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# The only WEAKNESS and the only STRENGTH of the Muslims

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Isn't it strange that the natural and human resource rich Muslim countries and the Muslims, their religious personalities and political leaders are insulted by any Tom, Dick and Harry as, when and in any way he pleases with full shameful condemnable protection of his government and media in the name of so-called "freedom of expression" to malign personalities who have nothing to do with whatever is happening inside and outside the Muslim world for religious and non-religious reasons. Is it a responsible conduct of educated and civilized leaders and citizens of highly advanced countries? Can the Muslims blame them for their socially, morally, ethically, legally and constitutionally unsocial, immoral, unethical, illegal and unconstitutional act? I don't think so. An act of an individual does not reflect the actions and sentiments of the people of an entire country.

In this civilized world of today the social values, moral obligations, ethical conduct, legal formalities and constitutional frameworks are only for the weak countries and individuals. So, instead of blaming any non-Muslim country or individual for their official and personal acts respectively, the Muslims need to look at their own weaknesses and their strengths. Are they weak? Are they strong? They have to know why they are weak and why their strengths, if there are any, have turned into weaknesses?

It is a commonly known fact that anything abusive or offensive that happens outside the borders of a country can be a cause of unrest in and among the citizens of any other country or a group of countries?

People need to keep one thing in mind and that is when something seriously offending happens outside their country's borders and inside the borders of another country then that becomes a country-to-country issue demanding the immediate attention and necessary action, first of all by, the government of the country in which something happens. If the government of that country or its concerned departments fails to pay any attention or come into action then a formal request for an appropriate action to that government through diplomatic channels is the first step in the right direction. If that

formal request is also not heeded or responded to then the people who are offended have to see what follow-up steps their government is taking. The matter becomes far more serious when an irresponsible act hurts the feelings of the citizens of not one but more than three dozen countries and the accused country fails to promptly address the matter to diffuse the tension. That evidently reflects the arrogance and indifference of that country and the weakness of the aggrieved countries and their leaders. The issue that has hurt and annoyed the religious sentiments of more than 1.2 billion Muslims needs to be taken seriously. If the country at the other end arrogantly and irresponsibly doesn't do that, then there are more than a dozen peaceful ways to make it understand what is expected from it.



The first option is to bring platforms like the so-called Organization of Islamic Conference, Arab League and Gulf Cooperation Council into action. Do they have a weak voice or position of strength to politely and, if politeness doesn't work, forcefully tell the offending country to take necessary action against the accused. Even if the laws of the offending country don't permit that then appropriate amendments in the laws need to be demanded and emphasized. Why it does not happen? What does it indicate? These important questions need to be answered.



The second option available to the Muslim countries is to knock United Nations' doors. This they have done a number of times before without any response and formal action.

The third option is boycott the accused country and send back its diplomatic envoys from each

and every Muslim country unanimously till necessary amendments are made in their laws to punish the accused.

All these available options are a fool's dream keeping in view the state of Muslim countries and quality and the level of competence of their leaders. Consequently, there will be no action. Why there will be no action? Whatever is happening in the streets of Muslim countries in response to a worthless 13-minute Islamophobic video "Innocence of Muslims" is far more shameful and condemnable sign of weakness resulting in self-inflicting loss than getting the accused culprit punished. It is neither "Muslim



Rage" in action, helplessness of senseless Muslim leaders and condemnable unprofessional media coverage as ridiculously described by an insane Newsweek editor nor recklessly irresponsible and brainless print and electronic media that is shamelessly busy in adding fuel to the fire. It is reflection of leaderless Muslim mobs. It is an insignificant incident that has been blown out of proportion only because voice of the Muslims is not convincingly represented where it needs to be

attentively heard for avoiding this kind of situation in future. The world leaders and media owners have to understand that the freedom of expression does not mean the freedom to malign personalities who deserve to be respected irrespective of their religion, nationality, color and creed.

We, people of the world, ought to keep in mind that we are members of a single global family. Here it will be, hopefully useful to repeat a few paragraphs from my earlier article **"The Missing Link: The Loss of Genuinely Original Identity of Mankind as a Single Family."**

Once, we convince ourselves to admit that we are “Members of a Single Family” created by the Only Creator through Adam and Eve, no matter where on earth we live, no matter what is the color of our skin, no matter which language we speak, no matter which religious faith or the ideology we follow, only then we will realize how difficult it is to hate or hurt a member of our own family.

It is hard to believe that the Muslims, the Jews, the Christians, the Hindus and the Buddhists are justified in behaving like enemies of each other only because they practice different religions. Religions are nothing but different sets of Divine Manuals regarding an individual’s “conduct of day-to-day business of life” influencing every aspect of human behavior in this world and reward or punishment for that behavior in the world after. Does the God, who has created this universe and whatever is in it, depend on His own creation to impose His will in the name of religion on mankind, by force? He has all the power in the universe to do that Himself. But He did not opt for that.



His last message Quran, through his last messenger Mohammed (PBUH) categorically and strictly prohibits that. Islam is a religion that truly and literally means PEACE. Muslims are allowed to go to war with a set of exemplary precautionary instructions only when war is extremely necessary and unavoidable to maintain and create a genuine environment of peace. If this is true and it is true then why are

the Muslims treated like enemies of the non-Muslims and the Muslims treat the non-Muslims as their enemies? Why they are suspicious of the intentions of each other? When we look at different codes popularly known as “constitutions” for the conduct of “the day-to-day business of life” in different “religious zones” namely Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Hindu and Buddhist, we find that the Islamic code of

conduct, with certain religious, social and economic exceptions in personal and business relationships, is dominantly reflected in the Christian, Jewish, Hindu and Buddhist religious zones through politically rather constitutionally administered social and economic policies and systems. The countries in the Muslim zone have also created their own administrative political, social and economic manuals (read constitutions) as their respective codes of conduct but only for the poor, weak and helpless people either living below poverty line or engaged in a daily struggle to keep their body and soul together. Constitution is just a piece of paper for rulers in the Muslim countries. Islam is unconsciously practiced in the non-Muslim zones as far as the rights and responsibilities of an individual and a state are concerned. It does not exist and is not visible in “day-to-day business of life” in the Muslim countries anymore. Islam is proudly owned and practiced by the Muslims to the extent of following the known guidelines regarding an individual’s appearance, prayers and Islamic rituals but in reality the real Muslims are socially, politically and economically NO MORE visible anywhere!!!

The non-Muslims do not believe in Islam but surprisingly and visibly they are far better Muslims than the Muslims themselves!!! How?

- The laws in the non-Muslim countries are uniform both for the rulers and the ruled, affluent and the poor alike. But, in the Muslim countries laws are only for the helpless, weak and poor people. The rulers, the political leaders, the generals, the bureaucrats and the business tycoons defy laws and treat the courts with contempt. Islam and laws of civilized country treat the ruler and the ruled as equals.

#### **Are the rulers and people treated alike in the Muslim countries?**

- The non-Muslim countries have the genuine education policies, labor policies, health policies, defense policies, media policies, investment policies, trade policies, industrial policies and foreign policies with a clear understanding that voters will not vote for a person but the policies of the party to which that person belongs. A party or a person can fool the voters once but can not do it twice. In

the Muslim countries the policies are made to fleece the people and plunder the resources of the country.

**Is it thinkable in a civilized non-Muslim country?**

- In the non-Muslim countries the political, military, economic and diplomatic decisions are taken in the best national interest through consensus. In the Muslim countries, the monarchs, the dictators and democratically elected Presidents and Prime Ministers issue proclamations and ordinances either to please their “external patrons” or to perpetuate their rule and plunder the resources of their countries with “conditional external moral, political, diplomatic and economic support”.

**Is it even imaginable in a civilized developing or a developed non-Muslim country?**

In a scenario like this from where does the religious differences come in and what is the demand of diplomatic sanity? It is obvious that a “Cruel Inhuman System of Exploitation” has been imposed on the people of the Muslim countries internally by a “Group of Exploiters” in the name of secularism, moderation, toleration and “Unregulated Free Economy” with the blessings of their “External Supporters” who are obviously justified in doing so in the strategic interest of their respective countries. Majority of the people in the Muslim countries are helpless and the only weapon available to them is frustration visibly dominated by hatred for their rulers, politicians, bureaucrats, businessmen, army generals and the foreign heads of states and the governments who support them. The most genuine embarrassing question, therefore, is how to put an end to this exploitation and consequently the frustration and hatred which is an obvious outcome of the realities on ground?

Taking this background into consideration it is easy to conclude that the reaction of Muslims to any offending act with religious connotations automatically translates into political agitation of frustrated citizens of the Islamic countries against America and American Allies. The religious aspect of the offending act and the question how to address the outcome of such an offending act in a civilized diplomatic manner is totally ignored both by the agitators and the governments of the Islamic countries.

The consequences of such offending acts, therefore, need to be thoroughly and impartially analyzed.

An individual riding on the concept of “freedom of expression” decides to produce a video knowing that the sentiments of more than a billion “Innocent Muslims” will be hurt and also knowing that legally he is not doing anything wrong. But does he know that no constitution any where in the world and the statute of the United Nations allow any government, individual and institution including the print and electronic media to hurt the religious sentiments of citizens of any country, minorities and any community? If constitution of any country allows that then it needs to be seriously reviewed. This is what is ignored by the proponents of the freedom of expression and media. This is what needs to be emphasized and to remain focused on. Unfortunately this aspect of the issue is totally ignored.

Now it would be appropriate to have a look at the strengths of the Muslims.

Muslims have nothing in common and Islamic anymore except the TRUE LOVE for the Holy Prophet Mohammed (PBUH). What the Muslims expect from the non-Muslims world is not to show disrespect to their Holy Prophet as the Muslims always respect the prophets of all other religions. I don't think that there is any reason to unnecessarily discuss religion in purely geo-political, diplomatic, economic and military plans. It is human nature to dominate the weak when one has enough power to do so. There are historical cycles of domination of powerful nations of weak nations. The Muslims have only one weakness and that is their leadership. Else they are economically and militarily far more human and natural resource rich and powerful than rest of the world including USA, China and India combined. The world and the world leaders know it very well deep down in their hearts. So my request to all is NOT to take Muslims lightly. Muslims are not in a position to fight any war today ONLY because they are leaderless. **BUT NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT TOMORROW.**

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