
Islam's War on Terror - Clarification to the Media

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In 2005, the community at Salafipublications in the UK took up the task of clarifying to the Muslim community in the UK and the media, the reality of the terrorists, their groups, the false concepts and their concoction of uprising, revolt and terror under the veil of Islam. The lecture touches on statements from the Salafi Scholars for decades, as well as the problem of the khawaarij (the renegade terrorists) and how they have terrorized the Muslim societies for centuries. The lecture alludes to the fact that the call of as-salafiyyah is pure orthodox Islam and its scholars and speakers are from the ones who have given the most concern for refuting these ideologies and protecting the Muslims from their deviance. It should serve as a real eye-opener for those who have not made the determination between orthodox Islam and radicalism and extremism, which is often the case.

From the points to reflect upon:

- This group, known to the Muslims as 'al-Khawaarij' is an old movement, who started their terror in the first century of Islam by declaring some of the Companions of Muhammad (May Allah Raise his Rank and Grant Him Peace) to be disbelievers and killed some of them
- The motivation for their terror is their enmity to Muslim rulers and Governments, today and yesteryear. It is the focal point of their movement and their false-reasoning for the need for uprising and fighting the governments to establish 'their version of an Islamic state'
- They (the khawaarij) declare any ruler (and the government and apparatus) who they believe 'does not rule by the rule of Allah' to be apostate, they then move to the government agencies, departments, law forces down to anyone who remains silent about the rulers and government to be apostates, thus opening up a door to wage war, with the goal of attaining their own leadership
- Terrorism is a modern phenomenon in the Western world in comparison to the constant barrage of attacks in the Muslim worlds and is thus it is very much a 'Muslim World Problem' first, something the Muslims scholars and governments have been faced with for centuries, it is not focused solely on non-Muslims.
- If Saudi Arabia is a source of terror which not only backs but provides the 'radical education' (as it was claimed) in their institutes and from their scholars, why then do the Terrorists constantly attack targets in Saudi Arabia?
- The Khaarijee (Renegade) Terrorist hold that anyone who is Muslim even, and commits a sin, is a disbeliever, in fact, an apostate, opening up a door towards the objective of overtaking the lands - a concept foreign to Islam and its scholars, past and present and a contradiction of the Qur'an as it is stated by Allah: "Verily, Allah forgives not that partners should be set up with him in worship, but He forgives except that (anything else) to whom He pleases, and whoever sets up partners with Allah in worship, he has indeed invented a tremendous sin." (Qur'an, 4:48)
- The most potent source of terrorism is the speaker and lecturer who calls to this perverse ideology, as they are the ones who plant the seeds of hate and violence, many of whom were thrown out of the Muslim lands finding refuge and protection in the West for too many years.
- The Terrorist preachers often misconstrue and misinterpret verses from the Qur'an for advancement of their own political agenda, warping the minds of the mostly young people who they target. A trick of any radical in any religion.
- The terrorist center their call around an offensive war against everyone who opposes them (Muslim or non-Muslim) and claim this to be the call of the Prophets and Messengers. Far removed from the verse in the Qur'an, "And I (Allah) created not the jinns and humans except they should worship Me (Alone)." (Adh-Dhariyat 51:56) indicating the purpose of creation being worship of the One God (Allah). Or the verse in the Qur'an which indicate dialogue and discussion when preaching Islam to non-Muslims, "Say (O Muhammad): "O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians): Come to a word that is just between us and you, that we worship none but Allah, and that we associate no partners with Him, and that none of us shall take others as lords besides Allah. Then, if they turn away, say: "Bear witness that we are Muslims." (Qur'an, 3:64) How does this dialogue and potential agreement come about if the terrorist renegades' objective is to obliterate most of mankind. It should be understood that terror and Islam do not mix, and as per usual, Religion is dragged in to the mix as a rally-call for the unsuspecting person, just as it was in N. Ireland during 'the troubles' and wherever else radical aggression is sought by a politically motivated group.
- The taking of lives through murderous killing (and suicide bombing) employed by the terrorists is reprimanded in the Qur'an, "O you who believe! Eat not up your property among yourselves unjustly except it be a trade amongst you, by mutual consent. And do not kill yourselves (nor kill one another). Surely, Allâh is Most Merciful to you." (Qur'an, 4:29)
- An open question is posed to the Muslim leaders within the Western lands, concerning their wide-spread vocal

condemnation of terrorist acts in the West immediately after they happen. Where was your voice in the past condemning suicide bombings in Israel? in Palestine? in Riyadh? Perhaps some of these leaders indirectly fueled senseless emotionalism for decades by focusing their sermons around the realities of the oppression in the Muslim lands whilst not being balanced in condemning acts of terrorist evil within those lands at the same time. Where were their Published books, free booklets, fliers, cds, cassettes and open lectures and sermons condemning terrorism, explaining the evils of it, openly rebuking its leaders and preachers? Instead, after the fact, out of fear and self-preservation, very public announcements are made condemning the terrorist acts in their country of residence (in the West). And amazingly, simultaneously, rather than teach and educate their communities in depth about how these things oppose Islam, they simply a) free themselves and b) point a finger, sometimes in the direction of the Salafees, who in contrast have been on the front-lines condemning all acts of terrorism throughout the world, and condemning the terrorists and more importantly their 'theological leaders' for decades and those works are apparent on their internet sites, books, cds and so on. So the open question remains, where are your efforts through the decades, pre 9/11 for example?

- Protesting and Rallies (something widely endorsed by many of the self-titled 'moderate' groups) is something not endorsed by the Salafee Scholars, as it is not a form of rectification, it is a forum for potential disorder and an invitation for those who are moderate to be disgraced by those who are radical and will embarrass and taint the image of the Muslims in that land. This shows the deep concern for preventing discord and upheaval on the part of the moderate salafee scholars.

Although it is disappointing that the distinction is not often made in the media between Orthodox Islam and Radicalism, it must be understood (to the Muslims) that these matters require constant clarification and understanding as the people of terror and uprising often take on a persona of someone who is very religious (Islamic) with beards and traditional Islamic Attire, so it is only natural for some (who are uninformed of the reality) to be confused. We invite the Muslims to clarify these affairs to their colleagues, neighbours etc. with the best of manner and conduct, always exemplifying good character and understanding.

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