic and that 17 transcends over all the races in the world.

A debate in the British Parliament on the deteriorating moral values among the youth which took place during 1987 illustrates the fact better. A British M. P. remarked ‘by preaching Christianity one could not improve their condition but by preaching the tenets of Islam one could improve the situation’. A Russian Revolutionary points out, “I am unable to understand the latest surge towards Islam, but I am a witness to the changing attitudes of the 5 crore Russian Muslims”. Those who become a hurdle in the path of Islam will have a disastrous end. History bears testimony to this and this could be understood with the sad end of Egypt’s Anwar-us-Sadat and Shah of Iran to quote a few. The Russian leadership is vehemently opposed to the rise in the Muslim population. The congregation of Muslims in the mosques of Khazakistan has made the Russians jittery.

Nearly 2000 churches in America and Europe have been converted into mosques. Newly constructed mosques are coming up in big numbers all over Europe. America alone accounts for 4 crores and 70 lakh Muslims. Among the converts in U. S. 2 out of 3 are women. These converts remark that when they embrace Islam they leave their unethical, disastrous past and step into the serene surroundings of Islam. In India Islam is blamed for compelling pardah to women. Then why are the advanced American women embracing Islam? The above facts clearly indicate that people embrace Islam out of their own free will and not by force and sword. In India one feels that only the oppressed people embrace Islam but the above case proves the Hi-Tech’ people the Westerners are foremost in embracing Islam.

REASONS FOR ISLAM TO SPREAD

Some of the reasons and quotations given below will enumerate the facts about the spread of Islam, The first is the belief in one and only God (Tawheed). This is such a simple and glorious declaration which is appreciated and liked by everyone. In this regard a famous advocate of Lahore Laha Ramchandani declares. ‘I have done a lot of research on the biography of Prophet Mohamed (PBUH) and I have scanned the research done by both the critics and supporters and I have found that no one disputes over the glorious and eminent works done by the Prophet of

Islam. I am surprised at the fact that in such a short span of twelve years, The followers of Islam could win 36.000 forts and cities, with as High as 8 battle wins in a single day. The secret of the success and rise of Islam is due to its strong principles. The Rishis of India and the Prophets prior to Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) laid a rigid stress on the belief that there is one God, but it was only the Prophet of Islam who could spread the message of “tawheed” so lucidly and so extraordinarily across the whole world”.

The other principles which lay a solid stress are the concept of brotherhood and equality, the oppression (Zulm) & people, service towards the weak (Mazloom), to answer God on the day of judgement. Islam strongly restrains people from generating jealousy, hatred (antipathy) and to talk at the back of people. It points out that all are the creations (Bande) of God and hence one should communicate well with others and with profound affection.

Dr Gestavalli Barnes in his book ‘Civilization of India’ (Page 440) writes ‘During the olden days the Hindus tried to prove “tawheed” (One God) but all their attempts and persuasions were in vain. They worship anything as God”

Prof R C Dutt in his book ‘Old India (Hindustan-e-Khadeem’) Mocks at the practices prevalent in India and acknowledges that it was due to islam that people became civilized. Prof. Tara Chand also confirms the position, the change that Islam brought and the respect the Musalman Commanded, in his book “Influences of Islam on Indian Culture” This book pays a high compliment to the tenets of Islam.

Let us take a look at the Holy Quran and Hadees (quotations)

Prophet Mohammed (Peace be upon him) says,

“VERY SOON YOU WILL FIND PEOPLE AT THE TEIPLES WHO ARE SETTLED THERE, DONT DISTURB THEM. DON’T HARM (KILL) CHILDREN, WOMEN. OLD PEOPLE AND DONT DESTROY TREES”.

_BUKHARI SHAREF

Such is the restraint Islam preaches towards the place of worship of other religions. Who else except the Muslims follow this principle.

The Prophet of Islam PRACTISED WHAT HE PREACHED. The incident below just gives one example:

“Once a funeral procession was passing by and Prophet (Peace Be upon Him), on seeing it stood up. His companions (Sahabas) informed him that it was the funeral procession of a nonbeliever .(Kafir) Jew. To this, Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) questioned “Is he not created (Banda’) by God? One should stand up and pay respect when the procession of the departed soul passes by, irrespective of the caste, creed and community to which he belongs”

_BU(HARI SHAREEF TIRMIZHI.

On Kindness Prophet (PBUH) said:

“GOD WILL NOT SHOW MERCY TO HIM WHO DOES NOT SHOW MERCY TO OTHERS”

—BIJKIARI ANE MUSLIM.

Once a man felt very thirsty and he saw a well at a little distance. He got down into the well and quenched his thirst and when he came up he saw a dog waiting for water. The man quickly got down once again, took water in his boots and made the thirsty dog drink it Prophet remarked “for this act of kindness his sins will be forgiven “ At this, the companions of the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihe Wa Sallam) questioned, **“DOES ALLAH REWARD FOR SHOWING MERCY ON ANIMALS?”** **“YES OF COURSE”** said Prophet (Peace Be upon Him).

The people once asked Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) about which aspect of Islam was the best, he replied

“THAT YOU SHOULD PROVIDE FOOD FO THE NEEDY AND GIET BOTH. THOSE YOU KNOW AND ALSO TO THOSE YOU DO NOT KNOW”

—BUKHARI AND MUSLIM.

The Holy Quran says further:

“WHEN YE ARE GREETED WITH A GREETING, GREET YE WITH DETTER THAN IT OR RETURN IT”
-SURAH “WOMEN” (86)

The position of Women has changed a little she is a slave of man and his ideas. If she becomes a widow, she is forced to burn herself or she is made an outcasie (manhoos) and she is looked with contempt. She is not allowed to participate in functions and is made to lead a secluded life. An editorial in the ‘INDIAN EXPRESS’ dated 08-09-1988 is a stark testimonial on the atrocities on women and the barbarious practice of child (girl) in anticide But Islam gives an equal status and prominence to women.

The Holy Quran says on Women

“AND COVET NOT THE THING P4 WHICH ALLAH HATH MADE SOME OF YOU EXCEL OTHR. UNTO MEN FROM THAT FORTUNE WHICH THEY HAVE EARNED AD UNTO WOMEN FROM FORTUNE WHICH THEY HAVE EARNED”

..SURAT WOMEN (32)

and

“O MANKING! BE CAREFUL OF YOUR DUTY TO YOUR LORD WHO CREATED YOU FROM A SINGLE SOUL AND FROM IT CREATED ITS MATE”

..SURAH ‘WOMEN’ (1)

“VERILY WE HAVE HONOURED THE CHILDREN OF ADAM”

— ‘SURAH CHILDREN OF ISRAEL (1)

From the above verses it is crystal clear regarding the honour, status and respect given to women, in Islam women are given right to remarry and Islam forbids men from looking at her, with downcast eyes or (degrade her).

Now let us look into some of the verses of the Holy Quran and Hadees in relation to Justice (ADAL) in Islam.

“AND OF YE JUDGE BETWEEN MANKIND. THAT YE JUDGE JUSTLY. LO! COMELY IS THIS WHICH ALLAH ADMONISHETH YOU. LO! ALLAH IS EVER HEARER, SEER.

— SURAH ‘WOMEN’ (58)

“BUT IF THOU JUDGEST, JUDGE BETWEEN THEM WITH EQUITY. LO! ALLAH LOVETH THE EQUITABLE”.

— SURAH ‘ALMAIDA’ The Table Spread (42)

“O YE WHO BELIEVE! BE YE STAUNCH IN JUSTICE, WITNESS FOR. ALLAH EVEN THOUGH IT BE AGAINST YOURSELVES OR (YOUR) PARENTS OR (YOUR) KINDERED WHETHER (THE CASE MAY BE OF) A RICH MAN OR A POOR MAN, FOR ALLAH IS NEARER UNTO BOTH (THAN YE ARE). SO FOLLOW NOT PASSION. LEST YE LAPSE OR FALL (FROM TRUTH) AND IF YE LAPSE OR FALL AWAY, THEN LO! ALLAH IS EVER INFORMED OF WHAT YE DO !”

Allah commands to do justice always and that justice be meted out to all. The passages below will enlighten the finer points and the spirit of JUSTICE.

After the conquest of Mecca, when the whole of Arabia came under the domination of the Islamic State. the Holy Prophet addressed the members of his own clan, who in the days before Islam enjoyed the same status in Arabia as the Brahmin did in ancient India and said.

‘Oh! People of Quresh! Allah has rooted out your haughtiness of the days of Ignorance and the pride of ancestry. O men all of you are descended from Adam and Adam was made of clay. There is no pride whatever in ancestry ; there is no merit in an Arab as against a non Arab, nor in an Arab as against an Arab. Verily the most meritorious among you in the eyes of God, is he who is the most pious ‘.

In such a society no individual or group of individuals will suffer any disability on account of birth, social status or profession that may in any way impede the growth of his individual faculties or hamper the

development of his personality. Everyone would enjoy equal opportunities of progress. The unrestricted scope for personal and collective achievement has been the HALLMARK OF *ISLAMIC* SOCIETY.

The Holy Prophet has said:

“Listen and obey, even if a Negro is appointed Governor over you”. So there is absolutely no room for racial discrimination or prejudices. In Islamic Law even the Governor or the Caliph is not above law and can be sued in a court and will not be entitled to any discriminatory treatment in the court. Islam does not permit taking sides in party politics without considering the truth and justice.

The spirit of Islam demands that if you find a person to be in the right, you should support him, but if the same person goes wrong in any other matter you should dissent from him.

In Islam the judiciary has been made entirely independent of the executive. The task of the judge is to implement and enforce God’s law among His servants. He does not sit on the seat of justice in the capacity of a representative of the Caliph or the Ameer (Leader), but as a representative of God, Almighty. A petty labourer a poor, peasant and a destitute beggar, all have the right to lodge a suit in the Qazi’s court against the highest person, even the Caliph himself. The Qazi, on the other hand, is fully authorised to apply the law of God to the Caliph as Done to any ordinary Muslim .in case the plaintiff is found to have justice on his side. In like manner, if the Caliph has any personal grievance against any one, he is not entitled to obtain redress by using his own administrative authority he is according to the constitution obliged like any other common citizen, to seek justice in a court of law.

The Holy Quran is very clear regarding the concentration of wealth in the hands of rich.

“That it become not a commodity between the rich among you”

—SURAH EXILE (7)

The Holy Quran is explicit in protecting the wealth: ‘Give full measure and full weight in justice and wrong not people in respect of their goods. And do not evil in the earth, causing corruption.’”

The Prophet (PBUH) exhorts people from disturbing those who are in the remembrance ‘or worship of God even if they are non muslim.

“You will come across saints (elderly people among the non-muslim) who will always be in search of God. Leave them alone for their purpose”

—HADEES AIMO’ATA.

Hazrath Omar recollects an incident. When Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) was informed about the killings of children, he immediately rushed to the place. and cried a lot. A companion (Sahaba) pointed out that they were children of non- believers (Mushrekeen) and that there was no need to feel sad. Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) got wild and said “These children are better than you.

because they are innocent. And were you all not the children i of non-believers (Mushrikeen) ? Beware ! Don't kill children.”

Islam gives a lot of prominence for peace. Holy Quran says:

And if they incline to peace. incline thou also to it and trust in Allah”.

—SURAH -Spoils of War - (61)

“ And when an enemy puts down his weapon and wishes to accept peace then accept it.

“So if they hold aloof from you and wage not war against you and offer you peace, Allah alloweth you no war against them”

—SURAH ‘Women’ (90)

This was the case of a group (Jamath) but what should be done if an individual or two from the enemy come to you’?

“And if anyone of the idolaters seeketh thy protection (O Muhammad) then protect him..., and afterwards convey him to his place of safety .

—SURAH ‘AL REPENTANCE .(6)

Hence, from the above, it is clear that, if in Islam there was to be enmity with a non-muslim then a muslim would not have allowed his enemy to go free as in the above case.

Islam preaches patience when any derogatory remarks are passed on one.

Therefore (O! Mohammad) hear with what they say. Hyman the praise of thy Lord before the rising and setting of the sun”,

“We are best aware of what they say

—SUURH QAF .(45)

Hence, Allah will look after these wrong doers and will do whatever he likes.

The above verse openly shows the character and the heart of the follower of Islam.

The Holy Quran spells doom for a community which indulges in violence.

And how many a generation we destroyed before them, who were mightier than these in power, so that they overran the lands. Had they any place of refuge (when the judgement came?)”

—SURAH QAF .(36)

Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) says A Momin is one who keeps the wealth of others well protected and shows interest in the welfare of others”.

—TIRIMIDHI

The Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) used to take care not only about the welfare of the Muslims but also used to take care of the Jews. Christians and the non- believers. He used to enquire about them during the days of their distress to the extent that a lady who used to throw waste daily on the Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) and when she fell ill, Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) personally went to her house to enquire about her health.

—TIRIMIDHE Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) says:

“You are created for making life simple and not to put others in difficulties”

BUKHARI SHAREEF

Islam strongly forbids acts of compulsion (coercion) Islam does not force its views on the non- muslims either.

There is no compulsion in Religion”.

—SURAH .The Cow 256.

“We are best aware of what they say

and then (O! Mohammad) act in no wise a compel or over them.

—SURAH .QAF .45.

When Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) was worrying very much on how to bring the non-believers to the right path. Allah sent an Ayath (verse).

“And if their aversion is grievous unto thee, then if thou caust, seek a way down into the earth or a ladder unto the sky that thou mayst bring unto them a portent (to convince them all).

“Had Allah willed, they had not been idolatorous”

—HOLY QURAN .The Cattle . 108.

Hence, it is crystal clear to leave the non- believers on their own and not to disturb then beliefs The Holy Quran orders man to keep his promise

“And keep the covenant’

and

And those who keep their treaty when they made one, and the patient is tribulation and adversity at time of stress. Such are they who are sincere Such are the God fearing”

SURAH .The Children of Israel .34

The saints of Islam, wherever they went, spread the message of love and peace and brought prosperity to that place where-ever they settled down during their lifetime and after. (Ajmer, Delhi, Nagore, Bombay and Gujarat to name a few). Islam also forbids a Muslim from participating in an act of oppression.

“When one oppresses the other and if one sides with the oppressor then he is in the wrong”
—HADEES.

Even if a Muslim take sides companion in an act of oppressor it liked by Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) who says persons will not enter paradise.

Prophet says “If others treat well, treat well, and if they do wrong. we will do wrong ; but accustom yourselves to do people do good and not to do wrong do evil”.

Hence, from above it is clear that one should restrain himself and do good even when others do wrong, Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) not only used to praise the good deeds of Muslims but also to appreciate and praise the qualities and ideas of Non-Muslims. An incident from the book “Asad-ul gaba ‘a’ testifies this:

“Bani She’aban, Maghrur Bin Amer, Harisa Bin Qhabisa, Nauman Bin Shareeq, Musanah Bin arisa met Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) for a discussion. After listening to the way in which they talk and watching their behaviour to Prophet remarked to Hazrath All and Hazrath Abu Bakr. Look how good the character and ideas of these people. who live in an uncivilized state”

The emphasis on justice and kindness is again stressed in the verse below :

Lo Allah enjoineeth justice and kindness, and giving to kinsfolk and forbiddeth lewdness and abomination and wickedness”.

..SURAH .The Bees .190

Islam forbids interference in the matters of the other religions.

Unto each nation have been given sacred rites which they are to perform, so let them dispute with thee of the matter

SUR4H-ALHAJ-67

A Muslim has been asked to believe in all the books and scriptures sent down by Allah: “I believe in whatever scripture Allah hath sent down..... unto you your works arid unto us our works, no argument between us and you”.

One should not take sides with those who are on the wrong path which causes pain, destruction and disharmony whether it is a man, a race, or community or a nation and should take side with those who are on the right path.

According to Shri Boshamker Nath Pandey the editor of ‘Nai-Hind’ in ‘Din-Dunia’ (1978) Says the reason for Islam to spread is its revolutionary teaching.

Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) occupies one of the greatest position among men. He destroyed the barbarions customs and practices of the Arabs. The Arabs who used to worship hundreds and thousands of Gods and Godesses only one **God**. He also brought together the hundreds, of warring trilees and united them into one of love. Through education he brought a sea change in the character of Arabs. It’s amazing that the barbarions Arabs were totally unilized within a short period of 23 years .

He adds further Quran teaches us that relegion is to wipe out the divisions among men, to stop was among nations and never should religion be the cause of all upheannels and dinisions.

The Holy Prophet said, ‘Do not terminate relations with the acquaintances of your father. Take them as elders and maintain relations, if you break them God shall cease the glow (Noor) of your heart and face.

The above article thus proves to a certain extent the reasons for people embracing Islam so enthusiastically and following the glorious principles of Islam.

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