

UPHOLDING THE HONOUR OF THE HOLY PROPHET (PBUH)

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SUMMARY

These days an intense wave of indignation has swept through the Muslim world in response to an extremely crude and offensive film

Our hearts are torn at this gross act and we are extremely hurt and wounded

While Ahmadis express indignation and disgust at the vulgarity, they also try to draw attention of people to desist from committing these improprieties

The law about freedom of speech needs addressing

The sad news of martyrdoms in Pakistan

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih began his Friday sermon by reciting the following verses of the Holy Qur'an. The translation reads

اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ عَذَابًا
مُّهِينًا ﴿٥٨﴾

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ ۗ
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا
تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٧﴾

‘Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet. O ye who believe! you *also* should invoke blessings on him and salute *him* with the salutation of peace.

Verily, those who annoy Allah and His Messenger — Allah has cursed them in this world and in the Hereafter, and has prepared for them an abasing punishment.’

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These days an intense wave of indignation has swept through the Muslim world in response to an extremely crude and offensive act of anti-Islam elements

Indeed, Muslims are justified in feeling aggrieved

Indignation of every Muslim is natural at the crude and offensive film made about the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) was the greatest benefactor of humanity

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The extremely
insulting film
about this great
benefactor of
humanity made
Muslim's heart
bleed

And more
than anyone,
it pained
Ahmadi
Muslims

Ahmadis have
gained true insight
and perception of
the great station of
the Holy Prophet
(pbuh) through the
true and ardent
devotee of the Holy
Prophet (pbuh)

Our hearts are torn at this gross act and we are
extremely hurt and wounded

**We prostrate before God to contend with the perpetrators
and make them a cautionary sign that would last till the
end of the world**

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Muslims are those people, who give their lives for the honour of their noble Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him). Death is their preference to the dishonour in genuinely reconciling with such people and becoming their friends whose task is to day and night verbally abuse their Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and cite his name extremely insultingly in their magazines, books and advertisements and mention him in utterly degrading words. Remember, such individuals are also not the well-wishers of their own people because they create impediments in their way

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I say most truthfully that it is possible that we may reconcile with wild snakes and wilderness beasts, but we cannot reconcile with those people who do not desist from insulting the honour of God's holy Prophets. They think that there is triumph in abusive language and vulgarity but each triumph comes from the heavens. Through the blessing of their pure discourse, those with pure speech ultimately win hearts and minds whereas those of wicked nature have no other skill other than creating discord and conflict in the land in a disorderly way...Experience also bears witness that the ending of such offensive people is not good. The sense of honour of God ultimately comes to pass for His beloveds

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Out of their stubbornness these people are contending with God. InshaAllah, they will come under His chastisement

In their obstinacy they continue to perpetrate their excesses

It is their defeat against Islam that is forcing them to be offensive in the name of freedom of speech

As the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said, they are not even the well-wishers of their own people.

It will one day be unfolded to them all that what they are doing is in fact harmful for them.

These people are being mean and selfish

In the name of freedom of speech, they destroy the peace of society

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It should be remembered what the Imam of the age said; that
every triumph comes from the heavens



and the heavens have decided that the Prophet (peace and
blessings of Allah be on him) whom they are insulting will
triumph in the world and he will triumph by winning hearts and
minds



This is because pure discourse has power and it does not need
extremist measures or to respond to vulgarity with vulgarity

**God will deal with these
perpetrators in the next life**

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In the first verse recited at the start of the sermon God draws the attention of the believers towards their responsibilities; that is, to invoke peace and salutations on the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)



The vulgarity and slander by these people does not affect the honour of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) at all



He was a Prophet on whom God and His angels invoke blessings and salutations



It is for the believers to constantly engage in doing the same and when the enemy exceeds in vulgarity, invoke blessings and salutations (Durud) more than ever

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While an Ahmadi expresses indignation and disgust at the vulgarity, he or she also tries to draw attention of people to desist from committing these improprieties

From a worldly perspective an Ahmadi tries to make the world aware of and presents the beautiful aspects and blessed model of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)

An Ahmadi tries to demonstrate the blessed model through each act of his or her and thus presents to the world its illustration in practice

Indeed, men, women, young, old and children should be drawn to invoke blessings and salutations on the Prophet (pbuh) more than ever

Everyone should make their actions a practical model of Islamic teaching

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Other Muslims should also, in light of the teachings of God and His commandments, react to the situation by filling the very air with invocation of blessings and salutations on the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him).

It is useless to react in a way that destroys one's own property in one's own country and causes the killing of one's own people

Many decent Western people who are not Muslims have also expressed their disgust at this transgression in US as well as here (UK). However, on one hand the leadership says that this is not right but on the other hand backs making of such film in the name of freedom of speech.

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It is not heavenly scripture and there
can be flaws in man-made laws

**The law about
freedom of
speech**

Giving an individual freedom to speech
is fine, this needs to be balanced with
laws against injuring the sentiments of
others

While a law for freedom of speech exists, but neither any
country's law nor the UN Charter has the proviso that no
person will be free to injure the religious sentiments of others
or that holy personage of religions should not be disparaged

**It is important for world peace that it is made part of the UN
Charter that no country will allow any of its citizens to play
with the religious sentiments of others. It will not be allowed
to destroy world peace in the name of freedom of speech**

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It is correct
some Muslim
reaction is
incorrect

Damage and
destruction,
setting things on
fire, killing of the
innocent, leaving
diplomats
unprotected,
killing of
diplomats are all
wrong

But derision and
affront of
innocent
Prophets in the
name of freedom
of speech is also
a big sin.

The Holy Qur'an is a complete code of conduct. Why do those who read it and follow it not present its beautiful teachings to the world on every level?

Why do they not put it before the world that according to the Qur'an it is criminal and a big sin to play with the religious sentiments of others and to be offensive about the Prophets of God

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The moral state of the people
who make these vulgar
allegations on the Holy Prophet
(pbuh) or those who have
made this film can be gauged
from the information available
in the media

A Coptic Christian by the name
of Nakoula Basseley Nakoula
who lives in US has made the
film. It is said that he has a
criminal background and was
imprisoned in 2010 for fraud

The person who has directed
the film is a director of
pornographic films and the
actors in the film are also
actors of pornographic films

Similarly the sponsors of this
film is Christian priest who time
and again has tried to burn the
Qur'an for cheap publicity in
US

By perpetrating this obscenity they have certainly called
on God's wrath and as they continue to do so, they cannot
avoid God's chastisement

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih has not seen the [objectionable] film but has been told that it also raises objections over the Qur'an that it was written by the cousin of Hadhrat Khadija (may Allah be pleased with her) Waraqa bin Nawfil

This reflects ignorance of the filmmakers of all historical literature

Waraqa had said to the Prophet (pbuh) that he wished he could live to the day when the Makkans would force the Prophet to move out of Makkah

These priests are embroiled in discussion over where which Surah was revealed , Medina or Makkah and these films makers say that Waraqa wrote the Qur'an!

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We find in history people impulsively addressing the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and his patience and forbearance in response that is matchless

A tradition relates that once returning from Hunain a few people were with the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) when some Bedouins wrapped around him, they made demands of him so much so that they compelled him to move towards a thorny tree and his cloak was stuck in its thorns. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) stopped and asked them to return his cloak to him. He said if he had as many camels as the wild trees he would have given them to the Bedouins and they would not have found him niggardly, or false or a coward.

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In another tradition once a Bedouin pulled a cloak which had a thick border that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) had on so hard that the border left mark on his neck. He then said 'O Muhammad (pbuh) out of the goods that God has given you, have some loaded on my camels because neither you will give out of your wealth nor from the wealth of your father.' Initially the Prophet (pbuh) kept quiet. He then said that [all] wealth was God's and he was God's servant. He then said that the Bedouin would be retaliated for the pain he had caused him. The Bedouin replied, no. The Prophet (pbuh) asked why not. The Bedouin replied, 'because you do not react to badness with badness.' This made the Holy Prophet (pbuh) laugh and he asked for barley and dates to be loaded on the Bedouin's camels.

Such was his deportment with friends and foes. Yet the objectors make their objections without any knowledge and say that the Holy Prophet, Mercy for all the worlds (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was severe

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There is the matter of regard for others' sentiments in which the Prophet (pbuh) was incomparable. In spite of knowing that he was the most prominent among all Prophets, in regard of the sentiments of a Jew he said that he should not be given preference over Moses (on whom be peace)

His regard for the sentiments of the underprivileged can be seen in a tradition where one of his wealthy Companions was expressing his superiority over others. The Prophet (pbuh) asked him that did he think his power and strength was due to his efforts? No, it was not. He said that his tribal strength as well as power of wealth all was due to the poor

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) established these rights 1400 years ago when he said that a labourer should be paid his wages before his perspiration dries off.

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It is also alleged that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) God forbid, was a womaniser

- Objection is raised about his marriages.

God knew that such questions would be raised so he facilitated such incidents which provide repudiation of these allegations

- The historical account confirms him to be far from this, the Holy Prophet (pbuh) walked away from the most beautiful woman of Arab when she decided not to go ahead with the marriage

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) married his wives because it was God's commandment.

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote that had the Prophet (pbuh) not married and had children how could we have had the exemplary model in this aspect of life

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Erroneous things are said about Hadhrat 'Aishah (may Allah be pleased with her) and about her age



She said that on occasion the Prophet (pbuh) used to say to her that he wished to worship God throughout the night



However, those with perverted minds will make allegations



They have done so in the past and they will continue to do it.

God has decreed that He will fill Hell
with such people

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The second verse recited at
the beginning speaks of the
ending of the perpetrators

**They are cursed by God in
this life and also in the
Hereafter**

In this world their fate will be
in the form of God's curse
and in the next life it will be a
humiliating chastisement

**God has a great
sense of honour
for His beloved. If
people do not
desist from
insulting him, His
chastisement is
very severe**

**The natural disasters all over the world, the
economic crises, the chaos of global warming
should draw those who make excesses towards God
rather than towards vulgarities**

The Imam of the age has explained everything clearly and has
said that if his words are not heeded it will lead to destruction.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote

Bear in mind that God has informed me time and again about the coming of earthquakes. So be sure that just as there have been earthquakes in America and in Europe, in keeping with the prophecies, so will they occur in different parts of Asia, and some of them will be as terrifying as doomsday. There will be death on such a large scale that rivers will run with blood, and even birds and animals will not escape it. Such destruction will overtake the earth as has not happened since man was born. Most places will be turned upside down as if they had never been inhabited. There will also be other terrible afflictions, both in heaven and earth, and every sensible person will realize that they are no ordinary phenomena, and no trace of them will be found in books of astronomy or philosophy. Then people will be seized by anxiety and they will wonder what is going to happen? Many will be saved, and many will perish

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote

Those days are near, indeed they are at the door, when the world shall witness a spectacle of doomsday. Not only will there be earthquakes, but other terrible calamities will also appear, some from heaven and some from the earth. This will happen because men have given up the worship of their God, and all their thoughts and their designs and their resolves are diverted towards the world. Had I not come, these calamities might have been delayed for a while, but with my coming the secret designs of God's wrath, that had long been hidden, have been manifested. As God said: **'...We never punish until We have sent a Messenger.'** (17: 16)

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote

Those who repent shall find security and those who fear before the calamity overtakes them will be shown mercy. Do you think that you will be safe from these earthquakes, or that you can save yourselves by your own designs? No, you cannot. All human designs will come to naught that day. Do not imagine that only America has been shaken by the earthquake and that you are safe, for you may experience even greater calamities

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O Europe! You are not secure, O Asia! You are not secure, O you who dwell in the Islands, no artificial god will come to your aid. I see the cities falling and I see the habitations in ruin. The One and the Unique has long remained silent. Abominations were committed before His eyes and yet He remained silent. But now He shall reveal His countenance in a dreadful manner. He who has ears to hear, let him hear! The hour is not far. I tried to bring everyone under the security of God, but the decrees of destiny had to be fulfilled. Assuredly, I say that this country's turn is also drawing near. The days of Noah shall appear before your eyes, and you will see with your own eyes what happened to the land of Lot. But God is slow to wrath, repent so that you are shown mercy. He who abandons God is a worm, not a man, and he who does not fear Him is dead, not alive

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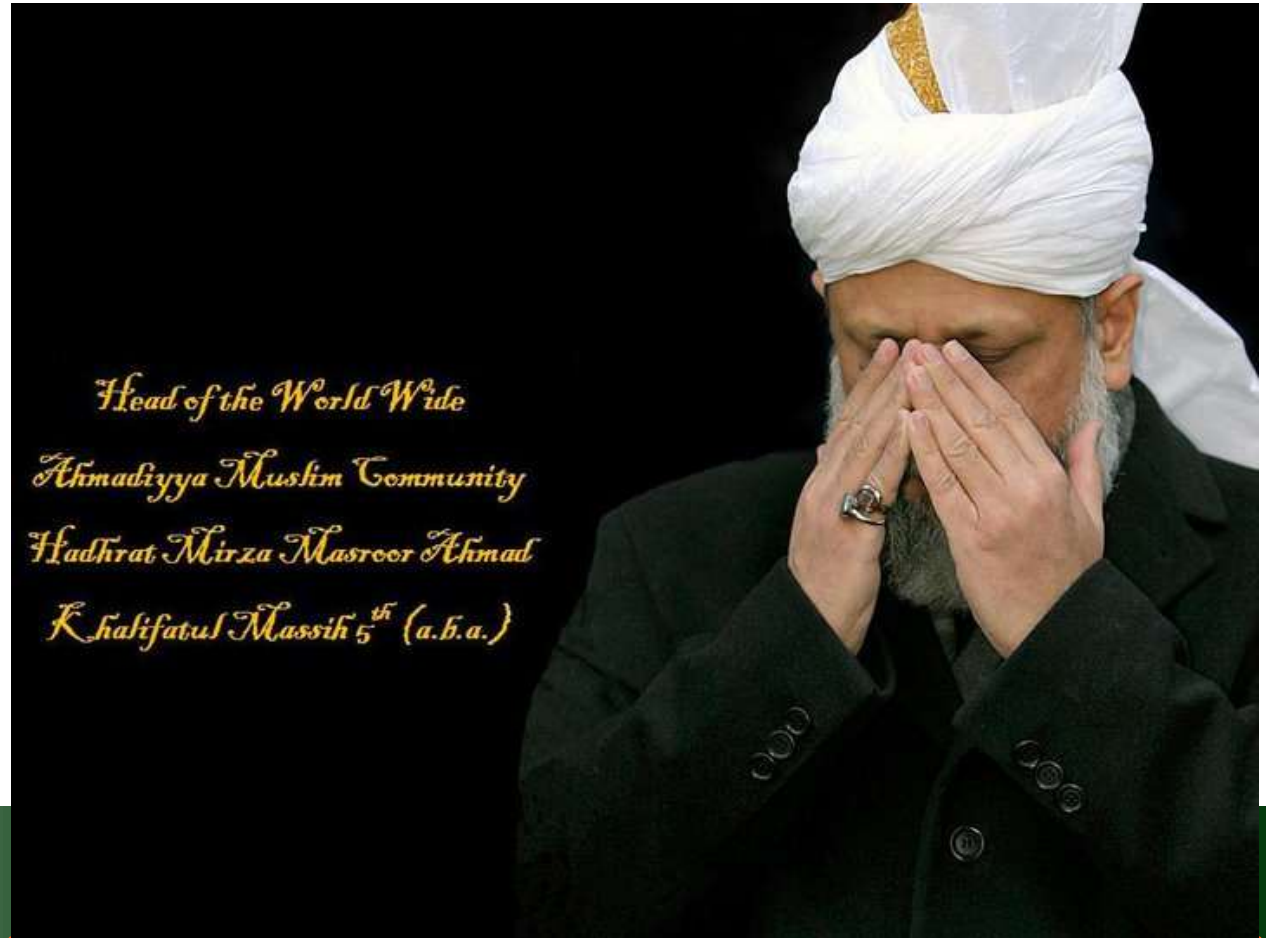
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May God give sense to the world who refrain from
doing unpleasant and disallowed deed. May He
enable us to discharge our responsibilities



**Naveed
Ahmad
sahib**

He was martyred at the age of 22 on 12th September in Karachi

His father had the honour to serve as a prisoner for the cause of Ahmadiyyat

He was shot at while sitting with some friends outside his home

He was hard working, committed to education, honest and dedicated to the services of Jama'at

Martyrs of Ahmadiyyat

May Allah exalt his status in paradise and give resolve and strength to his family



Muhammad
Ahmad
Siddiqi

He was a victim of target killing in Karachi on 15/9/2012

- His brother accepted Ahmadiyyat in 2001 and then rest of the family accepted Ahmadiyyat soon after

He was kind, courageous, hard working, most handsome and the youngest in the family

- His mother showed great resolve when she was taunted by others at the martyrdom of her son

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