

## **Islam Is The Religion of Peace: Analytical Review from the Life of Holy Prophet (PBUH)**

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### **Abstract**

Islam is the religion of peace and mercy for all creatures. But, now-a-days, some extremist has spread misconception about the Islam, that as, it is the religion of sword for terror. But, the actual fact is that, Islam is the religion of peace and it condemns extremism and violence. Islam promotes the peace, calm, harmony, any tranquility in society. Islam is a peaceful religion, its best examples, we can see, in the practical life of Holy Prophet (SAW). He was the Messenger of Allah (SWT) to convey the message of honesty, piousness, peace, mercy, integrity, and love. He had never done any activity which indicate act of terrorizing, misconduct, racism and violation against humanity. Even though, he showed the mercy on animals, insects and plants. The world knows him, as a 'Rahmatul-lil-Aālamyn'(Mercy into the world). From the life of Holy Prophet (SAW), it is concluded that Islam is the religion of peace and humanity. It did not spread by the forced of sword, rather, it spread by its golden quality.

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Islam basically educates the ways of pleasant and peaceful manners to regulate the society and as well as the world.

Through this article, this message has been conveyed, that Islam is a peaceful religion for all creatures and have been given examples from the life of Hadrat Muhammad (SAW).

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## **Introduction**

Islam is a righteous religion for all living things and teaches that lead a simple peaceful life to the human beings and also sympathy about other creatures flora and fauna .(1) Unfortunately, now a day, some extremist spreading a vague statement that Islam is the religion of extremist, terrorist and violence which is totally wrong statement. Islam is the religion which gave equal rights of all human beings, no one is superior to others in teachings of Islam. In Muslims religious book "Al Quran" it is clearly stated that:

*"Did I not charge you, O children of Adam! that you should not serve the Satan? Surely, he is your open enemy, And that you should serve Me; this is the right way. And certainly he led astray numerous people from among you. What! could you not then understand? This is the hell with which you were threatened". (2)*

The religion of Islam is an ancient religion of this world. Many westerners have an unclear and doubtful concept about this well-known religion, in their minds, that is why, Islam is connected with many thoughts, such as good and bad, and all the negative rumors,

which are spreading in the entire world against Islam and Muslim, that we are seeing and reading by the media and newspapers. It is just not enough, rather Islam is also degraded and linked with cruel and brutal actions, for instance, bloodshed, violence, and conflict. It is a fact, that every person Muslim and non-Muslim is a hunt of this aggression, nowadays. This is a serious issue that all the negative activities are being allied with Muslims. And these questions are being raised, that is Islam a violent religion or why does a Muslim make his religion hateful to us? This is a planned conspiracy against Islam and Muslims, which aim is to defame them before the whole world. The fact is that, this religion is based upon peaceful principles and loving commandments, and it is a strong commitment with Allah, to do worship and accomplish all the commands of Allah. Islam is one of the most renowned religions of this world and the Holy Prophet (SAW) is the last Messenger of Allah, for this religion. Islam is an Arabic word, which meaning is peace, harmony, and security. One who practices all the teachings of Islam, is known as a Muslim, which means one, who presents himself/herself before Allah, or in another meaning, one who entirely involved in obedience of Allah (SWT), and follows all the Islamic teachings and surrenders her/his wishes according to Allah's commands, in true meaning he/she is a Muslim. All the Muslims of this world have believed in a single God, called Allah (SWT). This writing will tell us, that Islam does not instruct to terrify each other. This religion teaches to establish the kindness and sympathy in practices, not only towards each other, but also to other creatures. The Islamic teachings guide the

people to organize peace and harmony in society. As well, its teachings don't show to stimulate any direction or instruction to fight each other and to frighten other creature in the globe. The most vital evidence of this religion is, that Allah (SWT) has selected, the name of Islam for it. "The Arabic word Islam literally means 'surrender' or 'submission'. Islam, as a faith, means total and sincere mastermind to Allah, so that one can live in peace and tranquility. Peace (Salam in Arabic, Shalom in Hebrew) is achieved through active obedience to the revealed commandments of Allah (SWT). (3) This explanation has been taken from another place that "The word Islam is derived from the Arabic word 'Salama or Salima', which means security, protection, safety and peace. As, Islam in its literal meaning, devotes absolute peace, harmony, and protection". (4) The name of Islam is worldwide in meaning. Islam is not a name of a clan or an individual, such as Christianity is named after the clan of Christ, Judaism is also named after the Judah, like same Buddhism after Buddha. This name (Islam) is not chosen by mankind, this was divinely communicated. This is a complete, peaceful and absolute way of life. Hadrat Ādam (ﷺ), as the first Prophet and man of this universe, who brought the Islam for humanity. Then, each Messenger and Prophet came to promote the people to an apparent understanding of Allah (SWT)'s commandments. They motivated the relevant teachings regarding that time until Allah (SWT) chose the last Holy Prophet, Muhammad (SAW), he brought the true religion, Islam, and the Holy Qurān, to aware from its teachings to human beings and giants, and he taught the

lesson of Monotheism to them. As, Allah (SWT) is, one and only true Deity, Who created the heavens and the earth, and all creatures. (5) Islam spreads the harmony and peace in the entire world and encourages the human beings to maintain peace and harmony. If we look forward to understanding the definition of a Muslim or believer, which is mentioned in the Holy Qurān and Hadīth, it is exposed, as an evidence that in the sight of Allah (SWT) and His messenger (SAW), a Muslim is, that who represents the security and peace, and a Mumen (true Muslim) is, the one, who has the affection, love, tranquility, peace, tolerance, and coexistence in his/her nature and heart for others and gives significance to the dignity of the human beings and do not collectively and individually harm the people in any case. (6)

*“Abu Hurayra(RA) articulated that, the Messenger of Allah (SWT) said, “the Muslim is he from whose tongue and hand all people are safe”.*(7)

The Holy Prophet (SAW) further stated, that

*“the best of the believer is he, from whose tongue and whose hand the Muslims are safe”.*(8)

Furthermore, the Mmessenger of Allah (SWT) explained, that “the true believer (Mumen) is he, whom people trust with regard to their lives and their properties”. (9)

In modern times, the innocent Muslims are being targeted by demonic nature's people on account of ideological, religious or political differences, and as well as are being brutally killed them for sinful purposes. We should aware, that the life of a Muslim is a great

honorable and respectable from the Kā'bah, in the sight of Allah (SWT) and His Messenger (SAW). “Abdul Bin Umar (RA) stated:

*“Once, I saw the Messenger of Allah (SWT) circumambulating the Kabah and he was addressing it, “How excellent you are and how sweet your smell is! How grand you are and how to your sacredness is! By the One in Whose Hand is Muhammad's soul, the inviolability of a believer's property and blood is greater in the sight of Allah than your sacredness. We must think only well of a believer”. (10)*

The one person killing is like the killing of all the humanity, it is a great sin in the sight of Allah (SWT) and His Messenger (SAW), therefore. Islam does not allow to point a weapon towards the believer and disbeliever, if someone committed this cursed act, the Hell will be his place hereafter. Islam gives respect and sanctity a man and a woman, the old and the young, and the rich and the poor, without any prejudice on account of color, religion, race or caste. Allah (SWT) says; concerning the dignity of human in the Holy Qurān:

*“Whoever kills a soul unless for a soul or for corruption [done] in the land – it is as if he had slain mankind entirely. And whoever saves one – it is as if he had saved mankind entirely”.(11)*

Likewise, Abu Hurayrā (RA) reported, that the Messenger of Allah (SWT) said:

*“None of you should point a weapon at his brother, for he does not know, for perhaps the devil may draw it out while it is in hand, resulting in his falling into a pit of Hell”.(12)*

In addition, Furthermore Muhammad (SAW) made clear it, that *“Killing a believer is more serious matter in the sight of Allah (SWT) than the destruction of the entire world”*.(13)

The murderer's punishment is Hell, in which he will abide for ages. The Hell's dreadful and wrath torment will be for the murderer. Allah (SWT) says:

*“But, he who kills a Muslim deliberately, his recompense will be Hell, wherein he will abide for forever. Allah (SWT) afflict him with His wrath and will curse him. And He has prepared for him a dreadful torment”*. (14)

Islam is a true and peaceful religion and safe way of life that affects every aspect of human's life, the economic, the political, the social and the marital etc. This religion has a solution to every problem regardless of its gravity and nature. This is a Divine message, Allah has chosen the Holy Prophet (SAW) for it and to convey the message of Islam, to human beings. Islam considers the everyone's life sacred, whether Muslim or non-Muslims. At another place, the messenger of Allah (SWT) stated,

*“Whoever kills a person who has a truce with the Muslims will never smell the fragrance of paradise”*.(15)

We see in other Hadith, that Muhammad (SAW) advised to Muslims: *“Beware! Whoever is cruel and hard on a non-Muslim minority, or curtails their rights, or burdens them with more than they can bear, or takes anything from them against their free will; I “Prophet Muhammad” will complain against the person on the day of Judgment”*. (16)

When we study the Holy Quran, and then, we can analyze the life of Hadrat Muhammad (SAW) and can assess the Sunnah, it notifies that Islam is a religion of love, peace, and kindness not only for mankind but also for all living things. The statement of Allah (SWT) is in verse 56 of chapter, Al-A'raf, that;

*“And spread not mischief in the earth after it has been set right and call on Him fearing and longing. Surely the mercy of Allah is nigh to the good doers.” (17)*

Human beings are commanded in the Holy Quran as follows:

*“That home of the Hereafter We assign to those who do not desire exaltedness upon the earth or corruption. And the [best] outcome is for the righteous”.(18)*

When we have a deep look at history, we observe the Holy Prophet (SAW) as a role model for his great patience and kindness. Some events of the life of Muhammad (SAW) are the greatest examples of kindness for humanity. When the Holy Prophet (SAW) went to Tāef to preach the Islamic teachings to the people of Tāef. They not only denied to embrace Islam, rather they stoned and hurt to Hadrat Muhammad (SAW). The street urchins agreed to chase Muhammad (PBUH) and stone him, he injured and bleeding from his head to toe. At that time Hadrat Zaid Bin Haris (RA) was with the Prophet (SAW). Hadrat Zaid Bin Haris (RA) had also many injuries on his head. They both went into the garden of grapes. Utbāh Bin Rabiā, a disbeliever, was the owner of that garden. He was a gentleman, therefore, he came to know about Muhammad (SAW) injured condition, he sent to eat the best quality grapes by the hands of his servant. At that time, Hadrat Jibrāil ﷺ came and said, If Muhammad' (SAW) you like, I throw the

mountain of Tāef on them and ruin them. But the Holy Prophet (PBUH) stopped him, and said; I believe that my followers will bear in their offspring. After that, the Holy Prophet (SAW) prayed for them, *“O, my lord, guide my people along the mulch path, as they are ignorant of the truth”.*(19)

This indication was, his love, mercy, and respect for mankind. The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was the first Muslim in the Arab society, whose whole life is Caliph Peace and harmony for people. He is truly a pioneer of peace. Some events of the life of Prophet (PBUH) are being explained here:

### **The Participation of Hadrat Muhammad (SAW) in the War of Fijār:**

Before the dawn of Islam, the many wars were fought in the Arab society, the Fijār was the most famous war in them. The meaning of the Fijār is “disobedience”. This war was fought in sacred months, in which brawl was prohibited, therefore it's called Fijār. This was between the clans of Qurāish and Qāis. All the families of Qurāish participated in this combat, Zubair Bin Abdul Mutlib was a flag lifted from the side of Banu Hashēm. The Qurāish were right in this war. Therefore Muhammad (PBUH) also participated in this combat, but he did not lift up the sword on any person. This shows the peaceful friendly nature of the Prophet (SAW) in front of the world.(20)

### **The Story of the Oath of Al-Fazwl (Halful-Fudhul)**

The war of Fijār so decimated the ranks of the Qurāish, and its uselessness so impressed the minds of some of the thoughtful among

them, that they made up their minds to prevent any future wars like these. The fact was that the most exemplary character of the Muhammad (SAW) and the kind heartedness of his uncle Abu Talib were having their moral effect on the Quraish. Under the circumstances, Zubair Bin Abdul Mutlib, who was the uncle of the Prophet (SAW), invited the representatives of the Banu Hashim, Zuhra and Tym to the house of Abdullah Bin Jadan and gave them a dinner. After the finishing the dinner, he agreed with them for this covenanted that they would help the poor, weak and all the helpless people, and would prevent them from the brutality and the cruelty of the society, and will protect their dues from the cruel people. The Holy Prophet (SAW) also participated in this union. "Muhammad (SAW) used to say in his later life: I loved the oath, in which, I was present at the house of Ibn Jad'ān better than the gift of red camels, and I would do it again if I were called to it". The word Fadhal was same in the names of the representatives of this league. Therefore it was called Halful-Fudhul (the oath of Fudhul). (21)

### **The Rebuilding of Ka'ba'**

One important occasion was, the negotiation of a dispute among the clans of Qurāish. This rose over the putting on the black stone of the Ka'ba'. The building of the Ka'ba' was in the deepest place, therefore, its walls were destroyed due to frequent floods, and there was a need to repair it. Eventually, after much thinking, the leaders of Qurāish decided to reconstruct it. But when, the question was risen to keep the Holy stone in its specific place, every one of the families of the Qurāish

was eager to get this sacred honor. This was possible, that the fighting started among the Quraish over the black stone issue. Whereas Muhammad's (SAW) wise intervention obstructed to starting a bloody situation. When the circumstances became dangerous, then the leaders of Quraish made a decision, that who would firstly come into this place, in the morning next day, we will make him an arbitration of this issue. So they all agreed and posted some men there, to see, that who will enter first in the Ka'ba', next day. This was the habit of Muhammad (SAW), that he went to Ka'ba' early in the morning for the prayers. When the posted men saw the Prophet (SAW), they cried Al-Amin is coming. We all accept him as an arbitrator for this critical situation. They told everything to Muhammad (SAW). He kept the sacred stone in a blanket and then said to lift it up from all the leaders of the Qurāish, when they brought it in its place, then the Prophet (SAW) lifted the black stone and kept it, in its old place. Such as he controlled to the critical situation of the bloodshed from his wisdom, and produced a peaceful environment in Arab. (22)

### **Kindness with Prisoners of Badr**

The civilized nation of the modern time have a dreadful and a barbaric behavior with the prisoner of war. But the first time in the human history, the Holy Prophet (SAW) behaved favorable and kindhearted with the prisoner of Badr. The captured disbelievers were Makkans. They were the worst enemies of Muslims, who tortured Muslims unabated for 13 years. They did not allow the Muslims to live peacefully at Medina. After the capturing, Muslims offered their horses

and camels to ride them, while the Muslims accompanied them marching to Medina. The Muslims offered the bread to them and they themselves survived only on dates. When they were brought to Muhammad (SAW), he decided to release them against ransom, after consultation with his companions. Those prisoners, who were not able to pay the ransom, but they knew reading and writing, they were offered freedom in exchange for teaching ten children of the Muslims. (23)

Some prisoners of Badr were able to pay ransom, therefore Hadrat Muhammad (SAW) freed them by accepting their ransom. Some of them were poor and they could not pay compensation, hence they were released without ransom. (24) First time in Human history, the Holy Prophet displayed the treated of politeness and courtesy with the prisoners of war. This shows the sympathy, kindness and justice of the Holy Prophet (SAW) for the humanity. The blood thirsty and bitter enemies of Muhammad (SAW) have praised the Prophet's (SAW) sublime and humanitarian attitude with prisoners of combats. (25)

### **The Conquest of Makkah and the Peaceful Agreement of Holy Prophet (SAW)**

If we have a look the whole life of Muhammad (SAW), it is a golden book for Muslims. He showed the best example of peace, on the occasion of conquest of Makkah. If we focus on the history, we could not find such an example. When Muhammad (SAW) came in Makkah, as a conqueror, he ignored all the misbehaviors of the Makkan. (26)

*He said, "O Qurāish! Do you know how I shall deal with you?" They said, "We hope for good treatment at your hands. You are noble, son of a noble". He said,*

*“Go, you are free”. Further Muhammad (SAW) said; “they would be safe, if they kept indoors or took refuge in Ka’ba’ or in Abu Sufyan’s house”. (27)*

It is explored from the above discussion, that The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) had peaceful nature. This is a nature of human. After the conquest, conquerors get control at the defeated nation and they cool the fire of revenge. But the Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) demonstrated patience on this occasion and forgave all Makkah. In his last sermon, Muhammad (SAW) addressed the people on the ninth day of Hajj, 589 A.D. (10 A.H.) in Arafat at Makkah;

*“O People lend me an attentive ear, for I don’t know whether after this year I shall ever be amongst you again. Therefore, listen to what I am saying to you carefully and take these words to those, who could not be present here today.*

*“O People, just as you regard this month, this day, this city as sacred, so regard the life and property of every Muslim, as a sacred trust. Return the goods entrusted to you to their rightful owners. Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you. Remember that you will indeed meet your Lord and that He will indeed reckon your deeds. Allah has forbidden you to take usury (Interest); therefore all obligations on interest shall henceforth be waived... “Beware of Satan, for the safety of your religion. He has lost all hope that he will ever be able to lead you astray in big things, so beware of following him in small things”.*

*“O People, it is true that you have certain rights with regard to your women, but they also have rights over you. If they abide by your right, then to them belongs the right to be fed and clothed in kindness. Do treat your women well and be kind to them, for they are your partners and committed helpers. And it is*

*your right that they do not make friends with any one of whom you do not approve, as well as never committing adultery”.*

*“O People, listen to me in earnest, worship Allah, offer your five daily prayers (Salah), fast during the month of Ramadhan, and give zakat of your wealth. Perform Hajj if you can afford too. You know that every Muslim is the brother of another Muslim. You are all equal. Nobody has superiority over another, except by piety and good action”. “Remember, one day you will appear before Allah and answer for your deeds. So beware, do not be astray from the path of righteousness”.*

*“O People, no prophet or apostle will come after me and no new faith will be born. Reason well, therefore, “O People, understand my words, which I convey to you”.*(28)

We see another case, which expresses his sympathy for other creatures, such as animals. Here we are taking the statement of Hadrat Abu Hurayrah (RA) from Al-Bukhari and Muslim, in which, he stated that the Muhammad (SAW) said;

*“While a man was walking he felt thirsty and went down a well and drank water from it. On coming out of it, he saw a dog panting and eating mud because of excessive thirst. The man said, ‘This (dog) is suffering from the same problem as that of mine. So, he (went down the well), filled his shoe with water, caught hold of it with his teeth and climbed up and watered the dog. Allah (SWT) thanked him for his (good) deed and forgave him”. The people asked, “O Allah's Messenger! Is there a reward for us in serving (the) animals?” He replied, “Yes, there is a reward for serving any animate”.*(29)

Islamic teachings convey the message of kindness, sympathy, brotherhood, affection, generosity, and equality to create a peaceful environment in the world. This is a quality of this religion, that we find all the helpful teachings concern a pleasant life in the Holy Qurān and the life of Prophet (SAW). Allah has settled all the laws, rules, and margins, to maintain the boundaries of a balanced system in this globe. Islam teaches the way to establish a fair system and introduces the people, many rights, and ties them to examine the settled limits in everyday practices. Mankind is advised to carefully follow the instructions, which have been explained in the Holy Qurān, for getting a reward in this globe and after the death. One will follow the Islamic ways to spend his life, he will deserve a place in the Heaven. This will be a bonus for him, because he has fulfilled all the duties in a righteous way with honesty and sincerity. We have some accountabilities as a Muslim to fulfill the rights of parents, the rights of husband, wife and children, the rights of siblings, the rights of relatives and neighbors, the rights of slaves and masters, the rights of the helpless people of the society for example orphan; widow; needy and poor and rights as a mankind in the society. Allah (SWT) says:

*“Worship Allah and associate nothing with Him, and to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy, the near neighbor, the neighbor farther away, the companion at your side, the traveler, and those whom your right hands possess”.*(30)

This is a reality of this world that the parents are a precious gift of Allah (SWT), like a diamond for humans. Allah (SWT) puts love,

affection, and kindness in the hearts of parents for their children. No one cannot love more than parents in this universe.

Allah says in Surah Bani Israel:

*"Your Sustainer has decreed that you worship none but Him, and that you be kind to parents. Whether one or both of them attain old age in your life time, do not say to them a word of contempt nor repel them, but address them in term of honor. And, out of kindness, lower to them the wing of humility and say: My Sustainer! Bestow on them your mercy, even as they cherished me in childhood". (31)*

In modern times, it is observing a growing trend of old houses in non-Muslim countries, specifically. Where the old parents or other relatives are left by their beloved ones and they spend alone their lives there. The children only do such behave for own comfort with their old parents. Islam does not allow such unlikable behavior with parents and it teaches us to respect, take great care and obey them. We want to discuss it, that unfortunately, this is a fact of our society, that the lower classes are usually disregarded by the higher classes and such disrespect leads them to do the wrong deed, like this, the evil acts grow in society and make the system unbalanced. Therefore, Islam establishes a system of generosity and kindness to assist the orphan, poor, needy people and widow without hurting their self-esteem and require of any reward in return. This is Allah (SWT), who rewards of good deeds. This is the statement of Allah (SWT), regarding in the following words:

*"And they feed, for love of Him, the poor. The orphan and the prisoner. They say to them, 'We feed you for Allah pleasure only. We desire no recompense or*

*thanks from you". "Undoubtedly, we fear from our Lord a day, which is frowning and very hard. So Allah has saved them from the evil of that day and granted them cheerfulness and happiness. And recompensed them for their patience with a Garden, and silken clothes". (32)*

Furthermore, Allah (SWT) says in Surah Fatir:

*"O mankind! Remember the favor of Allah (SWT) upon you. Is there any creaser beside Allah (SWT) who provides for you from the heavens and the earth? There is no God but He, whither then are you turning back? If they believe you, then no doubt, Messengers have been belied before you. And all affairs return to Allah". "O mankind! Undoubtedly, the promise of Allah is true, let never then deceive you the life of the world, and let not the great deceiver deceive you regarding the Serenity of Allah. Undoubtedly, the devil is your enemy. He only invites his party that they be among the companions of the Hell. For the infidels there is severe torment and those who have believed and have done good works, for them is Forgiveness and great reward". (33)*

The Holy Qurān says:

*"O, people! We created you from one man and one woman and made you branches and tribes that you may recognize one another. Undoubtedly, the most respected among you in the sight of Allah is he who is more pious, verily, Allah is knowing, aware". (34)*

Islam also highlights the rights of neighbors and relatives, and advises to a Muslim, to treat them sympathetically regardless of thinking either they are Muslims or non-Muslims.

*"The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) frequently said the Muslims to keep a good behavior with a neighbor, "He is not a believer who eats his fill when his*

*neighbor beside him is hungry; and: He does not believe whose neighbors are not safe from his injurious conduct".(35)*

At another occasion Muhammad (SAW) explained:

*"By Allah, he is not a true believer, By Allah, he is not a true believer, By Allah, he is not a true believer (three times). He was asked 'Who?' Upon which he replied, "The one whose neighbors do not feel secure from his mischief and evil". (36)*

One more hadith that is related to Hadrat Anas (RA) the Prophet (SAW) said:

*"He has not affirmed faith in me (i.e. he is not a true follower) who eats to his satisfaction and sleeps comfortably at night while his neighbor goes hungry, and he is aware of it."(46)*

Hadrat Anas (RA) described here, that the prophet Muhammad (SAW) said:

*"Whoever wants an increase in his sustenance and that the marks of his feet remain for a long time in the world (i.e. to live long). He should be kind and helpful to his relatives". Further to that, he said, "Whoever violates the rights of relatives, shall not go to Paradise." (47)*

Islam appreciates treating in a sympathetic way with birds, animals, insects, and plants; such as we see in the following Hadith:

*"A woman was punished, because she imprisoned a cat until it died. On account of this, she was doomed to Hell. While it was imprisoned, she did not give the cat food or drink, nor did she free it to eat the insects of the earth".(48)*

The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) gave advice:

*“When you slaughter an animal, do so in the best way. You should sharpen your knife to reduce the suffering of the animal”. (49)*

This is explained in another event:

*“Once we were on a journey with the Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW), we saw a Pochard (a type of duck) with two of its chicks. When we picked the chicks, the mother started crying for them back. When the Holy Prophet came to know about the situation, he inquired about the person who frightened this bird by taking away its chicks. He directed to immediately return the chicks to the mother”.(50)*

We take a lesson from the following Hadīth:

*“The Holy Prophet (SAW) noticed that an ant village had been burnt, about which he asked: “who burnt this?” We said: ‘It was us!’ He said: “It is not for anyone to burn with fire except the Creator of the fire (Allah)”.(51)*

Islam teaches not to waste anything, that has been created to benefit living beings such as the trees and plants which yield fruits are forbidden to cut without any pressing need. The same examples, we see in the life of Hadrat Abu Bakr (RA) which show the love, affection, and kindness for all the human beings “Muslims and Non-Muslims”.

Such as:

*“A little girl had tears in her eyes. She caught the shirt of Hadrat Abu Bakr (RA) and said, “now you are appointed as Muslims' caliph, who will milch our goats?” “My dear daughter still I will mulch yours goats for you if I am appointed caliph so what, Caliphate will not stop me to serve you,” saying this Hadrat Abu Bakr (RA) took the little girl on his lap and kissed her. Then she went happily”. (52)*

Another event is described below, as:

*“An old woman lived in Medina. Hadrat Umar(RA) used to go to her daily to look after her and to do her chores, but one day, he saw that someone else had done her work before he reached there. So Hadrat Umar (RA) decided to know about that man, it was the late night and Hadrat Umar (RA) waited for that man and hid there. After some time, he saw Hadrat Abu Bakr Siddique (RA) was coming, Hadrat Umar (RA) thought that nobody except for Hadrat Abu Bakr Siddique (RA) could do so. Hadrat Umar (RA) watched Hadrat Abu Bakr Siddique (RA) doing work for that old woman”.(53)*

Same as:

*“After the death of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), he asked Hadrat Aisha (RA), “dear daughter, tell me any act which Mohammad (PBUH) used to do but I could not do”. Hadrat A’ysa (RA) thought for a while and then said, there was one work which Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) used to do, but you have not done yet. She added that the Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) every day made Halwa (sweet dish) and used to go that way, she told the direction. Hadrat Abu Bakr (RA) asked her to prepared Halwa (sweet dish), when Hadrat A’ysa (RA) made it and gave to him, he went in that direction. He did not know, where to go and to whom to give that Halwa (sweet dish), but he wanted to follow Mohammad's (SAW) act. At last, he reached to a mountain. There was a cave in it, he entered and saw a very old man sitting there. His eyebrows were white, and he was so weak that he could not move. He was also blind, and on seeing him Hadrat Abu Bakr (RA) understood that Hadrat Muhammad (SAW) used to come for him. When he put Halwa (sweet dish) in his mouth, he asked, “Was*

*Muhammad (SAW) dead?" (With his trembling voice) Hadrat Abu Bakr (RA) was surprised to listen and asked that how he came to know about Muhammad's (SAW) death. He replied that Muhammad (SAW) used to bring Halwa (sweet dish) every day for me, and I am so feeble that if someone even touches me I feel pain as I am too weak. That was why, Muhammad (SAW) used to put halwa (sweet dish) on his tongue, then in my mouth, today you gave me with your hand, so I realized that Muhammad (SAW) is not more. I did not accept Islam in his "Prophet Muhammad's (SAW) life but now I embraced Islam, because if his followers are so pious and sincere, then he was definitely a true Prophet Muhammad (SAW)". (54)*

Here is another occurrence as "the contingent was ready to move ahead to Jow, therefore Hadrat Abu Bakr (RA) also reached there and deeply looked on his army. At the time of departure of the military, Hadrat Abu Bakr (RA) was walking on foot and the soldier, Usama (RA) was on the horse, this was a very wondering scene for people. This was an honor for a soldier, which is giving him from the side of a caliph. Hadrat Abu Bakr (RA) removed all the difference, such as rich and poor, master and slave, and caliph and soldier. He proved that everyone is equal in the sight of Allah (SWT). At the time of departure Hazrat Abu Bakr(RA) instructed Hadrat Usāma (RA) some points for mankind, which are giving below:

1. "Always fear Allah (SWT) because He knew what the hearts conceal.
2. Treat your subordinates well.
3. Honor the representative of your enemies.

4. *Always be truthful.*
5. *Keep away from untruthful men and be intimate with those who are truthful and faithful.*
6. *Do not be dishonest in any way.*
7. *Do not disturb saint and worshippers of other religions.*
8. *Do not destroy places of worship.*
9. *Do not kill a woman, old man and children and those who are not fighting with you (i.e., Civilian).*
10. *Do not cut flower's trees.*
11. *Do not ruin any populated place.*
12. *Do not kill goats, camels and cattle, besides what you need to eat.*
13. *Do not burn gardens.*
14. *Do not be dishonest in the booty". (55)*

When we have a look back to the history, we find a lot of examples in the life of Hadrat Umar (RA) regarding humanity and kindness for mankind.

*As "Hadrat Umar (RA) in the days of battles used to visit the houses of soldiers "the Mujāhadyn[God's way to fight]" because they were not at home during wars. Hadrat Umar(RA) used to ask the family members of these soldiers, if they wanted to get something from the market. These women used to send maids with him, and Hadrat Umar (RA) himself bought and handed over the provisions to these maids. And when letters come from battlefields, Hadrat Umar(RA)himself distributed these letters door to door of these soldiers. He also used to tell them, when postman will go back to the battlefields, and he sometimes, he used to sit there and write whatever these women asked to write for their loved ones. He did*

*not like to write letters inside the houses but sit on the doorstep. He also used to listen to the people's complaints and problems in the mosque. If he found no one there, then after waiting for some time he leaves the place. He used to stroll and patrol on the street of Medina at night".(56)*

Further examples of kindness, of the life of Hadrat Umar (RA) are following. Which exposes a soft corner of the heart of Hadrat Umar (RA) for others. This is a clear lesson for us that after converting to Islam, he completely changed his life. When he was caliph of the Islamic state, he ignored his status and personality and continued his services for mankind. It can be said, that this is a true religion that has the capacity to change the heart and the mind of the people and guides them for right and wrong, and true and false.

(1) *"When he was going to Syria, on the way a strange incident occurred. He saw a tent; he got down from the camel and came near to the tent. He saw an old woman and asked her, "Do you know how Umar is?" She said, he has left for Syria, but God may ruin him, as he gave me nothing till today. Hadrat Umar (RA) said, "How Umar come to know, this place is too far". The old woman said, "If he knows nothing about people, then why he is their caliph?" On this Hadrat Umar(RA) at once cried, and asked the old woman to forgive him. He then helped her". (57)*

(2) As *"once a caravan came to Media and stayed in the outskirt of the city. Hadrat Umar (RA) went there to welcome and guard them. He was patrolling, suddenly he heard someone crying from one side. He looked over there and saw an infant was crying in his mother's lap. He advised the woman to feed or to console him. After saying this he went away, but when he returned, he saw the*

*baby crying yet again. Hadrat Umar (RA) got infuriated and said her, “You are so cruel mother that your child is crying and you are not caring about”. She said, “You do not know the reason, actually, Hadrat Umar (RA) ordered that stipend from public treasury will not be given until children stop feeding. That is why, I stop feeding my baby, so that I may get the stipend from the public treasury. That is why, he is crying”. Hadrat Umar (RA) cried and said, “Oh Umar, how many children did you forced to cry?” The very same day, he announced to grant stipend to every child from his or her day of birth”. (58)*

*(3) “Aslam was a servant of Hadrat Umar(RA). He stated that one night Hadrat Umar (RA) was patrolling, he (Aslam) was with him. When they reached three miles away from Medina, a woman was cooking something, and two or three children were crying nearby. When they asked the woman, that why the children were crying? She told them that children did not anything for the last two days, and to pacify them, she was cooking only water in this pot. On hearing this, Hadrat Umar (RA) came to Medina at once and took flour, meat, cooking oil and dates from the public treasury, and said to his servant to put it on his Umar's (RA) back. Aslam offered to carry the burden by himself. Hadrat Umar (RA) said, “Yes you can carry it, but on the Day of Judgment, you will not pick my burden. I would better pick it up myself, so please put it on my back”. Hadrat Umar (RA) walled three miles carrying the entire weight and place it in front of that woman. The woman was very happy to see these things. She immediately starting cooking. Hadrat Umar(RA) was watching that scene, and he also helped her in cooking, so that meal may get ready soon. When the meal was cooked, children took the food enough. Hadrat Umar (RA) kept watching them eating meal then the woman asked him to go now. But Hadrat Umar(RA)*

said; that he wanted to see children happy a little more, because they had cried for a long time. After having meal children started playing with joy. Hadrat Umar(RA) was also happy to see them, and then the woman said, "Allah (SWT) may give you in return for this kind act, and you deserve to be the caliph, not Umar. Hadrat Umar (RA) bowed his head with humility and said that he is Umar". (59)

(4) "One night Hadrat Umar (RA) was patrolling, and found a Bedouin sitting outside his tent on the ground. Hadrat Umar (RA) went to him and sat down near him. Suddenly someone cried inside the tent. Hadrat Umar (RA) asked, what is wrong, who is crying?", He replied that his wife was pregnant and she is feeling birth pain, but there was no other woman to attend her. Hadrat Umar (RA) at once came back to home, took his wife with him and reached to the tent of the Bedouin. He sent his wife inside the tent with his permission. After some time a cry of a child was heard. Umme-Kalsoom(RA) called Amirul Maumaneen (Ruler of the Muslims) , "Hadrat Umar (RA)" to congratulate his friend. On hearing these words from caliph's wife. Bedouin sit down before Hadrat Umar (RA) with respect. Hadrat Umar(RA), "Do not worry, tomorrow come to me, I will fix stipend for your child". One night Hadrat Umar (RA) came to Hadrat Abdul Rehman bin Owf (RA) and woke him up. Hadrat Abdul Rahman (RA) said, "why did you bother yourself and did not call me?", Hadrat Umar(RA) said, "I come to know now that a caravan has reached outside the city, those people might be tired, let's go and guard them". So both of them went there and watched them throughout the night". (60)

(5) "Saeed Bin Yerb (RA) was a companion. He had lost his eyesight. Hadrat Umar asked him why he did not come to attend the Friday prayers. He replied

*that he had no man who might show him the way. Hadrat Umar (RA) appointed a man who always remained with him to guide". (63)*

*(6) Another event "Once Hadrat Umar(RA) invited people for meal, he saw a man eating with his left hand. Hadrat Umar(RA) asked him, to eat with right hand. On this question, he told that he had lost his right hand in the battle of Motah. Hadrat Umar(RA) was very sad to know about; he cried and sat with him for some time. Hadrat Umar (RA) said in crying, who help you in washing up; who wash your head; who help you in wearing dress. So he appointed an attendant and fulfilled all his needs".(64)*

All discussion lights up that the Islam is a peaceful religion, and as well as this debate rejects the negative thinking of the non-Muslims about Islam and Muslim Ummah, as they reflect the Muslims as an extremist and aggressive people. Islam has no consent and space for intolerance to terrify people in any case. Islam preaches to develop the moral spirit of the highest standard of humanity and commands to persuade others to follow the right path and to prevent them from offenses, peacefully. Islamic teachings invites the people towards good deeds and to stop from the evil activities. Now a days the growing wrong concept concern "Jihad" is, just because of the lack of knowledge about Islam. It is a fact that the people do not know about Islam and its teachings, therefore they connect the terrorism with Islam. Here is need the awareness of people regarding Islam, then they will avoid from the baseless belief, that is misleading them. The present situation creates the immense sorrow among Muslims, and they suffer severely from such unfounded rumors. Allah says in the Holy Qurān:

*“And if you punish [an enemy, O believers], punish with an equivalent of that with which you were harmed. But if you are patient - it is better for those who are patient”.*(66)

The statement of Allah is:

*“Fight in the way of Allah those who fight you but do not transgress. Indeed. Allah does not like transgressors”.*(67)

.It has been mentioned in the Holy Quran as:

*“O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah (SWT), witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is acquainted with what you do”.* (68)

### **Conclusion**

Now a day, it is coming in our knowledge that the terrorists, who have the master mind, they are using the young generation for their awful plan. First of all, they control them by their brainwashing and then prepare them for suicide bombings and all these negative and depressing activities are connected with the dreams of paradise in the meanings of martyrdom. They who commit suicide, they will fall down in Hell and will be punished with painful torment, permanently. Jundab Bin Abdullah stated that “the Holy Prophet (SAW) said: *“Among those before you was a man who was wounded. Unable to bear the pain, he took a knife, slice his wounded hand and died due to excessive blood loss. Allah (SWT) Most High said, “My slave decided to hasten his own demise, so I made Paradise forbidden for him”.* *“Muhammad (SAW) did not offer the funeral prayer over those who committed suicide”.*(69)

We should realize that Allah (SWT) dislikes such activities, which create disorder in society. This is a wrong concept about Islam, that its teachings create violation and infringement in society. This is Allah's (SWT) selected religion for Muslims. It educates us to spread the prosperity, kindness, love, affection, and generosity in this world. Islam promotes harmony, security, and peace among humans to establish a great system of morality and virtue. So we can say, that Islam is a religion of peace and kindness for all creatures and it does not allow any kind of terrorism.

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