

Islamic Awakening and Unity

The history of the rise and fall of human civilisation and its critical and analytical study has proved that apart from good and qualitative values, the spiritual qualities also play a pivotal role in the over all growth and development of human civilisation. Besides, all major and prominent civilisations have either directly or indirectly been associated with prophets and messenger of the Almighty who had been guiding the human society towards the ultimate goal of glory and success. This shows the most prominent role that religion plays in the development of human civilisation. When the followers of a civilisation ignore the importance of religion and its leaders deviate from the right path then the speedy process of the decline of that civilisation begins. When we look towards such civilisations from outside, we feel that they are flourishing but in fact they, because of not being strong and stable from inside, ultimately get annihilated.

The history of mankind is a witness to the fact that Islam emerged at a time when the human civilisation as well as the religions prevailing all over the world had already deviated from the right path to such an extent that centre of monotheism was converted into a place for idols and there was complete darkness. Islam then started showing them the right path. In pursuance of the tenets and principles of Islam, the human civilisation made tremendous progress in almost every field of life when Europe was plunging into the ocean of ignorance. Not only Muslim but non-Muslim European scholars of high repute have admitted the scholarship of Muslim scholars and their great contributions to the promotion of almost every branch of science and knowledge which are the integral parts of human civilisation.

Islam is a very strong and stable religion because it is based on the holy book Quran and its prophet is the last messenger of God and its aim is to liberate mankind from the clutches of evil and corruption. It reached the peak of its glory within a short period but the process of its decline started sometimes later. The main reason of the downfall of Islamic civilisation is, in fact, because of the distance between the teachings of Islam and those Muslims who have deviated from the right path of divine reality and have paid no attention to the deep study and research in the various areas of human society, and who have rather indulged themselves in various kinds of undue national, racial and religious divisions and differences. Such people could not realise the role that Islam plays in the establishment of social justice, in protecting the rights of individuals and societies and in shaping a flourishing human society. Finally, the differences prevailing among the leaders of various Islamic factions have enabled the enemies of Islam to give a severe blow to the followers of Islam who are currently facing massacre and a high degree humiliation. They are being subjected to all kinds of inhuman oppressions all over the world because of the disunity among themselves.

At present America and the Israeli Zionists are the real enemies of Islam and the Muslims. They are actively engaged in hatching such conspiracies and engineering such plots which could result in the killing

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of Muslims at the hands of their fellow brothers. Under such circumstances we, as true followers of Islam, should be closely associated with the teachings of Islam and should give the message of unity not only to Muslims but also to the world of humanity, for, Islam had arrived to show the path of glory to mankind. We should realise the fact that bad defence of a goal or mission proves more fatal than the blows of enemies. Under the existing circumstances we have to defend the Islam of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and we should not allow the enemies of Islam to interpret its principles according to the wishes and desires of their masters.

Two decades ago, the people of Iran under the able guidance of their departed leader Imam Khomeini had started an Islamic movement for the revival of Islamic values and for making them practical in all fields of life. The purpose of this movement was to awaken the people and to make them understand the importance of unity. This movement emerged victorious and an Islamic Republic government was established on the basis of the philosophy of *Vilayat-e-Faqih*. The enemies of Islam were in the hope that the Islamic Republic of Iran will be put into isolation after our beloved spiritual leader Imam Khomeini had achieved his heavenly abode, but they remained disappointed to see that the Islamic Republic of Iran is making all kinds of progress under the able guidance of Hazrat Ayatullah-ul-Uzma Syed Ali-e-Khamenei and the people of Iran are determined to continue this Islamic movement till the appearance of Imam Mahdi who is the real custodian of Islam. ●

Ayatullah-ul-uzma Syed Ali Khamenei's message
ON

THE TRAGIC AND INHUMAN MASSACRE OF INNOCENT AFGHAN PEOPLE BY THE TALIBAN MILITIA

The reports about the tragic and inhuman killings of the innocent and oppressed people of Afghanistan is a matter of deep concern and profound sorrow not only for the Muslims of the world but also for all those who love freedom and humanity. This barbaric massacre of innocent and defenceless civilians in Afghanistan reminds the Muslims and the whole humanity of their responsibility too. The ghastly crime of massacring the innocent and defenceless people in the city of Mazar-e-Sharif and the act of martyring of a group of Iranian diplomats and journalists, who were engaged in performing their diplomatic and journalistic duties, were such extra-ordinary criminal acts caused by the oppressive and despotic Taliban group that the Islamic nations and governments should have started a serious movement against this militant group, which is communal agent of a foreign forces and is totally ignorant of the teachings of Islam and of the basic norms and principles of the human world.



Now, the oppressiveness and ruthlessness of the Taliban militants in Central Afghanistan and Bamiyan province are more barbarous and inhuman than its previous tyrannical activities.

This virtual massacre is of those

people who had bravely defended their honour and dignity in spite of the inhuman atmosphere of poverty and prolonged sanctions and who had also proved their chivalrous stability during the former Soviet occupation of Afghanistan by offering the valuable sacrifices of their beloved youths who had embraced martyrdom for the liberation of their homeland. Now the people of this region are being slain for not bowing before the Taliban stooges. It is reported that the Taliban leaders have issued orders to kill the people of this region who are more than seven years of age. It is also reported that the fighter planes of the Pakistan Air Force had also participated in the recent bombings of the Bamiyan province and were actively engaged in killing the people and devastat-