

Two Faces, One Attitude

For Muslims, Prophet Muhammad (صلی اللہ علیہ والہ وسلم) is the axis of their faith and love. A Muslim, whether religious or not, is very sensitive about the love of Prophet. The religion delivered by the Prophet, the Divine Law and the Quran are the sacred for Muslims.

کیا موجودہ دور میں بھی الحاد پایا جاتا ہے؟ الحاد نے مغربی اور مسلم معاشروں کو کس بری طرح متاثر کیا ہے؟ یورپ میں مذہب سے بغاوت کیوں پیدا ہوئی؟ مسلم دنیا میں الحاد کس طرح سرایت کر رہا ہے۔ ان سوالات کا جواب حاصل کرنے کے لئے اس تحریر کا مطالعہ کیجیے۔

The glorious personality of Prophet Muhammad (صلی اللہ علیہ والہ وسلم) and his extra-ordinary teachings attracted people of all ages and regions. But enemies of Islam have targeted these two areas to create confusion about Islamic teachings. Their objective was to develop misconceptions in the minds of Non-Muslims as well as Muslims.

The strategy of these enemies of Islam is very simple. They never discuss the positive aspects of Islam. They try to dig out certain events from Islamic history and present them without their context. The event is portrayed as something against reason and ethics. But if one studies the event in its context, it becomes clear that no logical or ethical issues should arise from it.

Another strategy they use is interpreting facts with a negative mentality. They deliberately ignore the positive interpretation of events. These people are either blind due to their enmity with the truth or the risk of losing their followers compels them to ignore all ethical principles. Violating ethical principles due to self-interest or being unjust is a special form of negative character.

Such characters are present not only in the enemies of Islam, but in Muslims as well. The Quran and the Hadith warn Muslims on numerous occasions to avoid such characters. We are quoting only one verse.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ لِلَّهِ شُهَدَاءَ بِالْقِسْطِ وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ شَنَاٰنُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰ أَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا اعْدِلُوا هُوَ أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ.

O believers! Be steadfast for the sake of Allah and bear true witness and let not the enmity of a group incite you to do injustice; do justice; that is nearer to piety. Fear Allah, surely Allah is fully aware of all your actions. (Al-Maida 5:8)

If people of a nation are made intellectual slaves and become a victim of inferiority complex, even they win political freedom but they will accept intellectual slavery for generations. Lord Micheale

Unfortunately, our religious groups do not consider it important to teach the ethical principles of Islam. When a rivalry develops among our religious people, they cross all the limits imposed by ethics and justice. If you read or hear their books or speeches respectively against their enemies,

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you will definitely conclude that there is no difference between the attitudes of these religious people and the enemies of Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم).

Telling a lie, false blames, defamation, negative interpretation of facts, interpreting other's writing beyond its context, sentencing for heresy, permitting to kill that person All of these attitudes are commonly adopted by the enemies of Islam as well as those who stand in the name of Islam.

Such people try to hide themselves under the cover of piety but they leave the path of God and piety. On the Day of Judgment, they will be brought in the court of Allah as 'criminals'. The Almighty Allah will treat them in the same manner as He will treat the enemies of Islam.

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Think about it!

- Give a practical example from your life to show the attitude of religious and non-religious people when they face an opinion different to theirs.
- Identify the reasons behind such attitudes.

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