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How to Uproot Fundamentalist “Islamic” Terror

Fundamentalist “Islamic” terror continues to flourish, thanks to some so-called Islamic scholars. They are poisoning the minds of their followers with ignorant religious decrees and statements that are reminiscent of the Days of Ignorance—an era before the revelation of the Quran to Prophet Muhammad.

We had many examples in the past of the kind of response shown by these scholars against terrorist attacks and suicide bombers. Here is another typical example of their reaction regarding what happened in Pakistan, as the new year of 2011 began.

Salmaan Taseer, an outspoken governor of Pakistan’s powerful Punjab province, was shot dead Tuesday January 4, 2011 by one of his own guards in the most high-profile assassination of a political figure since former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was assassinated in December 2007. Taseer was considered to be the most courageous voice after Benazir Bhutto on the rights of women and religious minorities.

Malik Mumtaz Qadri, the bodyguard, has been arrested after the incident. Qadri said that he shot the Governor because of his

liberal views and criticism of the death penalty given to Asia Bibi, a Christian woman. She has been sentenced to death by a lower court for violating Pakistan’s laws against blaspheming prophet Muhammad.

After he murdered the Governor many people congratulated the assassin and even garlanded him. Before being led away by the police Qadri shouted: “We are ready to sacrifice our life for the prestige of the Prophet Mohammed.” The assassin’s claims suggest that the crime may have had the sanction of security forces. Five hundred Pakistan’s clerics and scholars issued a statement praising the assassin. They said Qadri had “revived the 14-century-old traditions of Islam” and made Muslims worldwide proud.

What kind of “Muslims” are these people?

Instead of condemning the attack and reminding the people with the Quran about God’s laws, some ignorant scholars congratulated the murderer, and treated him as if he were a hero. This is despite what God says in the Quran with reference to grossness of murder.

[5:32] Because of this, we decreed for the Children of Israel that anyone who murders any person who had not committed murder or horrendous crimes, it shall be as if he murdered all the people. And anyone who spares a life, it shall be as if he spared the lives of all the people. Our messengers went to them with clear proofs and revelations, but most of them, after all this, are still transgressing.

It is ironic that these scholars claim to follow Prophet Muhammad’s examples for their reversion to ignorance. Nothing can be further from the truth. It was Muhammad whom God commissioned to eradicate the era of unjust aggression and ignorance by revealing to him the Quran. Prophet Muhammad was an excellent example for us in following the Quran. God says that the Quran is enlightenment, healing and mercy for the believers. It is fully detailed. It has no nonsense in it and no contradictions.

[10:57] O people, enlightenment has come to you herein from your Lord, and healing for anything that troubles your hearts, and guidance, and mercy for the believers.

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[7:52] We have given them a scripture that is fully detailed, with knowledge, guidance, and mercy for the people who believe.

[4:82] Why do they not study the Quran carefully? If it were from other than GOD, they would have found in it numerous contradictions.

Who are these people and what are they following or advocating—the so-called Sharia laws? One thing is clear that they are transgressing against God's laws. They are following other sources besides the Quran that are full of contradictions and conflict with the divine laws. These sources are not approved by God.

What does Sharia mean?

Sharia in Arabic means "way" or "path" and is considered the sacred law of traditional Islam. Sharia is derived from two primary sources of Islamic law: the divine revelations set forth in the Quran, and the sayings and deeds attributed to Prophet Muhammad collected in Hadith books. Islamic jurisprudence interprets and extends the application of Sharia to questions not directly addressed in the primary sources by including secondary sources. These secondary sources usually include the consensus of religious scholars based on their interpretation of the Quran and hadith.

The Muslim world differs as to what exactly Sharia entails. Modernists, traditionalists and fundamentalists all hold different views of Sharia, as do adherents to different schools of Islamic thought and scholarship. Different countries and cultures have varying interpretations of Sharia as well.

So we see that the source of all sects, divisions and conflicts in Islamic countries is based on the Sharia because it does not make use of the Quran alone. Instead it heavily weighs on hadith where people can find loopholes to justify their decisions on the subject matter. On the other hand, God says that the Quran is clear,

easy to understand and it has all the details we need for our religious guidance.

[12:111] In their history, there is a lesson for those who possess intelligence. This is not fabricated HADITH; this (Quran) confirms all previous scriptures, provides the details of everything, and is a beacon and mercy for those who believe.

Sharia laws based on hadith are problematic

Man-made laws that conflict with God's revelations in the Quran cannot be Islamic. They are a burden on Muslims. They are a burden on Islam. They are divisive. They do not represent true Islam. They give Islam a bad name. They are the source of troubles, terrorism and backwardness in the so called Islamic countries. These laws are unjust and blasphemous against God and His messengers.

[31:6] Among the people, there are those who uphold baseless HADITH, and thus divert others from the path of GOD without knowledge, and take it in vain. These have incurred a shameful retribution.

[4:60] Have you noted those who claim that they believe in what was revealed to you, and in what was revealed before you, then uphold the unjust laws of their idols? They were commanded to reject such laws. Indeed, it is the devil's wish to lead them far astray.

When we reflect on Islamic history, this becomes more obvious. Consider this. For as long as the Muslims upheld the Quran, they led the world scientifically, technologically, culturally, socially, militarily, and economically. The borders of Islam extended from West Africa to China; into Spain and Eastern Europe.

With the collection of the attributed sayings and deeds of Muhammad into Hadith books some 200 years after Prophet Muhammad, a progressive deterioration of the religion of Islam ensued. Ironically, one can find in the hadith collections sayings of the prophet asking his followers not to record anything from him except the Quran!

Since the emergence and acceptance of these innovations as sources of guidance beside the Quran, the "Muslims" gradually became defeated, helpless and uneducated people. They went from the top to the bottom in a matter of a few centuries, and still cannot recover from this tragic situation.

The times of victory and pride can be brought back only if Muslims uphold God's revelations, as exemplified by Prophet Muhammad. They must let go of the unjust Sharia laws that have no Quranic basis.

God's laws are just and for all times

The Quran is the Final Testament. It is for all people, for all ages and for all times. Nothing can abrogate God's words. Unlike the Hadith books, there is no contradiction or nonsense in the Quran. Upholding God's revelations is the only way for the Muslims to get back on the "right track." God promises happiness in this life as well as in the Hereafter. Therefore, heaven starts in this world if only we stay with God. It is time for the Muslims to re-examine themselves to see why they are in the situation they are, and what they can do to achieve God's truthful promise.

[24:55] GOD promises those among you who believe and lead a righteous life, that He will make them sovereigns on earth, as He did for those before them, and will establish for them the religion He has chosen for them, and will substitute peace and security for them in place of fear. All this because they worship Me alone; they never set up any idols beside Me. Those who disbelieve after this are the truly wicked.

It is time for the God-fearing, silent majority of Muslims to speak up against the injustice done to true Islam, Submission to God's will—the religion of strict monotheism: The religion of Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Muhammad and all messengers and believers.

It is time to let God's light shine on

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us to guide us in His straight path. Let us turn to God Alone and His laws.

[5:15-6] O people of the scripture, our messenger has come to you to proclaim for you many things you have concealed in the scripture, and to pardon many other transgressions you have committed. A beacon has come to you from GOD, and a profound scripture. With it, GOD guides those who seek His approval. He guides them to the paths of peace, leads them out of darkness into the light by His leave, and guides them in a straight path.

Abdullah

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More verses to reflect re: Quran vs Hadith

[10:37] This Quran could not possibly be authored by other than GOD. It confirms all previous messages, and provides a fully detailed scripture. It is infallible, for it comes from the Lord of the universe.

[39:23] GOD has revealed herein the best Hadith; a book that is consistent, and points out both ways (to Heaven and Hell). The skins of those who reverence their Lord cringe therefrom, then their skins and their hearts soften up for GOD's message. Such is GOD's guidance; He bestows it upon whoever wills (to be guided). As for those sent astray by GOD, nothing can guide them.

[45:6] These are GOD's revelations that we recite to you truthfully. In which Hadith other than GOD and His revelations do they believe?

[6:114] Shall I seek other than GOD as a source of law, when He has revealed to you this book fully detailed? Those who received the scripture recognize that it has been revealed from your Lord, truthfully. You shall not harbor any doubt.

Cell phone and Quran

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Quran like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several time a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Quran?

Oh, and one more thing.

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Quran being disconnected.

Makes you stop and think "where are my priorities?" And no dropped calls!

Anonymous (forwarded by Aziz/U.K.)

One Universal God—Scriptural Perspective

"God bears witness that there is no god except He, and so do the angels and those who possess knowledge. Truthfully and equitably, He is the absolute god; there is no god but He, the Almighty, Most Wise." (Quran 3:18)

The Lord Our God is Lord alone. Therefore you shall adore the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your strength. (Deut. 6:4 5 and Mark 12:29)

Say, "I warn you; there is no other god beside GOD, the One, the Supreme. The Lord of the heavens and the earth, and everything between them; the Almighty, the Forgiving." (Quran 38:65-6)

Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord He is God, in the heavens above and upon the earth beneath. There is none else. (Deut. 4:39)

Surely those who believe, those who are Jewish, the Christians, and the converts, anyone who believes in God and the Last Day and leads a righteous life will receive their recompense from their Lord. They have nothing to fear nor will they grieve. (Quran 2:62)

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Disunity of Muslims

The main weakness of the Muslims is their disunity. This disunity shows in their inability to cooperate for the good of Muslims in individual countries and the whole Muslim world. It also surfaces in the form of conflicts and wars between Muslims, as typified by the Iran-Iraq war and the civil wars in Lebanon.

What is the cause of this disunity? The Muslims claim that they worship one God and follow His one religion. They also declare their religious brotherhood. How then are they so disunited? This is the mystery that we have to unravel. This is the reason for our re-evaluation of the hadith. Our hypothesis is that the hadith—in principle, a false teaching attributed to Prophet Muhammad—is a major factor causing disunity and backwardness among Muslims. Our study is to prove this hypothesis.

Ed.'s note: These excerpts are taken from the introduction of the book "Hadith: A Re-evaluation" by Kassim Ahmad of Malaysia. Another recommended book is "Quran, Hadith and Islam" by Rashad Khalifa, Ph.D. Both books are available from our web site at <http://www.masjiduntucson.org/publications/catalog/>

Comments from a Submitter

Peace and Blessings MASJID TUCSON

My name is S. B. I've been a self proclaimed submitter to Allah since Nov 19 of last year. I was a so-called Sunni Muslim since Sept of 01. I'm not a scholar or can I speak or read Arabic but I love the Koran so straight to the point.

I'm 32 years old and I live in Shreveport, Louisiana and my reason for contacting you is that because here in Shreveport we don't have a submitter Masjid and I was wondering what were the steps to opening, overseeing and maintaining a Masjid? I don't have any money but I was hoping that ALLAH would provide me with the ability to raise the money through donations. I'm sorry for or if any inconvenience and thank you for your time.

The MASJID as of now may have only One member lol but at least I will be able to make Friday prayer and worship GOD alone and that means more to me than any other worldly achievement!

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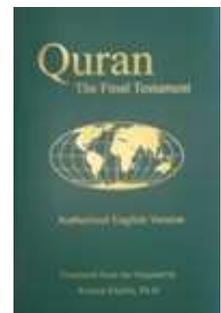
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