
O Muslims: Openly Free Yourselves!

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The Call to Islam: Rooted in Extremism or Gentleness?

The actions of extremist elements amongst Muslims do not represent pure and moderate orthodox Islam. Here is a quote from one of the better respected Islamic Scholars of Saudi Arabia.

It is Upon You to Openly Free Yourselves!

"So I say it is upon you O Muslims, and you are neighbours to those who are not Muslims, it is upon you that if there appears those who blemish the perfect image of al-Islaam from those deviant sects and those that have deviant thoughts and those who jeopardise safety, it is upon you to announce that you are free from them in the papers , upon the radio, in the lectures in the mosque, in the Friday sermons, so that your neighbours may know – the non Muslims - that these events from bombings and kidnappings and assassinations are not from Islaam and have nothing to do with Islaam rather they are strange ways even if the people practicing them may be Muslim. So that your neighbours may know that the religion of Islaam is a religion of gentleness, a religion of safety, and that it is a religion that preserves the rights, preserves the rights of the Muslims and like wise the rights of the non-Muslims."

- Dr. 'Ubayd al-Jaabiree (Retired Professor, Madinah University) - Recorded 11-06-2004

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It is not Al-Birr (piety, righteousness, and each and every act of obedience to Allâh, etc.) that you turn your faces towards east and (or) west (in prayers); but Al-Birr is (the quality of) the one who believes in Allâh, the Last Day, the Angels, the Book, the Prophets and gives his wealth, in spite of love for it, to the kinsfolk, to the orphans, and to Al-Masâkin (the poor), and to the wayfarer, and to those who ask, and to set slaves free, performs As-Salât (Iqâmat-as-Salât), and gives the Zakât, and who fulfill their covenant when they make it, and who are As-Sâbirin (the patient ones, etc.) in extreme poverty and ailment (disease) and at the time of fighting (during the battles). Such are the people of the truth and they are Al-Muttaqûn (pious - see V.2:2). (Al-Baqarah 2:177)

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