

The best Greetings to you;

As you are well-informed, today the Muslims in the world are in a critical situation. On the one hand, the Islamic awakening and the fall of the dictators in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and Yemen, and on the other hand, the conspiracies of global powers led by the United States of America and their allies in giving rise to Islamophobia and exciting religious and ethnical seditions have created greatly dangerous and difficult conditions.

Innumerable Sunni and Shi'a Muslims have been martyred by the ignorant and deceived people who commit suicide attacks, explode and attack the residential areas, demolish the buildings, steal and plunder the properties of people and thus have caused a serious crisis.

The oppressed Shi'a in Iraq, Pakistan, Lebanon, Bahrain, Syria, Afghanistan, Indonesia and some other countries are in more grave and serious danger. In recent weeks, hundreds of them have been killed or wounded in the enemies' suicide missions; they have been ejected from their houses, expelled from their countries, and forced to emigrate from their homelands.

The issue of the accusations leveled at the Muslims is of great importance, as they have been used as a pretext for those who accuse the others of heresy. Such groups are being brainwashed into committing these suicide missions. They accuse the Shi'a of cursing the companions and insulting the things Sunnis hold sacred and, therefore, regard them as deserving death. Unfortunately, on this accusation, they have martyred thousands of Shi'a people in different countries of the world, and such actions which are contrary to the most fundamental Islamic tenets, are being continued. This is while the Islamic revolution of Iran led by Grand Ayatollah Khomeini has always been the pioneer of unity among Muslim nations, and the other religious authorities as well have taken important and decisive steps towards this goal. Thus, we beg to know your opinion with regard to the insults and offences to the things considered sacred to the Muslims, including the wives and companions of the Prophet, the discord and division they have caused among the followers of the Holy Prophet and the suicide attacks and explosions. The spread of your ideas throughout the world would defend the rights of Muslims specially the Shi'a and prevent more massacre and bloodshed.

Wishing you ever-increasing success, longevity and health.

Supreme leaders' representative for Haj and the head of Iranian pilgrims

Seyyed Ali Qazi Asgar



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

The reply made by grand ayatollah Makarem Shirazi

In His exalted name.

We have always reiterated that Muslim's unity and approximation of Islamic denominations are of great importance at any time and specifically in the present situation. Thus, any kind of desecration and sacrileges is religiously unallowable and Muslims, including the Shi'a and Sunnis, must watch out for the tricks and traps laid by the enemies and stop exciting religious seditions. Suicide missions and massacre of innocent people are among the greatest sins and clear examples of corruption and eternal punishment in the fires of hell. It will wrongly represent Islam as a violent and unacceptable religion. May God guide all those who do wrong and go astray.

Peace onto you and mercy of God and his blessings.

Naser Makarem Shirazi



The office of Grand Ayatollah Safi Golpayegani

﴿وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا فَتَفْشَلُوا وَتَذْهَبَ رِيحُكُمْ﴾ (الأنفال/٤٦).

“And fall into no disputes lest you lose heart and your power apart”

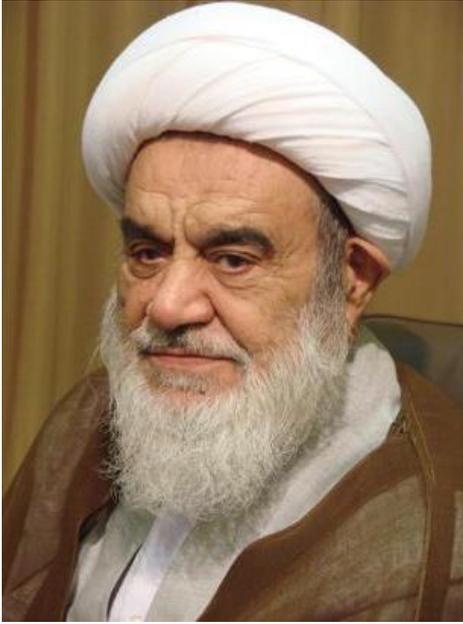
Anyone bearing testimony to the unity of the Exalted God and the prophet hood of the seal of the prophets (peace be upon him and his holy descendants) is a Muslim and his life, honor, and property is valuable, and no one has the right to insult what he holds religiously sacred. The suicide missions and the massacre of the Muslims are great sins. the Muslims have a duty to show the world the reality of Islam which is the religion of mercy, compassion and grace; They all must stand in one line , and make every endeavor for the spread of our dear religion and guidance of people all throughout the world .They have to foil the treacherous plots of the enemies of the holy Qur’an in unison and accord ,and carry out their Islamic duties.

﴿إِنْ تَنْصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ﴾ (محمد/٧).

“If you will help the cause of Allah, he will help you and plant your feet firmly.”

Peace onto you and mercy of God and his blessings.

Lotf- Allah Safi Golpayegani



The reply made by Grand Ayatollah Hussein Mazaheri

In the name of God, the Gracious the Merciful

What you have written is an unpleasant reality, to which the world's Muslims and in particular the scholars of Islamic denominations as well as the heads of Islamic countries must pay attention and come up with solutions and remedies. Today, the enemies of Islam and the global arrogant powers are, day by day, expanding and strengthening their nefarious domination through causing discord among Muslims, especially with regard to their religious and doctrinal beliefs. The holy Qur'an regards such strife as a fire and a punishment that overwhelms the Islamic society:

﴿قُلْ هُوَ الْقَادِرُ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَبْعَثَ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابًا مِّنْ فَوْقِكُمْ أَوْ مِّنْ تَحْتِ أَرْجُلِكُمْ أَوْ يَلْبَسَكُمْ شِيْعًا وَيُدْخِلَكُمْ فِي بَعْضِكُمْ بِأَسْ

بَعْضٍ﴾ (الأنعام/٦٥).

“Say: he has power to send calamities on you, from above and below, or to cover you with confusion, in party strife, giving you a taste of mutual vengeance each from the other.”

As Qur'an clearly states, the arrogant powers and the enemies of humanity and spirituality have been able to dominate the humans, by arousing hostility and resentment among them.

﴿إِنَّ فِرْعَوْنَ عَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَجَعَلَ أَهْلَهَا شِيْعًا﴾ (القصص/٤).

“Truly pharaoh elated himself in the land and divided its people into section”. And the remedy for this great pain, and the solution of this calamity will be impossible without carrying out the Qur'anic orders

﴿تَعَالَوْا إِلَىٰ كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ﴾ (آل عمران/٦٤).

“Come to common terms as between us and you “

Thus, as we have notified several times, exacerbating the conflicts by any person or group, provoking each others' religious sensitivity, causing desecration and sacrilege to the Muslims and creating division among the followers of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) is religiously and rationally impermissible. The suicide missions and demolition of buildings by those petrified people, who accuse other sects of heresy and massacre the innocent Muslims, is an inhumane and ignominious act which breaks the heart of any broadminded human. Certainly all these actions are in accordance with the enemies wishes and aspirations, and the arrogant powers seek to make the Muslims practically aligned with them through causing discord and division among them. Clearly, following the enemies and global arrogant powers is a great sin, may God protect all Muslims against the evil of division and strife , and bless you and all those who strive for strengthening the concord and union among the Muslims.

Peace onto you and mercy of God and his blessings.



The Grand Ayatollah Musavi Ardebili
In the name of God, most Gracious, most Merciful

﴿إِنَّ هَذِهِ أُمَّتُكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَأَنَا رَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُونِي﴾ (الأنبياء/٩٢).

“verily this ummah of yours is a single ummah.
I am your lord and cherisher: there for serve me.

Unity and brotherhood are of the most precious blessings, the Generous Allah has reminded us.

﴿وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا﴾ (آل عمران/١٠٣).

“And remember with gratitude Allah’s favor on you , for you were enemies and he joined your hearts in love, so that by his grace you became brothers”

How can one follow the Prophet of mercy and give himself the honorable name of Muslim and then not cherish the life, the honor and the properties of the others. Those who suppose that they can defend Islam through bloodshed and violence are, in fact ,deceived people who are being used as tools to the enemies of Islamic nation, who exploit them for their own benefit. In the world today, discord within people will take away their glory, greatness and peace, and weaken the global status of Islam .The followers of the prophets’ divine household must pay attention to this important issue more than the other Muslim brothers. We are honored by being called a follower of Imam Ali (PBUH).The reality of shi’sm is to follow the path of the Imam of believers. He did not regard as allowable ill-speaking and insulting the others, and prohibited from swearing. That great man persevered in what was of benefit to Islam and the Muslims ,and reconciled among them ,settled their differences ,invited them to unity and brotherhood, and, in this mission was severely censured. It is hoped that all the Muslims ,and specially the followers of school of the divine household in the present chaotic situation , give the Muslims interests priority over ethnic conflicts ,and adhere to the divine teachings and guidance of the Holy Prophet .May God reverse the their tricks against themselves.

The office of the Grand Ayatollah Musavi Ardebili



The office of grand Ayatollah Alavi Gorgani In His exalted Name.

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ادْخُلُوا فِي السَّلْمِ كَافَّةً وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطَوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ
إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ﴾ (البقرة/٢٠٨).

The holy God says:

” oh you who believe! Enter into Islam wholeheartedly and follow not the footsteps of Satan for he is to you an avowed enemy.”

The message of Islam has always been reliance on logic, and dialogue, and refraining from any insult and false accusation .God says:

﴿ادْفَعْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ﴾ (المؤمنون/٩٦).

“Repel (evil) with what is better.

﴿وَلَا تَسُبُّوا الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَيَسُبُّوا اللَّهَ عَدْوًا بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ﴾ (الأنعام/١٠٨).

Revile not to those whom they call upon besides Allah, lest they ,out of spite, revile Allah in their ignorance”

In the present situation, that the conspiracies of the enemies of the basis of Islam and the word Allah are planned to eliminate all the divine calls, and to establish the rule of Satan in the world, we must not insist on the differences, create a hostile atmosphere, and move along a path which benefits the global arrogant powers and the international Zionism. In the past, despite having specific doctrines, the different Islamic sects had respectful and peaceful coexistence, and engaged in logical debates only during the meetings and discussions. Today, as before, they must get along with each other and act in unison against the common enemy. Condemned are the acts of those who accuse others of heresy under different pretexts ,show hostility toward other sects particularly the Shiite ,and engage in massacre in different countries like Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and Indonesia .They just please the world’s arrogant powers , serve their interests and act in opposition to the holy Qur’an which says explicitly:

﴿لَا تَتَّخِذُوا الْكَافِرِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ﴾ (النساء/١٤٤).

“Take not for friends unbelievers rather than believers.” They must not extend the hand of friendship to the Zionists and cooperate with them against the Shi’a. It is hoped that Allah may keep the Muslim community away from hostility and division.



The reply made by Seyyed Yusef Madani Tabrizi

In the name of God

Islam does not allow insulting the religious beliefs of any religion, especially Islamic denominations, and any action creating discord among Muslim communities and causing heavy losses to their lives and properties is religiously illegal. The suicide missions against the Muslims and their massacre in different countries breaks the heart of any broad-minded man. This is not compatible with Islam, which is a religion of mercy and compassion, and depicts a misleading picture of Islam to the world. May God protect us against the evil of the cruel and the corrupted.

Seyyed Yusef Madani Tabrizi



In the name of God, the most Gracious, the most Merciful

To Grand ayatollah Seyyed Mohammad sa'id Hakim

Peace onto you and mercy of God and his blessings

Please guide millions of Muslims with regard to these two important issues:

Is someone who professed his faith in the oneness of God, and the prophet hood of Muhammad Ibn-e- abd Allah (PBUH) , said prayers facing the kiblah and followed one of the eight denominations (Hanafi, Shafe'i, Maleki, Hanbali, Ja'fari, Zeidi, Abazi and Zaheri)

considered a Muslim ?Must his life, honor and, property be respected?

His reply:

“Accusing the companions or other Muslims of heresy, no matter what denomination they believe in, is not a Shi'a belief .This is based on the spirit of Islam and its principles. This point is implied in the hadiths quoted from the Shi'a Imams (Peace be upon them) and their scholars' lectures and religious decrees.”

One of the other believers asked him:

Many Muslims and non -Muslims ask us about the relations among Islamic denominations. Please reply to these two questions:

١. Is someone following one of the eight denominations (Hanafi, Shafe'i, Maleki, Hanbali, Ja'fari, Zeidi, Abazi and Zaheri) considered a Muslim?

٢. What marks the boundary of accusation of heresy? Is it permissible that a Muslim accuses of heresy a follower of other famous denominations or the denominations of A'sh'arieh or mo'tazeleh? Is accusing the followers of Suffiyeh as heretics allowable?

Hi reply:

In the name of God, most gracious most merciful and praise be to him

١. A profession of faith in in the oneness of God, and the prophet hood of Muhammad Ibn-e- abd Allah (PBUH) ,carrying out the religious duties and the obligatory precepts of religion like saying prayers and etc. are enough for a person to be considered a Muslim. Thus, all the religious precepts like the necessity of respecting his life, property and etc. apply to him.

٢. The reply is made in the above statements.

Al-seyyed Mohammad Sa'eed al-Hakim



In the name of God, the most Gracious, the most Merciful

To Grand Ayatollah Sheikh Bashir Najafi

Many Muslims and non -Muslims ask us about the relations among Islamic denominations. Please reply to these two questions:

١. Is someone following one of the Islamic denominations (Hanafi, Shafe'i, Maleki, Hanbali, Ja'fari, Zeidi, Abazi) considered as a Muslim?

٢. What marks the boundary of accusation of heresy? Is it permissible for a Muslim to accuse a

follower of another famous denomination, or the denominations of Ash'arieh or Mo'tazeleh of heresy? Is accusing the followers of Suffiyeh of being heretics allowable?

In His Glorious Name

Anyone who has professed his faith in the oneness of God, the prophet hood of Muhammad Ibn-e- abd Allah (PBUH) , the seal of his prophethood ,and the judgment day ,and has made no denial of these issues, and proved his Islam is considered a Muslim. His life, honor and property is respectable and all the religious precepts apply to him .all the Muslims have a religious duty to defend his life, honor and property, and God knows the best

٢.It is not allowable to accuse of heresy anyone who has professed his faith in the oneness of God, the prophet hood of Muhammad Ibn-e- abd Allah (PBUH) , the seal of his prophethood ,and the judgment day ,and has made no denial of these issues and, proved his Islam. There are some narrations from the Holy Prophet regarding the prohibition of this action. Anyone stirring up religious seditions or accusing of heresy someone who has professed the above mentioned beliefs is ignorant, or he pretends ignorance, or he is an enemy of Islam who tries to influence the Muslims for serving the interests of the unbelieving arrogant powers and causing division and disunity.

God knows.

Bashir Al-Najafi



In the name of God

We are a group living in a Sunni neighborhood. The Sunnis accuse us of heresy and believe that the Shi'a are unbelievers. Can we retaliate against them by regarding them as unbelievers and treating them as such? We beg to know about our religious duty with regard to such assaults.

Signature

A group of believers

This is the reply made by Grand Ayatollah Wahid Khorasani

In the name of God, the most gracious, the most merciful.

Anyone bearing testimony to the unity of the exalted God and the prophet hood of the seal of the prophets (peace be upon him and his holy descendants) is a Muslim and his life, honor and property is as valuable as the life, honor, and property of a follower of the Ja'fari sect. You are religiously obliged to treat with respect a person who has professed his faith in God and the Holy Prophet even if he regards you as an unbeliever. Despite their unjust behavior, do not deviate from the right path of justice; if they get sick, pay them a visit; if one of them dies, attend his funeral; if he makes a request, grant his request, and submit to the will of God who said:

﴿وَلَا يَجْرَمَنَّكُمْ شَنَاٰنُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰ أَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا اعْدِلُوا هُوَ أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ﴾ (المائدة/٨).

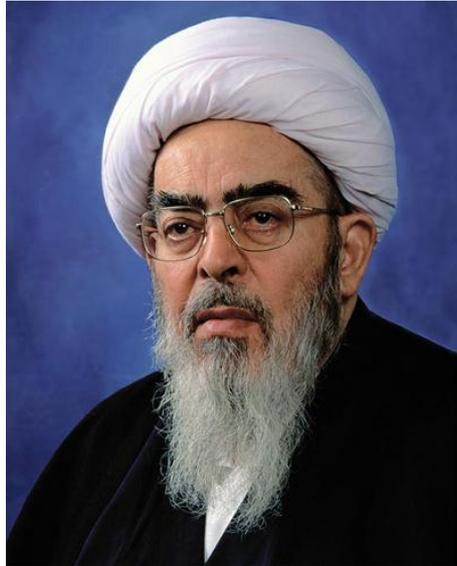
“and let not the hatred of others to you make you swerve to wrong and depart from justice. be just; that is next to piety.”

and obey the commands of God who said:

﴿وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَنَ أَلْقَىٰ إِلَيْكُمُ السَّلَامَ كَسْتُمْ مُؤْمِنًا﴾ (النساء/٩٤).

“And say not to anyone who offers you a salutation, you are none of a believer.”

Peace onto you and mercy of God.



To Grand Ayatollah sheikh Fazel Lankarani

As you are well-informed, with the coming of the third century A.D, the West has decided definitely to stir up seditions among Muslims and, depict Islam as a violent religion. In this situation, maintaining the unity of the Muslims looks more crucial than ever .Considering the decisive proofs of the necessity of Muslims unity in the status quo, what is your idea about using the name of Islamic Ummah for the followers of Islamic religions like the fourfold denominations of Sunnis and Zeidieh, Zaherieh, Abazieh and etc. ,who believe in the principles of Islam ?Is accusing them of heresy allowable? What are the boundaries and criteria for such accusations? We beg the Glorious God for your ever-increasing success in serving Islam and Muslims especially the Shi'a world.

Reply:

In the name of God, the most Gracious, the most Merciful

As long as these denominations have not denied any of the principles and obligatory precepts of Islam, or God forbid, the Infallible Imams (Peace be upon them), they are considered among Islamic denominations.

Mohammad Fazel Lankarani

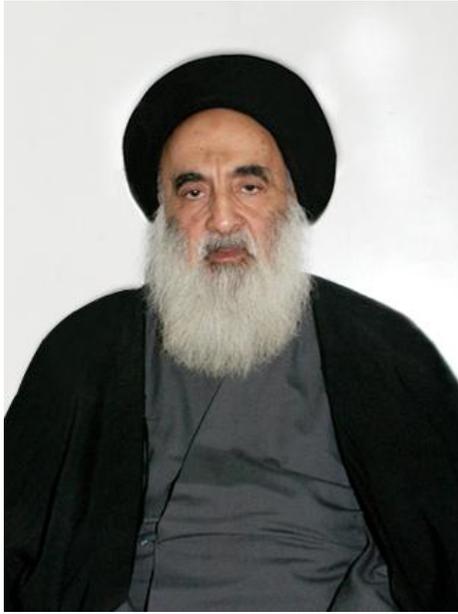


Considering the decisive proofs of the necessity of Muslims unity in the status quo, what is your idea about using the name of Islamic Ummah for the followers of Islamic religions like the fourfold denomination of Sunnis and Zeidieh, Zaherieh, Abazieh and etc? Who believe in the principles of Islam? Is accusing them of heresy allowable? What are the boundaries and criteria for such accusations? We beg the glorious God for your ever-increasing success in serving Islam and Muslims especially the Shi'a world.

The reply made by the office of the supreme leader:

All the Islamic denominations are, in fact, parts of one Islamic Ummah, and enjoy all the Islamic privileges. Causing division and disunion among them is against the teachings of the holy Qur'an and the practice of the holy Prophet. Besides, this weakens the Muslims, and will be used as a pretext by the enemies of Islam. Thus accusing the above-mentioned Islamic denominations of heresy is by no means permissible.

The office of legal advice of Grand Ayatollah Khamenei.



In the name of God, the most Gracious, the most Merciful

To Grand Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Sistani

Peace onto you and mercy of god and his blessings

Please guide millions of Muslims with regard to these two important issues:

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His reply:

In His Exalted Name

Anyone who professes his faith in the oneness of God, and the prophet hood of Muhammad Ibn-e- abd Allah (PBUH),and does not make any remarks against his faith, and does not show hostility towards the holy Household (peace be upon them) is considered a Muslim .

Peace onto you and mercy of God and his blessings

Another Muslim asked Grand Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Sistani about the religious attitude of the Shi'a to the Sunnis

His office of legal advice has made the following reply:

From Shi'a viewpoint, Sunnis are Muslims and all the Islamic precepts apply to them. Marriage to them is permissible, they receive inheritance from the Shi'a; as Shi'a inherit from them. Except for kharejite and Nasebite, their life, honor and property are respectable. The allegation, that the Shi'a consider as heretic the people of Badr, the allegiance of Rezvan ,those who forsook (their homes) and those who gave them aid(Mohajerin and Ansar), and the leaders of Islamic denominations and their followers ,is a blatant lie.



In the name of God, the most Gracious, the most Merciful

”وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا“

“And hold fast, all together, by the Rope which Allah stretches out for you and be

Not divided among yourselves.”

The Glorious God commands the Muslims to hold fast to the Rope of Allah. It is likely that the

similarity between a divided and disunited nation, and a person fallen into a well has made God use the word Rope instead of another term. As such a person can only be saved through taking hold of the rope which has been dropped in to the well to his rescue.

This point is so important that the holy Qur’an has continuously praised and commanded unity and concord, and prohibited us from disunity. The holy Qur’an has reproached disunity as far as to consider it among the dreadful calamities.

”قُلْ هُوَ الْقَادِرُ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَبْعَثَ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابًا مِّنْ فَوْقِكُمْ أَوْ مِنْ تَحْتِ أَرْضِكُمْ أَوْ يَلْبِسَكُمْ شِيْعًا وَيُذِيقَ بَعْضَكُمْ بَأْسَ بَعْضٍ“

“Say: He has power to send calamities on you from above and below, or to cover

you with confusion in party strife. Giving you a taste of mutual vengeance each from the other.”

Thus, all the Muslims must look to Qur’an, act in accordance with Its commands, be united, and refrain from anything that causes division. Especially in this era, in which the unbelievers and arrogant powers conspire to cause discord among the Muslims, lead them into shedding each others’ blood for achieving their evil aims , dominating the Islamic countries and plundering their God-given blessings and resources. And in so doing, they try to create a safe

haven for the occupying armies which have invaded the dear Palestine and Jerusalem.

The phenomenon of Takfir (accusing the others of heresy) is a an ignoble and indecent act; As all the Muslims worship the one God and believe in the prophethood of the Holy Prophet and the judgment day, this is enough for regarding them as Muslims ,even if they do not believe in any of the Islamic denominations. On his deathbed, Imam Ash'ari gathered all his disciples and told them: bear testimony that I never accused any Muslim of heresy, as they all worshiped the one God and were all under the banner of Islam. We, too, are obliged to have the utmost respect for the feelings and beliefs of the others. We must not treat them in a way that causes division and sows seeds of hostility and grudge, as this has been common practice of our pious descendants, who coexisted in peace and reconciliation. The accusation of cursing the prophet's companions which is wrongly leveled against the Shi'a is false and groundless. .The Shi'a vehemently deny such allegations. In their attitude towards the companions of the prophets, they follow the example of Imam Ali ibn-e- Hussein who prayed to God:

«اللهم وأصحاب محمد خاصة، الذين أحسنوا الصحبة، والذين أبلوا البلاء الحسن في نصره، وكانفوه، وأسرعوا إلى

وفادته، وسابقوا إلى دعوته»

O God praise be upon the chosen companions of Mohammad, who were in good disciples, and benefited from the blessing of aiding and supporting him, those who hasten to appreciate his presence and prophethood.

Peace onto you and mercy of God and his blessings.

Seminary School of the holy city of Qom

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Ayatollah Javadi Amoli:” The Holy Prophet would never swear even at the idols”.

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Grand Ayatollah Javadi Amoli said:” we do not live alone in this world; we have national, regional and international problems, which must be settled wisely. Both the issue of association and dissociation (tavala and tabara) and security must be taken into account and this is a political and social matter.

According to ISNA quoting Jahan , this morning ,on farvardin 17th, in his interpretation class held in A’zam mosque ,Grand Ayatollah Abd-allah Javadi Amoli interpreted the beginning verses of chapter Ahzab, saying :

”The Ahzab chapter, which centers around political and governmental issues ,was revealed in Medina. Medina chapters deal with and explain the establishment of military system and the base of economics in Islam. In the Ahzab chapter, marjufoon have been mentioned. Those who stir up sedition spread groundless suspicions and nonsense rumors over the society. Seditious news is a piece of news which has no solid foundations. Such news leads to social unrest. In Ahzab chapter, the phrase “oh the prophet” has been repeated 5 times and this highlights the importance of this issue .This phrase is followed either by military or family issues .The family problems that can later engender many dangers may not seem so threatening at first. God says:

﴿يَا نِسَاءَ النَّبِيِّ لَسْتُنَّ كَأَحَدٍ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ﴾ (الأحزاب/٣٢).

“Oh consorts of the prophet, you are not like any of the other women”.

This verse shows that from that house dangers may befall the society.

He also says:

﴿وَقَرْنَ فِي بُيُوتِكُنَّ وَلَا تَبَرَّجْنَ تَبَرُّجَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ الْأُولَى﴾ (الأحزاب/٣٣).

“And stay quietly in your house and make not a dazzling display like that of the older times of ignorance”

as the battle of camel took root in this house.

The prophet never swore even at the idols

Referring to the verse

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ اتَّقِ اللَّهَ وَلَا تُطِعِ الْكَافِرِينَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا﴾ (الأحزاب/١).

“Oh prophet, fear Allah and hearken not to the unbelievers and hypocrites, verily Allah is full of knowledge and wisdom,” he stated:

” it must be known that the establishment of a government is not an easy task.

”oh prophet” is used for warning, informing and reminding the sensitivity and importance of this issue. Nowhere in the Holy Qur’an does God address the Prophet by his name. The aim in Al-i-Imran or Fat-h chapters, in which God addresses him by his name, is to inform people that he has a status as Rasool-Allah or Nabi-Allah (the messenger or prophet) and wants to emphasis his position .God does not treat the Holy Prophet like the other prophets, and this indicates that we, too ,are bound to speak about the Prophet respectfully and politely.

The outstanding interpreter of the holy Qur’an remarked:

“In the first verse of chapter Ahzab, God tells the prophet: be virtuous, as you have an important mission ahead, which can be accomplished only through piety and virtue. War and bloodshed lie ahead; many of your companions will be imprisoned or killed; many of your most beloved family members will lose their lives; you will be taunted and offended; this path can be traveled only with piety. If this prophet had decided to treat the society the way an ordinary man would, it would be difficult .he, therefore, had to be pious. The Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) and his son Ismael (PBUH) built the ka’ba. After a while, it turned into an idol-temple where all the idols were kept. Not even once did the Prophet swear at them .He said

they can do nothing. If you wish to live a peaceful life, without accusing the others of heresy, and to prevent the daily ruthless massacre in Myanmar, Bangladesh and the East, you need to follow the ways of the Prophet. Not even once did he curse the idols.

The massacre of Muslims is not less considerable than the issue of nuclear energy

Grand Ayatollah Javadi Amoli stated:

“ Step in the right path as best as you can ,and God will help you too. There are certain procedures in order to establish an Islamic society and government :one must observe the public and social courtesy and politeness, and deal logically with the idol worshipers .Swearing at the idols is of no use , it’s no use cursing and damning .we do not live alone in this world; we have national ,regional and international problems and conflicts ,and these must be settled wisely. Both the issue of association and dissociation (tavala and tabara) and security must be taken into account ,and this is a political and social matter. The jurisprudential issues must be dealt with by the religious authorities, but both the principal of association and dissociation (tavala and tabara) and safeguarding the security of Muslims must be taken into consideration , and this is not less important than the issue of nuclear energy .On the one hand, constant cursing and swearing ,and on the other hand continual massacre is witnessed every day. This matter eventually has a solution. Do we have to just sorrow over the daily massacre happening in Myanmar, Pakistan, and Bangladesh? If this religion is meant to maintain the security, this problem can not merely be solved jurisprudentially by the seminary schools; it requires negotiation and diplomacy. Is sorrowing and weeping in funeral ceremonies the only thing we can do?

In response to a question about cursing and swearing, he maintained:

”cursing applies to generalities, God generally said:

﴿أُولَئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ لَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ﴾ (البقرة/١٦١).

“On them is Allah’s curse and the curse of angels and of all mankind”.

Both we and the others approve of generalities .Cursing applies to generalities, but this should not be the case about the details. Previously, if a crown prince died at the time of war between two countries, a ceasefire was called for a week, and then the war was continued, but now, when the king of Saudi Arabia dies, some distribute nuts and sweets among people! This is neither obligatory, nor recommended, nor sensible, nor common. These actions can be prevented. Then we expect the Saudi officials to give the pilgrims red carpet treatment! The jurisprudential and scientific activities done by the seminary schools are indeed of a great value, but in order to be globally enforceable, all people and countries must make contributions, the way they cooperate in unison with regard to the issue of nuclear energy. How long should these pains and grieves be tolerated?



Any one bearing testimony to "Oneness of Allah" and the "prophethood of Mohammad (PBUH)" is a Muslim and his life and property must be respected and protected and taking possession of his property, massacre, accusing the others as heresy and causing division and inciting sedition among Muslims are not allowable. The things Muslims hold sacred must be honored and their holy rituals and buildings must not be desecrated and dishonored.

Seyyed Mohammad Shahroodi.



In the name of God, The most Gracious, The most Merciful

﴿وَلَا تَسُبُّوا الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَيَسُبُّوا اللَّهَ عَدْوًا بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ﴾

God, the Exalted says:

"Revile not ye those whom they call upon besides Allah, lest they out of spite Revile Allah in their ignorance."

The holy Quran explicitly prohibits us from ill-speaking, cursing, and imprecating those deviating from the right path as this makes them disrespect the creator of the world.

Paying enough attention, we can notice a general criterion in this Noble verse.

Doing anything that can provoke people's hostility and cause them to do wrong deeds is prohibited.

Therefore, ill-speaking, cursing, and imprecating those who are respected by a group, especially if they are followers of a heavenly and divine religion, is not allowed.

It is clear that If these actions, whether directly or indirectly result in murder, massacre, destruction and loss of life and property of the others, they are sure unlawful, and those in charge should be held accountable both in this world and the hereafter.

Such cursing and swearing may be virtual or real, taking the form of poems, panegyric or even eulogy or mourning or theater and cinematic atmosphere

No matter what the nature of the action is, it brings about murder, massacre, and damage to the life, honor and property of the people.

Considering this general introduction, in the world where nothing remains secret, satellites, security forces, spy networks, and modern and speedy mass media ,ranging from internet, radio, television, mobile phones to the other reporting devices, broadcast the events.

Cursing the leaders of godly religions, especially the divine prophets, the Muslim caliphs and their successors, the prominent in Islam, and in a word the caliphs in the early eras of Islam, the Prophet's wives and his children is not permitted.

Not only the effect of these actions causes division and dispersion among Islamic Ummah, but also it is the source of numerous conflicts in different parts of the Islamic world, and it is evidently religiously forbidden.

The practice and behavior of the guiding Imams especially the commander of the faithful, Imam Ali, is testimony to this claim.

And in general, ill-speaking, cursing and imprecating have never been an effective tool for stating any true ideas.

We should not ignore the point that the research for substantiating a fact by scholars, scientists and the elite, whether individually or in a group, in scientific, educational and research centers of seminaries and universities should be conducted away from any bias, partiality and politicization.

The scientific advances in all fields of humanities, religious ideological studies or other scientific disciplines are dependent on impartiality and objectivity, not friendship or hostility.

It is hoped that the various classes of the Muslim Ummah know the time and circumstances of today's world, consider these issues more cautiously, and act more sensibility and logically so that they will be protected by God. Amen.

Mohammad Yazdi

Chairman of the Supreme Council of Qom Seminary Teachers' society.

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In the Name of God, the most Gracious, the most merciful.

Question -There is a frequent question these days, that is, to whom the rulings of Islam may apply? Should all Sunni, Shia and the other sects agree with the Islamic rulings?

A person bearing testimony to the oneness of god and prophethood of Muhammad 6(PBUH) is a Muslim, unless they feel and show hatred and enmity towards the Prophet's divine household.

The Shia of the divine household of the prophet are commanded to treat all Muslim with respect, warmth, and friendship.

And they should attend the Muslims' congregational prayers and funeral ceremonies, visit them if they get sick, and refrain from any animosity and strife with the Muslim, as this is exactly what the enemies of Islam wish for.

The Shiite should respect all religions and be aware of the seditions of the enemies of Islam, as the enemies fear the Islamic awakening.

قال الله تعالى: ﴿وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا...﴾ (آل عمران: ١٠٣)

"And hold fast, all together, by the Rope which Allah stretches out for you, and be not divided among yourselves; and remember with gratitude Allah's favor on you; for you were enemies and He joined your hearts in love, so that by His grace, ye became brethren. (Al-i-Imran: 103)".

اللهم انصر الاسلام واهله واخذل الكفر واهله.

"May God assist Islam and the Muslims, and degrade heresy and the heretics".

Accusing Muslims of heresy and murdering and plundering their properties is religiously forbidden and is considered as a great sin.

﴿مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا﴾. (مائده: ٣٢)

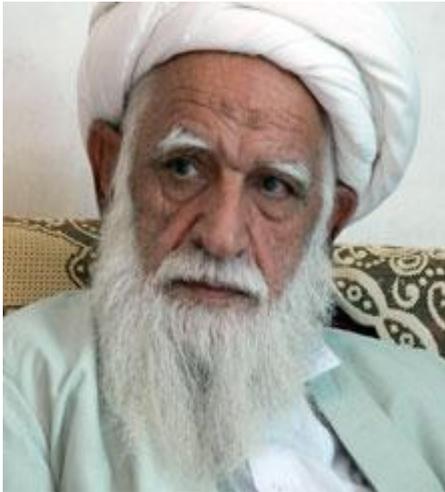
"If any one slew a person-unless it be for murder or for spreading mischief in the land it would be as if he slew the whole people."

Tehran Society of Clergymen and the Supreme council.

Mohammad Reza MahdaviKani

جامعه روحانیت تهران و مجلس خبرگان رهبری

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Firstly, anybody believing in the unity of God, the mission of the Prophet Muhammad Al-Mustafa, the seal of his prophecy and the day of Resurrection is a Muslim.

Secondly, assaulting the Muslims' life, property and honor is emphatically prohibited.

Thirdly, all Muslim are brothers, and they have to propagate Islam by maintaining the Islamic brotherhood among themselves, and accept their minor differences.

Fourthly, causing dispute and division among the followers of Islam is, in fact, betraying Islam.

Ayatollah Asif Mohseni, Afghanistan.

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After the necessity of negating polytheism, the second mostly emphasized issue in Islam is the unity of the Muslims.

بني الاسلام على دعامين كلمة التوحيد و وحدت الكلمة.

"Islam is based on two principles: Monotheism and Unity".

Therefore, causing damage to the life, property and honor of the Muslims is among the greatest sins and prohibitions in Islam.

Islam does not allow insulting the religious beliefs of any Islamic sect or denomination.

On the other hand, the suicide attacks against the Muslims and their massacre in different countries is religiously unlawful. Clear manifestations of corruption, these are unforgivable sins which will eventually lead them into the fires of the Hell.

Shia and Sunni Muslims should be aware of the plots of the enemies, division makers and those who accuse others of heresy.

It is incumbent on all Muslims to show the true face of Islam to the world, the Islam which is the religion of mercy, compassion and kindness. They are required to propagate Islam, maintaining their brotherhood and unity.

Mohammad Hashem Salehi

92/2/12

Ayatollah Salehi Modarres – Afghanistan



Except for Khavarij and Nawasib, anyone who bears testimony to the oneness of God and the prophet hood of Muhammad(PBUH) is a Muslim and all the Islamic rulings regarding marriage, inheritance, reverence for life and property and etc. apply to him . Those creating division among the Muslims and accusing the other Islamic denominations of heresy are ignorant of the reality of Islam, and doubtless, they are either direct agents of colonization, or act in line with the evil attempts of the colonists to destroy the foundations of Islam , uproot the religion of the holy Prophet ,and eliminate from minds the name of his Holiness. The suicide attacks of these groups only please the heretics and sworn enemies of Islam:

﴿قُلْ هَلْ نُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِالْأَخْسَرِينَ أَعْمَالًا * الَّذِينَ ضَلَّ سَعِيَّهُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَهُمْ يَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُحْسِنُونَ صُنْعًا﴾

"Say: Shall we tell you of those who lose most in respect of their deeds ,those whose efforts have been wasted in this life. While they thought that they were acquiring good by their works."

God willing, all the Muslims, alert to the enemies' tricks and deceits, will remain resolute and steadfast in their contributions to the glory and honor of Islam.

Seyyed Musa Shobeiri Zanjani

3 Rajab, 1434