

Good News

...And give good news to those who do good (to others) - HQ 22:37

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Islam Means Peace!

'Islamophobia' Kills!

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The horrific act of terror in Christchurch New Zealand on Friday March 16, 2019 that led to the cold blooded slaughter of approximately 50 Muslim worshippers, has once again raised the deep concern that evil consequences caused by the irresponsible vitriol of 'hate mongers' across political and religious spectra have on society. It does not matter whether the culprit spewing such hatred is a mealy-mouthed politician trying to score some cheap political points; a blinkered Christian evangelist; a cynical Jewish fundamentalist or a fanatical Mullah – it is time that the sane and sensible majority collectively not only condemn such behaviour but oppose it at all levels within society. This is the only way incidents such as what happened in Christchurch might be prevented from being repeated.

The New Zealand Premier, Jacinda Ardern, on this trying occasion, showed the world that

this can be done if the world at the highest levels in society stand united in this quest. Her leadership in this most challenging situation was indeed exemplary and inspirational. Her altruism, magnanimity and empathy for the bereaved Muslim community was reminiscent of the benevolent treatment afforded to the 7th century Muslim refugees by the Christian Negus of Abyssinia. Western and Muslim Nations across the world, especially Saudi Arabia, can indeed take a great lesson from her. This kind of admirable leadership comes as a light at the end of the tunnel in a world of doom and gloom and heralds in a ray of hope that tells us 'humanity' might just survive after all.

'Islamophobia' - exaggerated hype best avoided

The exaggerated hype around 'Islamophobia' bandied about zealously by anti – Islamic lobbyists, is nothing but a convenient smokescreen to cover up the real, much bigger '**monster**' on the horizon – Western Nations' Hegemony - **the Real Threat to World Peace!** Hardly a day passes these days without hearing threats of war by

those nations greedily chasing the ‘flesh pots’ of this world.

George W. Bush, a confessed reborn Christian, admitted that he had lied to the world to justify his ‘crusade’ against Iraq to combat his fabricated ‘axis of evil’. His action led to the massacre and displacement of more than half a million Muslim women and children – his answer when questioned about it? - ‘It was a mistake.’

What happened in Iraq and subsequently in Libya and Syria and now threatening Venezuela and Iran? are the results of sick mindsets that are the real threats to world peace that we should be concerned about instead of creating smokescreens such as the hype around ‘Islamophobia’ that conveniently hides the real truth. These are the opinions shared by at least a host of reputable political analysts, investigative journalists, politicians, authors, and political commentators and opinion makers such as Abbey Martin, Peter Lavelle, John Pilger, Eva Bartlett, Henry Giroux, Robert Fisk, Tyrell Ventura, Jill Stein - to name but a few that refuse to be ‘**manipulated**’ by mainstream media. We are grateful to these ‘freethinkers’ for at least bringing some sanity into a world where it has become increasingly difficult to sift ‘**the real truth**’ from among the mountains of lies heaped upon us on a daily basis by Western media.

‘**Islamophobia**’ is nothing but a modern day by-product of such lies, the creators of which have the blood of all the innocent victims that were murdered as a result of it on their hands.

Islam offers Peace and Justice – Not Fear!

The very name ‘Islam’ means **Peace!** Minority terror groups who do not live up to this lofty ideal, **do not represent Islam**. Any unbiased seeker of truth will tell you that true governance, according to the rule Book of Islam, the Holy Quran, is based on equality, justice and high moral standards. If effective principles of true governance based on justice are what the world is seeking for right now, then they should take a cue from the Holy Quran:

Surely Allah commands you to make over trusts **to those worthy of them**, and that when you judge between people, you **judge with justice**. Surely Allah admonishes you with what is excellent. Surely Allah is ever Hearing, Seeing - (4:58)

O you who believe, be upright for Allah, **bearers of witness with justice; and let not hatred of a people incite you not to act equitably. Be just; that is nearer to observance of duty**. And keep your duty to Allah. Surely Allah is Aware of what you do. - (5:8)

Such was the example set by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of God be upon him). The Holy Quran testifies to this fact:

Certainly you have in the Messenger of God (i.e. Muhammad) **an excellent exemplar** – (33:21).

Muhammad sent as a Mercy to the World

And We have not sent thee but as a mercy to the nations (21:107)

A world free from the shackles of bias and prejudice has testified to the fact that the message of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, Messenger and Servant of God Almighty (pbuh), was indeed one of **love, harmony, justice, and above all Peace for all the nations.**

Non – Muslims’ Praise for Muhammad

In a world beset with offensive Islamophobic rhetoric led by a group of biased Christian evangelists, it is a relief to read the fascinating conclusions of many renowned and indeed honourable non – Muslim academics, clerics and statesmen from across the world, that have ‘objectively’ studied the life of the Prophet Muhammad as an historical figure.

Allow me to share but a few examples:

1. Sir George Bernard Shaw, well-known Irish dramatist is on record¹ as saying:

‘I have studied him (Muhammad) - the wonderful man ... He was by far the most remarkable man that ever set foot on this earth. He preached a religion, founded a state, built a nation, laid down a moral code, initiated numerous social and political reforms, established a powerful and dynamic society to practice and represent his teachings and completely

revolutionized the worlds of human thought and behaviour for all times to come.’

‘I have always held the religion of Muhammad in high estimation because of its wonderful vitality. It is the only religion which appears to me to possess that assimilating capacity to the changing phase of existence which can make itself appeal to every age. I have studied him – the wonderful man and in my opinion far from being an anti-Christ, he must be called a Saviour of Humanity.’

‘I believe that if a man like him were to assume the dictatorship of the modern world he would succeed in solving its problem in a way **that would bring much needed peace and happiness.** I have prophesied about the faith of Muhammad that it would be acceptable to the Europe of tomorrow as it is beginning to be acceptable to the Europe of today.’

2. The Reverend Bosworth Smith, carefully studied the life of Prophet Muhammad, and in his book, *Mohammad and Mohammadism*, published in 1874, writes:

Head of the State as well as the Church, he was Caesar and Pope in one; but, he was Pope without the Pope’s pretensions, and Caesar without the legions of Caesar, without a standing army, without a bodyguard, without a police force, without a fixed revenue. If ever a man had the right to

¹ Vide *The Genuine Islam*

say that he ruled by a right divine, it was Muhammad, for he had all the powers without their supports. He cared not for the dressings of power. The simplicity of his private life was in keeping with his public life.

3. Annie Besant, a prominent British women's rights activist, writer and spokesperson for the National Secular Society, wrote in her book, *The Life and Teachings of Muhammad* (1932), p.4:

It is impossible for anyone who studies the life and character of the great Prophet of Arabia, who knew how he taught and how he lived, to feel anything but reverence for that mighty Prophet, one of the great messengers of the Supreme. And although in what I put to you I shall say many things which may be familiar to many, yet I myself feel, whenever I reread them, a new way of admiration, a new sense of reverence for that mighty Arabian teacher.

4. Mahatma Gandhi, the pre-eminent leader of the Indian Independence Movement in British-ruled India, and the person to whom modern day non-violence movements trace their roots (like that of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior's Civil Rights Movement), after studying the life of Prophet Muhammad wrote:

I became more than ever convinced that it was not the sword that won a place for Islam in those days in the scheme of life. It was the rigid

simplicity, the utter self-effacement of the prophet, the scrupulous regard for his pledges, his intense devotion to his friends and followers, his intrepidity, his fearlessness, his absolute trust in God and his own mission. These, and not the sword, carried everything before them and surmounted every trouble.

5. Alphonso La Martine, famous French historian, wrote in his, *Histoire de la Turque*, 1854, Vol 2:

If greatness of purpose, smallness of means and astounding results, are three criteria of human genius, who would dare to compare any great man in modern history with Muhammad?

6. Dr. Michael H. Hart, an American historian and scientist by profession of Jewish descent studied important historical figures and ranked the top 100 most influential persons in history. In 1978 he published his rankings in a book entitled: *The 100* – a ranking of the most influential persons in history. Topping his list was the 'Prophet Muhammad'. He writes:

He [Muhammad] was the only man in history who was supremely successful on both the secular and religious level ... It is this unparalleled combination of the secular and religious influence which I feel entitles Muhammad to be considered to be the most influential single figure in human history.

7. The Encyclopedia Britannica:

‘Of all religious personalities of the world, Muhammad was the most successful.’

8. **Thomas Carlyle**, famous Scottish philosopher, writer and historian, considered one of the most important social commentators of his time, who produced the famed work *On Heroes, Hero-Worship and the Heroic in History*, after studying the life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, says it best by conceding:

The lies (i.e. Western slander) which well meaning zeal has heaped round **this man (Muhammad) are disgraceful to ourselves only. - (all emphases that of the Editor)**

We strongly condemn all Acts of Aggression and Terror including all Violations of Basic Human Rights specifically those carried out in the Name of Religion or State!

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