

## Sectarian hatred amongst Muslim Ummah

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Muslims in the last few decades have been seriously maligned by the West. Sectarian prejudice and intolerance have started taking roots. Day to day sectarian clashes is taking a heavy toll of Muslims lives. This is all due to the Ulama as Su [the corrupt members of the clergy], who instead of preaching for unity of the Ummah, are spreading hatred and creating chaos. With their limited approach and narrow mindedness, they are bent through any means, to change the Aqaid of the smaller wing to their own way of thinking and practice. Every Muslim, be of any Aqidah, believes in Tawhid, Risalat and in the Qur'an. These cardinal principals should be the unifying points in the people of the Ummah and not their minor individual differences.

Ulama-as-Su have always explained ideal institution of unity wrongly. According to their limited understanding, the meaning of unity is religious harmony only. The unity of Muslim Ummah does not mean to change the Aqaid and follow its larger wing. It does not require that one should leave ones faith and adopt that of others. It is not possible nor is it feasible. What is meant by the unity of Ummah is that, Muslims should become aware and be organized against hostile forces, which are their common enemies. Islam eliminates all the roots of injustice at all level. Rasulullah (S) says:

"He is not from us who invite on the basis of 'Asabiyyah' (injustice). He is not of us who commits murder on the basis of 'Asabiyyah' (intolerance); He is not of us who kills on the basis of 'Asabiyyah' (discrimination)."

An intellectual meaning of the unity of Ummah is to build a bulwark against all the forces of Shait'an. A careful study of the history of Islam reveals that as long as this unity persisted, bounties continued. It is only intolerance due to which the Ummah is now facing several multiple problems around the world. It was the Syrian Umayyad monarchy, of the Muslims, in the early days of islam, which gave birth religious intolerance and the concept of unity became a sweet dream. Imam Husain immediately killed this spirit of Shait'an and provided us a shimmering model of unity through his exemplary and sparkling character:

- Imam Husain embraced Shahadah for the unity of the Ummah. All those who know the difference between justice and cruelty have recognized his sacrifice. His Shahadah was not for any specific race, age, class or school, but for the divine unity of the humanity.
- He departed from the Madinah only to protect the unity of the Ummah.
- He converted the Ahr'am of Haj into Umrah only to secure the unity of the Ummah.
- He pitched his tents away from the bank of Euphrates for the sake of the unity of the Ummah.
- He along with Ahl al Bait and Ashaab bore three days of thirst for the unity of the Ummah.

- Syedaat Fatemiyaat tolerated chain of cruelty, one after the other; bore many trials and tribulations only for the unity of the Ummah.
- Imam Ali Zain ul Abideen did not raise the slogan of Qisas from the Umayyads, only for the sake of the unity of the Ummah.

Imam Husain's strategy for the unity of the Ummah was superb. Unity of the Ummah was always considered a top priority by the Ahl al Bait. Mission of Shait'an is always to create disunity among Muslims by means of linguistic, racial, family and religious prejudices. History of Islam is a witness that Yazid and his like minded, polluted the minds of the Muslims, with the poison of unfairness, just for the sake of power; while Imam Husain stood against those forces of Shait'an. It was Husain alone, who provided protection to the Ummah from this destruction.

Students of history can easily examine the Nabavi Politics during the glorious era of Bani Fatemah, in Misar, who granted privileges to all religions and Muslim school of thoughts. A large number of Christians and Jews got prominent positions in the various departments in keeping with their academic abilities and erudition. Similarly, Hanafi, Maleki, Shafaee, Hanbali and the Ithna Ashari intellectuals were appointed to key positions in various institutions of the Fatemi Khilafah. It is a historical fact that Bani Fatemah allowed magnanimously, the freedom of thought, within the provided limits of Islam, to all. Aimmah Fatemiyeen granted honor and bestowed awards to the notables of various faculty of Sciences, according to their credentials, without any discrimination. Learned writer of "Rasail Ikhwan-us-Safa", al Imam Ahmad al Mastur, who is better known as "Al Shakhs al Fazil", explains:

**"We do not bear any intolerance on the basis of school of thought".**

His wordings are enough to understand the approach, which transferred as a legacy from father to son, one after the other.

Today sectarian fire is burning and a major division of the Muslim Ummah is calling the minority sects and sub-sects of their own sect as 'Kafir', I would like to recall what Imam Jafar Assadiq said for such an occasion. He said:

"You must know that you should never terrorize a Muslim. My father (Imam Mohammad al Baqir) has said on the Asn'ad of what his father Imam Ali Zain ul Abideen and Grandfather Ali had declared:

**"Whoever casts ferocious eyes on any Muslim with an intention to terrorize, then on the Day of Qiyamah, when there would be nobody to provide protection except Allah, he would himself be involved in a state of terror and fear."**

To be a true and devoted Muslim it is not enough that one should observe Salaat, keep Siy'am during Ramazan, recites Qur'an or attends lecture of cleric regularly. Syedna Qazi an Nauman has mentioned in his celebrated work: "Sharha ul Akhb'ar" citing Rasulullah (S) described a cult of terrorists who observed Taqwa but out of the fold of Islam. He says:

**"In my Ummah a cult of Khawarij will be separated from religion just like an arrow shot from the bow. Practically, they would offer Farz Salaat, along with Tahajjud and they would also remember the Qur'an."**

The contract-killer of Amir al Muminin Ali also belonged to the cult of Khawarij. What should I say regarding Talim in Madaris? It is not a measure to grant a certificate to student or cleric as a good character Muslim. Right before us are several examples of Ulama as Su, who completed their Talim in Madaris, but due to their malicious and malaфide approach, several hundred thousands of people have gone astray on account of their vested interest and corrupt mentality.

Unity of thoughts does not mean that one should change his Aqidah and adapt another's viewpoint or participate in it. What is needed is that we should understand the basic Talim of Islam, with manners, and for an attainment of it we should ignore sectarian hatred. With the unity of thought, culture also has an important relation, which we cannot ignore. The enemies of Islam, through the cultural invasion have targeted the values of Islam and unsuccessfully tried to change it, but in vain. They did not try to reveal anything honestly, but they play like chases through their puppet agents. They made a successful attempt to transform the Muslim mentality through sophisticated manners and brain-washing and using media as a powerful weapon.

Private educational institutions have played an important role in this process. They slowly inject silent poison. They changed the life-style along with approach, language and morals. Private educational Institutions are producing a large number of slaves-class, who loves to migrate to the west and hate to live in their motherland. This bunch of class suffering with inferiority complex, they consider west as a Jannah. These sick minded looked on their own moral values and eastern culture with jaundiced eyes. It is but natural that such people would not have the same feelings for Islam and Divine Personalities as the rest of true Muslims. It is very unfortunate that majority of the influential major institutions of Muslim countries are running under the slave minded class. Such shortsighted people are easily lured into bad morals, in the sense of being modern minded but ignore the good deeds of the awakening nations of the world. Rasulullah (S) guides:

"Take the good and eschew the bad."

If we study minutely, we will find in all aspects of our daily life, influence of western culture and civilization with its negative results. Due to many valid reasons, the Ummah is far away from the Talim of Islam, presently. Muslim rulers and politicians at large are champions of words but not deeds. They are religion-less and not sincere with Islam and with the poor population, whom they make fools off through their sugar coated statements and speeches. Ah! We are embarking on a boat whose condition is similar to the following couplet:

"Wind is adverse, night is dark and sea is rough;  
Anchor of the boat is broken, while the sailor is sleeping"

It is a bitter fact that Muslims are the second largest community of the world after the Christians, but they are treated worse than animals. Why, what is the reason, this is the burning question? The answer is very simple, lack of unity, lack of education and rise of corruption. This is the basic reason of our downfall. The question arising is, against whom unity should be demonstrated. Let's first fix the enemy as a target. Put the enemy at the central point of target

so that the correct meaning of unity of the Ummah should become clear like a crystal. The forces, inimical to Islam know very well, that if Muslims unite then they could win the battle against them on all fronts. Twenty five years ago a historical event occurred on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1986, which no doubt should be a cause of anxiety for the learned scholars of the Ummah. This event demands from the intellectuals of the Ummah that they undertake such efforts to unite, as it is a vital need of the day. On the above date, the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church visited a Synagogue in Rome, Italy.

This historical visit of the Pope to a synagogue should draw the attention of the Muslim intellectuals towards its significant meaning. Christians believe that the executioners of Jesus were the Jew-Zionists. During the last 2000 years, Christians have propagated this fact largely. According to this faith, Christians have nursed hatred and animosity towards the Jews in their hearts. As a result of this religious hatred, hundreds of thousands of Jews were killed mercilessly in their ghettos, in Europe, during the preceding centuries. This kind of extra-judicial-killing is called "Pogrom". In Germany, through an engineered Pogrom, several hundred thousand Jews were killed ruthlessly. History provides us with much evidence, when Christians took help of the sword to crush the Jews on the basis of religion. They massacred the Jews in Spain and other parts of Europe in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. As a result, many hundred thousands Jews took refuge in the homes of Muslims of Spain and in the jurisdiction of the Ottoman Empire to save their lives. Uncounted historical events testified to the magnanimous character of the Muslims who provided protection to the Jews from the swords of Christian Crusaders.

Today these same Jew Zionists are committing heinous crimes against Muslims, which nobody in history has committed. The western Christian super-powers are the most horrible enemies of Islam and Muslims and yet Muslims take such wolves in sheep's clothing's as their friends, which is the main reason of Muslim's disunity:

- (1) Islam has not entered into their hearts fully and
- (2) They take their enemies as their guardians

Can anyone deny this fact that head of the Roman Catholics, the Pope, visited a synagogue in order to apologize for the crimes of his predecessors, committed against the Jews? Can't he neglect the crimes of the Jews, which they committed with Jesus and his followers? This unity between the Church and the Synagogue is actually a mission of cumulative interest. Today attitude of the modern world invites the attention of the Muslim intellectuals to meet on one platform of common interest.

Islam is the only religion that is against the worship of a person, mythology and customs. The ideology of unity of thought is such a divine gift to the Ummah, in which lies the secret to progress and prosperity. Whether they are Turks or Iranians, Afghans or Pakistani, Kashmiris, Palestinians or Tajiks, they all are members of one-unit family of Ummah. The strong chain of unity binds the Ummah to unite, it invite to fight against all the usurpers of rights. So far as the problems of differences among various schools of thought are concerned, it is not new and it also existed during the era of our predecessors. Historical records show that for the larger

interest of the Ummah, our learned predecessors overlooked these differences. Rasulullah (S) knew it fully well that the element of superiority and pride can sabotage the unity of Ummah, hence under the direction of Wahi he instructed:

**"No Arab is superior to a non-Arab or a white to a black".**

Whether one is an African or American, Russian, Chinese, Indian or Arab and whether one speaks Persian or Arabic, Urdu or Sindhi, English or French, the criteria of superiority is Taqwa, according to the Qur'an, not race and face. Only Ignorant with the divine teachings of Islam, demonstrate through all possible manners that they belong to superior family. Qur'an teaches only that person hold Noble status who is Muttaqi. It is a need of the day to develop awareness regarding unity and its philosophy among the masses. It is a need of the time to save the next-generation from this inferiority complex. It is the responsibility of the intelligentsia to introduce countrywide, a single modern educational system, designed according to the needs of the time. We cannot ignore the nefarious role of the corrupt bureaucrats, who are responsible for our destruction, politically, financially and morally. They are destroying the unity and promoting animosity, just to get the benefits and appreciation from their "Alien Masters". The only solution to eliminate this poison is to kill all major factors of religious intolerance. The clergy is on the top, which is solely responsible in spreading the fire of religious intolerance. They are the creators and promoters of Suicide Bombers. It is they who brain wash the youngsters, in the name of Islam and use them for their nefarious purposes.

At present, the Muslim Ummah is passing through a dangerous crossroads. It is the high time for the Muslim intellectual to alert the people from the danger and provide them protective measures collectively. Regularize unaccounted sources of income of clergy through taxation. Scrutinized money generating sources of all religious institutions, especially Trusts. Examine the academic syllabus of Madaris minutely which they feed to the clean minded students. It is high time the learned of the Ummah pay attention to this sensitive subject of the unity. No doubt, the key to progress and success is in unity.

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