

Islam is Free from Terrorism

Prophet Muḥammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was sent by Allāh with a comprehensive religion which emphasises the importance of the preservation of society through good conduct, noble manners and the enjoining of good and forbidding of evil. The Messenger Muḥammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) prohibited acts of deceit, treachery and betrayal of trusts. However, terrorists - despite claiming Islam and following the Messenger - employ these acts and advocate them. He would advise those placed in command of army detachments with the fear of Allāh, forbidding the killing of women, children and the elderly, as well as the killing of innocents and the spread of evil and corruption. Allāh informs us in the Qurʾān that He is not pleased with those who make mischief in the land, “*And do not commit mischief on the earth, after it has been set in order, and invoke Him with fear and hope; Surely, Allāh’s Mercy is (ever) near onto the good-doers.*” [7:56].

As for the perpetrators of suicide bombings, and those who recklessly drive vehicles through crowds killing innocent men, women and children in the name of Islam, then we say that these actions are founded upon treachery, and Islam is free from such cruel and barbaric deeds.

The acts of terror which have taken place in Great Britain and elsewhere around the world are nothing more than the plots of the Kharijites, those regarding whom the Prophet Muḥammad said, “There will come during the last days a group of young and foolish people who will speak with the most eloquent of words. They will shoot out of Islam as the arrow shoots out of the bow, and their faith will not pass their throats.” He also described them as being, “*The most evil of those killed under the sky*” and “*The dogs of the hell-fire*”. Similarly, in another narration he mentions, “*They will shoot outside of the religion just as the arrow shoots out of*

the bow, and they will not return to it until the arrow returns from its game.” Here the intent behind the word ‘shoot’ is that it passes through the game, exiting completely whilst leaving behind no residue; similarly the Kharijites through their beliefs and actions exit the religion and nothing from the religion remains with them.

This description from the Prophet Muḥammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) is evidence that Islam is free from, and condemns the reckless and senseless behaviour of Kharijite terrorists. It is a grave injustice to use upright orthodox Muslims who adhere to the Qurʾān and the authentic Prophetic traditions, free from distortions and misinterpretations, of terrorism. Rather, those who are responsible, are the likes of al-Qāʿida and ISIS who follow the ideology and teachings of ‘Usāmah bin Lāden, al-Mas’arī, Sād al-Faḥīhī and other than them; those whose methodology comprises of the destruction of wealth and property, the unlawful spilling of blood, incitement of fear and rebellion against those in authority.

The Terrorist and the One Who Shelters a Terrorist are Equal in Sin

Those who shelter and financially support terrorists are just as guilty as the perpetrators of terrorist activities themselves. The financing of terrorism is a crime which undermines security and spreads corruption; a grave offence endangering innocent lives, and resulting in the destruction of homes, schools, hospitals and factories. The financing of terrorist ideologies and actions is a form of complicity and a way of sustaining and spreading it. In the Qurʾān, Allāh forbids the aiding of evil and corruption, saying, “*Help you one another in righteousness and piety; but do not help one another in sin and transgression.*” [5:2] And regarding the sheltering of a criminal, the Prophet Muḥammad said, “*May the curse of Allāh be upon those who give protection to an evildoer.*” The famous scholar, Ibn Hajar al-Asqalānī (d. 852AH) said; “*The evildoer and the one who provides shelter for such a person are equal in sin.*”

Islam enjoins the protection of the covenant which exists between a citizen and the country he resides in, whether it is a Muslim or non-Muslim country; an agreement to abide by its laws free from treachery and deceit. It is not from Islam to finance terrorism, whether through providing or collecting money, or otherwise, regardless of the means of acquirement. Anyone who intentionally commits this crime is guilty of committing a prohibited act and deserves the legal punishment according to the law of the country.

It is upon all Muslims to adhere to the teachings of their religion and the righteous path of our Prophet, and to refrain from any act which may result in the harm of others.

Reporting Terrorists to the Authorities

The *Salaḥī* scholar, *Shaykh* Muḥammad ‘Abd al-Wahhāb al-Banna was asked; Is it permissible to inform the authorities about a Muslim who is deviant in his methodology and understanding of Islam, since this person will cause harm to society at large?

He replied; In times of trials, the likes of which we face today, if a Muslim is asked about the condition of another Muslim who is upon a way which opposes Islam, engaging in killing indiscriminately and attacking without just cause, then it is incumbent upon that person to reveal that which he has knowledge of. He should be openly truthful, since this could prevent these harmful attacks from taking place. The actions of the Khawārij in killing innocent people, and destroying residential homes and buildings has nothing to do with Islam in the slightest. As for the proof that some people use, claiming whoever transgresses against you then

you should transgress against them. Your Lord, the Most High says, “*And if you forgive, then this is closer to piety.*” [2:237] “*And if he forgives then his reward is with Allāh.*” [42:40] In addition to this, these evil acts have resulted in bringing harm to the Muslims, and ill-feelings and misconceptions concerning the religion of Islam.¹

Advice to the Muslims Living in Britain

In conclusion, we present to you the speech of a genuine, orthodox, *Salafī* Islamic scholar which will illustrate the true and real nature of the Islamic faith and what it promotes of loftiness of character and morality: The esteemed and late *Shaykh* Muḥammad ibn Ṣāliḥ al-‘Uthaymīn of Saudi Arabia stated, during a tele-link (recorded) on the evening of Friday, 28th July 2000, to an audience of over a thousand people in the city of Birmingham, UK, (during a conference organized by Maktabah Salafiyyah):

“I invite you to have respect for those people who have the right that they should be respected, those between whom there is an agreement (of protection) for you. For the land in which you are living is such that there is an agreement between you and them. If this were not the case, they would have killed you or expelled you. So preserve this agreement, and do not prove treacherous to it, since treachery is a sign of the hypocrites, and it is not from the way of the Believers. And know that it is authentically reported from the Prophet that he said, “*Whoever kills one who is under an agreement of protection will not smell the fragrance of Paradise.*” Do not be fooled by those sayings of the foolish people, those who say “Those people are Non-Muslims, so their wealth is lawful for us (to misappropriate or take by way of murder and killing).” For by Allāh - this is a lie. A lie about Allāh’s Religion, and a lie about

Islamic societies. So we may not say that it is lawful to be treacherous towards people whom we have an agreement with.

Oh my brothers. Oh youth. Oh Muslims. Be truthful in your buying and selling, and renting, and leasing, and in all mutual transactions. Because truthfulness is from the characteristics of the Believers. Oh my Muslim brothers. Oh youth. Be true in your sayings with your brothers, and with those Non-Muslims whom you live along with - so that you will be inviters to the religion of Islam, by your actions and in reality. So how many people there are who first entered into Islam because of the behaviour and manners of the Muslims, and their truthfulness, and their being true in their dealings.”

For further readings refer to www.islamagainstextremism.com, www.spubs.com, www.abukhadeejah.com and salaf.com

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