

Islam and Responsibilities of Being a Muslim

Islam, as the last divine religion, possesses all such laws which are essential for the human world. It has all such qualities which are capable of guiding the human society towards its ultimate goal with peace and tranquillity. Islam can cope with all the requirements and demands of human society through all the ages.

There is no doubt that a Muslim will have to face so many problems and difficulties in reaching the ultimate Islamic goal of life. The high ranking jurists and experts of Islamic theology will have to shoulder the special responsibilities to resolve the problems and difficulties of Muslim masses and will have to present exalted models of Islamic personalities before the human world. This can be feasible only by initiating timely steps in this direction. In brief the Muslim Ulema should try to find out ways and means for resolving the problems and difficulties of the Islamic society and to enable it to proceed towards the ultimate Islamic goal.

On the other hand, Islam has always been surrounded with such dangerous and bitter enemies who have been actively engaged in annihilating Islam. The anti Islamic activities of these enemies can be divided into various sections like political, social, economic and cultural enmities.

There is no doubt that anti Islamic forces have made the existence of Muslims as their main target and are striving for the annihilation of the cultural values of Muslims. For getting success in their nefarious designs the enemies of Islam have chalked out long and short term policies and programmes with the help of their allies and agents. Sometimes, these agents and allies are seen openly on their westernised platforms and on some other occasions they are projected as the so-called scholars of Islam who because of a lack of information about Islam and also because of superficial knowledge of Islam make this propaganda throughout the world that Islam has not been capable of coping with the requirements of human society through the ages. They also propagate that Islam can't fulfil the demands of human society after a gap of more than a millennium. This is an irresponsible statement and the

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true Islamic scholars and Ulema should come forward to give a suitable reply to these agents and mercenaries of the anti-Islamic forces.

As the champion of unity among Muslims, the Islamic Republic of Iran has always emphasised that Muslims should safeguard their unity. In this regard Iran has been trying to make the Muslims of the world well acquainted with the importance of unity and Islamic brotherhood so that they could work for the stable and practical unity among themselves.

But what can be done when a group of people in an Islamic nation is actively engaged in violating international human norms and principles, puts the Islamic laws under its feet, doesn't adhere to the principles of Islamic unity and considers its self as the real Islamic group, massacres Muslim fellow countrymen including defenceless women and children and feels proud in killing its own guests. One has to be very careful in the mission of defending Islam. This group of a handful of Muslims is indulging in all such deeds which are very encouraging for the enemies of Islam. To present Islam in the form of a ruthless, illogical and unkind religion is nothing but a part of the anti-Islamic plots and conspiracies hatched by en-

emies of Islam.

It would have been better if this group of Muslims, had not engaged themselves in such shameful and inhuman acts in the name of Islam. If it would have been so then this group wouldn't have considered only the keeping of beard and imprisonment of Muslim women within the four walls of the house as the only and ultimate limits of Islam. This group should realise the true spirit of Islam which teaches us to fight against all evils for the liberation of human society from the clutches of evils and corruption, which has always presented good and useful human models before the world and has always worked as a guiding force for the liberation of mankind.

It would be appropriate to mention that the Muslim women, during the early age of Islam had played a pivotal role in keeping their men actively engaged in their Islamic activities. A student of the history of Islam cannot ignore the services of Hazrat-e-Khadijeh to the promotion and development of Islam. Nobody can deny the valuable sacrifices offered by Hazrat-e-Fatimah the beloved daughter of prophet Muhammad in defending Islam. She imparted all necessary train-

ing to her sons and daughters to fight against the enemies of Islam and to protect this divine religion even at the cost of embracing martyrdom. The messenger of Husaini revolution Hazrat-e-Zainab rendered such valuable services for safeguarding Islam which cannot and never will be forgotten.

All such groups of Islamic societies which consider the role of women limited to keep their husbands happy and to look after their children are committing a mistake. They should realise this fact that they are committing a ghastly crime against Islam. They should study the history of Islam and find out the real status of men and women who are source of completion for each other. Both are equal in the eyes of Islam and their duties and responsibilities are well defined in Islam.

We hope that the Muslim men and women will work together for the promotion of Islam and will translate Islamic values into practice in order to introduce this divine religion of Islam to the world in its real shape and will prove that Islam is fully capable of coping with the requirements of human society through all the ages and can successfully lead the people to salvation. □