ANTI-ISLAM CAMPAIGN

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The Fear of Islam.

The fear of Islam in the West has been summarized by Samuel P. Huntington:

"The underlying problem for the West is not Islamic fundamentalism. It is Islam, a different civilization whose people are convinced of the superiority of their culture and are obsessed with the inferiority of their power."

THE CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS AND THE REMAKING OF THE WORLD ORDER, 1996, page 217. He further laments in the same book:

"Some Westerners, including President Bill Clinton, have argued that the West does not have problems with Islam but only with violent Islamist extremists. Fourteen hundred years of history demonstrates otherwise. The relations between Islam and Christianity, both Orthodox and Western, have been stormy." Page 209

Mervin Hiskett is much more candid his declaration:

"Yet after many years of studying Islam; of living in Muslim society and being exposed to Islamic values, I personally have never become persuaded that Islam has anything to offer, outside its own House of Islam, that is desirable alternative to the Western-European culture and life style, wanting as these may be in many respects. I believe this is probably a widely held view among western-European Christian and post-Christian secularists."

SOME TO MECCA TURN TO PRAY, ISLAMIC VALUES AND THE MODERN WORLD, 1991, page 314. After a couple of lines Hiskett continues:

"Even so, the Islamic way is not our way. Therefore, it does not seem to me that the spread of Islam in the West is to be encouraged, in the interests of ourselves or our children."

Huntington and Hiskett are essentially urging governments of the West to do whatever necessary to stop the spread of Islam in the West. In the 1990s the United Kingdom, France, Germany and the United States have amended their immigration laws in such a way that the migration of Muslims to the West has been rendered extremely difficult while leaving the door open to other non-Muslim nationalities. Time and again it has been observed that visa for non-Muslims are easier to obtain than for the Muslims. It appears that immigration officers in various countries have instructions to discriminate against the Muslims in issuing visas. Similar such tendencies have found that in the American client Muslim majority states where a non-Muslim can obtain any kind of entry visa much easier than a non-Muslim. Why hate of Islam? Following reasons may be given.

1. <u>Fear of the loss of domination</u>: In the worldwide context, the West has built the system of capitalism, which it has imposed on small third world countries to exploit for its own benefit. After the death of communism, the only alternate system that challenges capitalism, in theory only, is ISLAM. The Islam as a system of total life does not exist in any country and it has no record of success or failure in modern times. However, Islam as a politico-economic-religious system sends chills to the West through their spines. The West fails to see that Islam provides a system of capitalism with its own divinely guided checks and balances that would function a lot better than humanly fallible checks and balances of Western capitalism that may be called greed-capitalism. Informed Muslims believe that socio-capitalism is democracy, however, the West has double standard of democracy, one for the West and non-Muslim third world and the other for

the Muslim majority countries. In the democracies of the West there is complete freedom of thought, freedom of religion, freedom of ownership and checks against corruption. For the Muslim majority countries democracy must be anti-Islam with complete freedom for religions other than Islam, flourishing corruption (when it favors the West) in the name of freedom, mock election of pro-West-anti-Islam dictators, pro-West kings and Emirs with rubber stamp parliaments or councils. Western style democracies are considered dangerous for the Muslim majority countries.

2. Fear of revival of religious moral code: Last several centuries of work of philosophers of the West has killed religious thought from the people's daily lives and they have been freed of revealed moral code. As a result homosexuality has become an acceptable norm, morally and legally. Homosexual "marriages" are becoming acceptable along with "family life" like mutual rights and obligations between sexual partners of the same gender. Fornication and adultery are acceptable norm between consenting adults. The new campaign is to remove incest as a dirty word the way fornication, homosexuality and adultery are no longer dirty words. Television shows are being used to numb the minds and brainwash people that evil connotation of the term incest is an ancient baggage left behind by the religion and it is about time to throw it away. After all these successes of western anti-religion philosophies, Islam would revive the revealed moral code and obliterate the gains. In the eyes of anti-religion forces, Bill Clinton, a confessed adulterer, a liar and a deceiver is a great hero who courageously made himself a martyr for the sake of secular fundamentalism. Bill Clinton has demolished any traces of religious values about sexuality, lies and deception; he made them traits of a role model for enlightened people to emulate. If Bill Clinton were to be censored or impeached, it would have not been for his transgressions against the divine law but it would have been for his transgression of the human law against cover up and subornation of perjury. After all these successes by the anti-religion forces, how could they allow the revival of religious values in the people's lives? Bill Clinton's another unforgivable sin in the eyes of the Zionists is putting pressure on Israel for yielding to a tokenism of a thirteen percent compromise with the Palestinian Authority.

Monica Lewinsky, the Esther. Esther, a Jewess became the queen of the king Ahasuerus of ancient Babylon and worked from inside the palace to helps the Jews in captivity and in danger of being massacred (Old Testament, chapter of Esther). The Bill Clinton surrounded himself with Zionists yet he held views that there should be some token concessions be given to the Palestinians. Zionists made sure that they dominate him by hook or crook. On one side, thanks to Al Gore, a spokesman of the Zionists interest in the Clinton Administration, they implanted Monica Lewinsky to trap Clinton into blackmailable acts. She saved her semen stained cocktail dress and other evidence "not to be destroyed", in case she needed to use them. The Clinton administration kept on pressuring Natanyahu to show his token compromise with Yasser Arafat. By the time Clinton yielded to the Zionist pressures and withdrew itself from the Middle East drama, however, the cat was already out of the bag, it was too late for him and the rest is history. The Zionists were able to save Monica Lewinsky by obtaining complete immunity for her and Clinton was sacrificed at the Zionist altar reminiscent of political murders of Jimmy Carter and George Bush for the cause of Zionism.

The proof that Monica Lewinsky was playing the role of Biblical Esther for the Zionists came from the Kenneth Starr's referral to the Congress. Monica admitted that in the beginning she was not emotionally involved with Bill Clinton. Naturally, she was not supposed to get involved emotionally but to play her part as it was assigned to her. Her admission of emotional involvement may be either a cover or a human, particularly, female psychology.. Her safekeeping of her blue cocktail dress with Bill Clinton's semen on it, a box with the marking "do not destroy" or something to that effect and the gifts from Clinton go against her emotional involvement and desire to protect Clinton.

One hundred years ago the Jews were despised and discriminated in the U.S. but they had a plan and with their patience, perseverance and pragmatism overcame opposition. U.S. is the country of equal opportunity and Muslims have the same opportunity that Jews had. Muslims must have their vision, develop it into a plan and a strategy and overcome all opposition. Muslims cannot overcome the problems overnight because they do not have required resources. Jews, one hundred years ago were in a worse shape than the Muslims of our time. Muslims do not have to travel as long a distance for their acceptance in the society as Jews had to travel for their acceptance. Muslim problem of acceptance is minuscule compared to the problems faced by African Americans. Even after 125 years of fight with the help of the Federal government they have not arrived their destination yet.

Muslims have to realize that the U.S. is a democracy where voters are bosses. In the U.S. every citizen is NOT a boss but only the voters. In this country voters LEAD the politicians not the other way around. This is the age of fulfilling people's wishes and expectations by the politicians that they find through frequent polls. In this sense, people are truly bosses. If Muslims need something from America they must go to the boss, that is, American people. We must realize that the media will not cooperate at this point in time because the media has the perception that the people do not want to hear the Muslims. It is, therefore, necessary for the Muslims to reach out to the people, potential Muslims of this country, for understanding, tolerance and appreciation of Islam. This reaching out process will bring millions into the fold of Islam because there is a strong thirst for alternatives to the Christianity, Judaism, Atheism, agnosticism and all other man-made -isms. Are the Muslims ready to reach out to the people with the message of Islam?

3. <u>Fear of losing ballots for the State of Israel:</u> In the eyes of the West, Israel is that silver dagger in the heart of the Muslim world that would kill the beast of Islam. It is, therefore, imperative that the State of Israel must be protected at all cost. If the population of Muslims in the West is allowed to grow unchecked it will have a few devastating effects on the existence of Israel. Increased Muslim ballots in the U.S. may work in the following ways.

(a) The growing population of Muslims in the West will eventually be translated into ballots (not bullets) and it will upset the balance of political power, thereby, Jews becoming losers. Since anti-Islam forces cannot openly talk about the fear of losing ballots for Israel, they created a false fear of Muslim bullets and terrorism. New year evening and the following day of the year 2000 and lack of any terrorism has busted big hype created by anti-Islam forces. If anyone needed any terrorism, all the ammunition, chemicals and timing devices are available within the boundaries of the U.S. eliminated any need to cross any borders by car with any explosives.

(b) The Muslims in the West will eventually gain money power and will begin to channel their wealth to political parties and their campaigns, thereby, challenging the power of the Jews and pro-Israeli lobby.

(c) The message of Islam will eventually diffuse into the population of the West despite noncooperation, rather opposition of the media and cooperation with anti-Islam campaigns, thereby, reversing the mind of the population of the West regarding Israel and Islam.

(d) At some point the Muslims will rise into political positions, such as mayors, governors, congressmen and senators, thereby diluting or eliminating the power of the Zionist lobby.

In fact, Muslims have nothing against the Jews. Muslims and Jews have lived together for fourteen centuries happily and they continue to live happily in the Muslim majority and Muslim minority countries. Whenever Jews were subjected to persecution and pogroms in Europe, they migrated to east (Turkish ruled areas) and south (north African Muslim majority countries). Jews always found refuge, hospitality and welcome treatment among the Muslims. Learned Jews remember their Golden Age of Arab-Muslim Spain, where they prospered. Maimonides (Musa ibn Maimoon), contributor to Talmud, a reformer of modern Judaism was Arabic speaking Spanish Jew, who spent most of his life in Cairo, Egypt and became personal physician of the Muslim king, Saladin. In 70 CE Titus destroyed Jerusalem and issued a decree against entry of the Jews in Palestine. It was Umar ibn Al-Khattab, the second Caliph in the seventh century, who abrogated the decree of Titus and allowed the return of the Jews to Palestine.

4. <u>Fear of establishment of an Islamic state:</u> This is the biggest fear of all secular anti-Islam forces whether Muslim or non-Muslim. True Islamic rule has not been in existence for at least one thousand years. If an Islamic rule is established somewhere, there are only two possibilities, (a) it will succeed and will provide a new system for solving problems of humanity, or (b) it will fail and

commit suicide the way communism did and Islamic system will disappear from world scene forever. By just giving a chance to the Muslim activists will eliminate all the hype of terrorism and costs associated with it. Misplaced fear of Islam is costing billions in security equipment and personnel worldwide, a lot of apprehensions and made lives of millions miserable. Bloodshed, refugees and a terrible human suffering in Chechnya, Bosnia, Kashmir, Kosova, Sudan are only a few examples that the hype of fear of Islam has created.

5. Fear of the loss of "Western" culture:

All cultures go through changes with time. What was "Western" culture a century ago would be an alien culture today. Americans pride in having Judeo-Christian culture or Greeco-Roman-Judeo-Christian culture. In fact, western culture has great influence of Islam already imbedded in its language and sciences. Arabic numerals to chemistry, admiral to assassins, schools and university systems, musical instruments and a lot more has been taken from Muslim culture. Besides, China has given the West paper and fireworks, Japan has given its modern products and so on. If we look carefully we will find influence of Buddhist culture, Hindu culture and others of the West that includes America. The world is going through homogenization process, it is, therefore, suggested that there should be no far of loss of any culture. If we accept Darwinian theory, strongest wins and let the strongest win and not prevent change for the better by artificial barriers.

War Against Islam.

The strategy of the West is to stop the growth of Islam in the West and prevent establishment of Islamic system in the Muslim majority countries. The West is fighting a cold war against Islam at the same scale as it did against communism for seventy years. Every cold war is complemented with hot wars. We are seeing those hot wars in the Gulf, Sudan, Afghanistan, Kosova, Bosnia, Chechnya, Kashmir, Somalia and other places yet to be started. "War against terrorism" is an excuse implanted by the surrogate terrorist state of Israel and its agents. Samuel Huntington, in his book, referred to above, he writes:

"If the Muslims allege that the West wars on Islam and if Westerners allege that Islamic groups war on the West, it seems reasonable to conclude that something very much like a war is underway." Page 217.

Huntington notes:

"Western political leaders, including the German chancellor and the French prime minister, expressed similar concerns, with the secretary general of NATO declaring in 1995 that Islamic fundamentalism was 'at least as dangerous as communism' had been to the West, and a 'very senior member' of the Clinton administration pointing to Islam as the global rival of the West." Page 215.

Huntington implies that NATO is reorganized to prepare for a war against Islam. In the following quote his term "south" means the southern tier of Muslim majority countries of North Africa, Near East, Middle East, Afghanistan, Pakistan and other Muslim majority countries. He uses the term Maghreb to include Algeria, Tunis and Morocco.

"With the virtual disappearance of a military threat from the East, NATO's planning is increasingly directed toward potential threats from the south. 'The Southern Tier', one U.S. Army analyst observed in 1992, is replacing the Central Front and 'is rapidly becoming NATO's new front line'. To meet these southern threats, NATO's southern members – Italy, France, Spain, and Portugal – began joint military planning and operations and at the same time enlisted the Maghreb governments in consultations on ways of countering Islamist extremists. These perceived threats also provide a rational for continuing a substantial U.S. military presence in Europe." Page 215.

"Islamic extremists" and "Islamic Fundamentalists" are the terms used to provide a smoke screen to work against Islam and to continue to fool gullible Muslims who work for the Western interests. In fact, Islam and terrorism are two mutually exclusive terms.

A well-coordinated war against Islam is being fought at four different levels. (I) At intellectual level by the people like Huntington, Hiskett, magazine and journal writers and many others like them do the job of condemnation of Islam and Muslims. These intellectual demagogues use their writing skills to camouflage their hate of Islam and Muslims. (2) At common man level demagogues like Hal Lindsey, Steve Emerson, entertainment industry, newspaper reporters, cartoonists and columnists publish their material and produce fictional shows under the cover of documentaries and produce fictional shows alluding to Muslims and Islam as being evil and terrorists. (3) At political level people like Bodanski, Gore and other political demagogues work to produce laws like "anti-terrorism law", "secret evidence" law and embargo on the Muslim majority countries on false charges to create bad image about them in the public of the West. (4) At religious level bigots like Robert Morey, Anis Shorrosh, John Ankerberg, Jack Chick and many like them attack the religion of Islam, its basic tenets and its sources and try to prove something as Islam that it is not. (5) At general level the West is trying to create confusion about truth of Islam. They cover truth of Islam by supporting pseudo-Islamic cults and marginal Muslims, give them prominence so that the truth of Islam is covered under the layers of false image. People like Farrakhan, Ahmadiya movement and many others like them are actively promoted and helped covertly by anti-Islam forces.

Strategies to prevent the spread of Islam:

1. <u>Creation of hate and fear of Islam.</u> The fact is that Islam is the target; the Zionist mahout sitting on the neck of the elephant, the U.S. government, creates the hype of terrorism. The way an elephant is scared of a mouse, the U.S. government is scared of Israel. Like a big beast, the elephant that obeys orders of his mahout, the U.S. government obeys orders of her mahout, the

Zionists and the state of Israel. Sudan was picked to target Islam in Africa and malign Islam among Africans and African Americans. The West brought Sudanese American Christian to southern Sudan, he was educated and trained by the U.S. armed forces and provided with the arms by the West, irrespective of their make, model and labels, the West fueled a civil war to destroy the country economically, technologically and militarily. In addition, a campaign was started by falsely alleging that the Sudanese government was promoting slavery – the only purpose was to make them unpopular in the African population native to the West, particularly in the U.S. African American population has some political muscle and without making an African government unpopular in the eyes of the black population, the West could not have achieved their goal of successfully fighting a civil war in Sudan. American intervention in Somalia was a part and parcel of the strategy to send American arms and military advisors to southern Sudan under the cover of humanitarian help to Somalia.

The bombing of the American Embassies in Nairobi and Darussalam by the surrogate State of the U.S. was a part of the strategy to make Islam unpopular in Africa and the world. It served several goals of the West against Islam.

(a) It gave a cover to bomb and destroy Sudanese industrial sites and Pakistani nuclear testing sites. It was Allah's intervention that the damage was not as bad as it could have been and bombs in Pakistan either missed the target or did not explode. The "peace seeking" U.S. government did not care how many civilian men, women and children died in Sudan and Afghanistan. The "terrorists" arrested for bombing in Nairobi do not fit the profile because the way these person began singing the song against Osama Binladin. These two must be co-conspirators against Islam working with Israelis either paid Arabs or Jewish infiltrators. It makes no sense to accuse Osama Binladin for bombings in Kenya and Tanzania because his target is American government not Africans. Osama Binladin is a well-known person coming from a family well known for helping Islamic causes. His goal is to remove Americans from Saudi Arabia and the Gulf region. He knows that killing African people will only give bad name to Islam and Muslims and would hurt the cause of Islam in Africa and the World. As much as this author disagrees with his tactics of terrorism, Osama Binladin is a professed terrorist against Americans in the Middle East but there is no record of him being a liar or a deceiver. He has denied any part in bombings in Kenya and Tanzania and he should be believed. I do not believe that Osama Binladin is so stupid to kill innocent people in Africa or anywhere else. Israel has no such computcions. Israel is result-oriented pragmatist irrespective of the means she chooses to employs to achieve her goals. Israel has a record of terrorism employing within and without her borders. In fact, Israel was established through terrorism, converting a five percent Jewish population into a majority could not have been achieved without terrorizing original inhabitants of the land, evicting them and making room for the immigrant Jews. Visit the books, "By Way of Deception" and "Samson Option" and learn about Israeli methods of operation. This author continues to believe that bombing of World Trade Center in New York was the work of Israel and obtaining legal conviction was the work of the Zionist dominated investigations, prosecution, jury and the judge. The Zionists tried to blame Muslims for the Oklahoma bombing but they could not control the events the way they were able to do in the case of World Trade Center incident. The WTC, New York bombing investigation was controlled almost one hundred percent by the Zionists but Oklahoma was different and the truth came out saving the reputation of the Muslims. In sum, there is every effort made, successfully, to identify Islam with terrorism and senseless brutality that everyone hates thereby preventing the acceptance of Islam as a Western religion at par with Christianity, Judaism and Atheism by the potential Muslim population of the West. Labeling Muslims as terrorists also has a negative effect on marginal Muslims, they become ashamed, begin to hide their Muslim identity and dissociate themselves from their Muslim community.

The Christian Fundamentalists are playing a big role from religious side by attacking Islamic theology that includes Muslim beliefs, practices and social life. They are falsifying belief in Allah that He is moon-god. Attacking Prophet Muhammad in the most vicious manner never seen since the period of the crusades of a thousand years ago. They are attacking the Qur'an by making false charges, such as, it is a poor imitation of the Bible, meaningless and contradictory mumbo jumbo of a mad man, it contradicts modern sciences. And some of them are using the Qur'an to prove that it confirmed divinity of Jesus and the Trinity. Christian Fundamentalists are publishing and distributing their flyers, tracts, brochures and booklets by the millions all over the world. Fundamentalist Christians who claim to hold the Bible literally are not ashamed of knowingly lying and deceiving the people about Islam and they are doing it on the Internet; they have anti-Islam material by the tons.

The goal appears to be that non-Muslims should hate Islam so much that it would prevent them from looking at Islam, an alternative to Christianity, as a decent religion. For the marginal and ignorant Muslims it would put them to shame for calling themselves Muslims and they would disappear in the melting pot of the West. Anti-Islam campaign has gone beyond all boundaries of decency. It is not just stereotyping but demonizing Islam and Muslims using lies, creating incidents and situations to demonize.

2. Sowing dissentions among Muslims. If Muslims fight among each other and waste their own resources that is the best achievement. The way West achieves this goal is generally through infiltrators who start rumors against Muslim leaders from inside as members of the community. One can be assured that there is not a single Islamic organization in the U.S., which does not have one or more infiltrators working for the enemies of Islam. The American intelligence community has a budget of over 26 billion dollars which is spent somewhere. In addition, Egyptian, Algerian, Syrian, Iraqi, Libyan and other tyrants keep an eye on activities of the Muslims in the West affecting their respective rule. Unfortunately, Muslims have lost the lesson of the Qur'an, "O you who believe! If an evil liver (fasig) bring you news, verify it, lest you cause harm to some people in ignorance and afterward feel sorry for what you did", (Al Hujurat 49:6). American intelligence agencies have used infiltrators to destroy Black Panther, Weatherman and other movements perceived to be anti-American. The West has been using the tactics of divide and rule for the last six centuries against the Muslims beginning with the Muslim rule in Spain, yet the Muslims are not willing to learn the lessons. As it is, the Muslims have their own dissentions and divisions based on madhahib, Sunni-Shi'ah and genuine differences of approaches to fighi questions. A few years ago our enemies inspired some of us to fight over the direction of Qibla, whether it is northeast or southeast. Our enemies continue to inspire some of the gullible Muslims about this issue. Similarly, enemies of Islam buy their "Muslim" agents all over the world to start fight between Muslim groups, Muslim countries, inspire treacherous leaders for keeping their societies ignorant, economically, technologically and industrially backward. "Experts" of the West go to Muslim majority countries as friends to keep education system firmly anti-Islamic as they were established three centuries ago by the colonial masters. Since the Muslims are weak and corrupt their conscience is cheaply purchased to work against their own country and society. If the Muslims were true Muslims they will not be purchasable commodities. In the poor countries, ability to send children to private missionary schools, own a car, refrigerator and a bigger house is enough of an attraction to sell their conscience. They will even implant bombs to kill their own brethren for the sake of money from their own enemies. Corrupt "Muslims", money and surveillance technology of the West are the root causes of further corruption, oppression of the Islamic movements, retardation of educational, economic, scientific, technological, industrial, and military growth of the Muslim societies around the globe in the twentieth century. The Muslims are caught in a vicious cycle.

The term "Fundamentalism" was applied to Islam by the Israelis to place wedge among Muslims and make them fight each other. This is another tool to divide Muslims and make them fight against each other. Many Muslim tyrants and dictators have adopted the term "fundamentalism" applied to Muslims causing murders, jailings, tortures and destruction of families of dedicated and sincere Muslims.

3. <u>Support of marginal Muslims.</u> This is a part of divide and rule policy. Westernized (those who have left Islam in practice) or secularized Muslims (like Sufis) are supported against those who desire to establish Islam as a total system. There are Muslim sects who have practically eliminated economic, political and social aspects of Islamic life and have embraced Christian-like Islam that is confined to *masajid* and *dhikr* meetings, *jawla* or *gusht* while keeping their followers ignorant of the Qur'an and Sunnah. They have turned blind eye to *jihad fi Sabeel-Allah* and *Da'wat ila-Allah* to the non-Muslim population of the world. These people have made twenty percent of Islam as the whole Islam. The West is very pleased with them, therefore, they receive all kinds of facilities and are helped financially. In the West, Sufi groups like Naqshbandis have made it. It appears that these groups have unlimited resources to do large conventions under deceptive titles of "unity", publish most expensive magazines and books and distribute them free or at a very low price. Some of the Sufi leaders live like princes – where do they get the money? Their "Unity Conferences" are Sufi recruitment events and to keep ignorant followers asleep.

The leadership of the West has identified that not all but most of the Sufi groups were Christianity-like and they must be supported. One hundred years ago Sir Thomas Arnold spread the myth through his book that Sufis were responsible for spreading Islam world-wide thereby making Sufism more popular among the Muslims. However, research by the Muslims, particularly those conducted at the Aligarh Muslim University has failed in finding any proof in support of Arnold's contention. British government got the message and supported non-political Sufi orders in their colonies. Other colonial powers followed the British, even the Soviet Union allowed only Sufi Islam to survive within its borders. The tyrant dictatorships of the Muslim majority countries, particularly Syria, Egypt and the Maghrib are allowing only Sufi teachings in their "Islamic" universities. This is the plot to wipe out Islam left behind by the Prophet Muhammad and replace it with Christian-like ritualistic Islam to survive in the West as well as in the Muslim majority countries.

4. <u>Support of the pseudo-Islamic cults.</u> There are many pseudo-Islamic cults in the West and more are being created and supported as a part of Western strategy to keep Muslims and non-Muslims confused about the real message of Islam. "The Nation of Islam", a misnomer that should be called Farrakhanism is very pleasing to the West. The paganism and rhetoric of Farrakhan serves the goals of the West. The U.S. government grants millions of dollars worth of contracts to his organization and facilitates him in his travels and provides him with advance intelligence reports. In return, Farrakhan provides information to the U.S., which only he can obtain through his friendships with tyrants and dictators in the Muslim majority countries. So called, Ahamdya Movement in Islam a.k.a. Qadiyanis is another powerful ally of the West. Rejecters of Hadith (Parvezis in Pakistan, Rashadis in the U.S.), a cult by the British and inspired by European orientalists in the nineteenth century is another ally supported by the Wet. There are many other similar groups operating under the name of Islam but their beliefs and practices

contradict Islamic teachings found in the Qur'an and Hadith. In any case, such groups keep population of the West confused about the true religion of Islam.

Campaign to Deprive Muslims of their Resources.

The U.S. government has joined hands with the tyrant governments of the Middle East including Israel and doing everything possible to stop Islamic activities. Two methods are used, (a) intimidation, and (b) confiscation.

1. Intimidation: FBI agents go around to Muslim homes and work places, showing their cards and asking questions, that is enough for many scared and selfish Muslims to stop their activities and tell stories, true or false, about their friends and colleagues to get themselves on the side of the government. Many Muslims become intimidated and stop helping Islamic work financially and participating in it personally. In the case of Mohammad Salah, a Palestinian immigrant and a citizen of the U.S., he was arrested by the Israelis a few years ago while he was visiting his relatives and friends in his native land. He was questioned and tortured by the Israelis and was given a choice of signing a document in Hebrew language and be released in five years or spend fifteen years of torture in the hands of Israelis. He signed the document, which he could not read nor understand. Due to his signing the document he was declared by Bill Clinton a terrorist, his bank account in the U.S. was seized and his family lived under great stress and suffering for five years. Finally, in November 1997 Mohammad Salah was released by the Israelis and he returned home. However, he could not find a job because he was declared a terrorist without proving a single act of terrorism by him anywhere in the world under the U.S. law. He was offered to work with a religious organization, Qur'an Literacy Institute (QLI).

<u>1. Confiscation</u>: This is the other tool of tyrannical governments to stop movements that the government does not like. It has been a tool of dictatorships but, now, it is a tool of the first class super power and champion of democracy. To be able to use the tool of third rate tyrants, Israel built an excuse over a period of ten years by implanting bombs all over the world and framing Muslims and Arabs. Unwise and myopic Muslims and Arabs took the bait and gladly took the credit for something that they did not do. For every bombing there have been many groups claiming the credit, at least one among them must have been Israelis to make sure that Muslims take the "credit". After Israelis created the excuses the governments of the West began doing what they could not do due to their constitution and traditions of freedom of thought. Excuse of terrorism was a good one and they could hide behind it.

I have been saying for the last 25-30 years that freedom of religion, thought and its expression for the Muslims in America is short lived. Once the Muslims rise above a tolerable threshold for the West, anti-Islam forces will begin to reign and scuttle the growth of Islam. The year 1998 is the year when the U.S. government came down to the level of third rate tyrants of the Middle East and Africa and began confiscating Muslim properties under the false and unproven charges. In June 1998 the FBI seized the property of a non-profit religious organization, Qur'an Literacy Institute (QLI). Unproven false charges were that the property was used to generate funds to support HAMAS in Palestine. No one was charged of committing any crime, no one is behind the bars. This is unprecedented. Instantly, citizens of the U.S. became guilty criminals until proven innocent. It is the reverse of Islamic and American legal principle that everyone is innocent until proven guilty. The new situation of an innocent becoming guilty without being proven beyond reasonable doubt hits the Muslims in the following ways:

1. Muslims are labeled criminals without bringing any criminal charges against them.

2. Islamic organization's property and bank accounts are seized which is a trust to them from their respective donors. It is dishonesty on the part of the government to seize a trust without bringing any charges and proving them in the court of law.

3. Since the Muslims property is seized they have no funds to defend themselves because of the lack of funds.

4. Muslims are denied the benefit of a public defender because it is a civil case not a criminal case.

5. Muslims have to raise new funds for their defense in the civil suit and that fund may also be subject seizure by the government on false yet unknown pretexts.

6. Muslims have to pool their already meager resources to give it to the courts and lawyers rather than spending on building a masjid, an Islamic schools, spending for helping poor and needy or similar such honorable causes.

In the month of September, 1998 the government began alleging, informally, that North American Islamic Trust (NAIT) and Islamic Society of North America may be involved, indirectly, in money laundering to HAMAS thereby making seizure of their properties halal and kosher. Is there any end to this charade? Not really, if Muslims do not do anything to correct the situation. Muslims have a duty to work with sympathetic American people and remove unconstitutional laws from the books. These laws are work of the Zionist lobbies.

Solution of problems of the Muslims in the West:

I have made a number of proposals to the Muslim community in my article, ISLAMOPHOBIA IN AMERICA and its companion articles, which I write time to time for emphasis.

1. Immigrant Muslims have pre-occupation with their native lands and little concern about their adopted country. This attitude must change. Allah, by His Will brought us to the West and we must have concern to build this country, a decent country, crime-free, immorality-free, bring economic and social justice. If Muslims claim, ISLAM HAS THE ANSWER, or ISLAM IS THE SOLUTION, then why are we so miserly that we do not share Islam with non-Muslim citizens of our adopted country. We have a duty to work with the people of America, particularly, with those who are sympathetic towards the Muslims. We have a duty to meet with non-Muslim American people at our homes and their homes, discuss Islamic solutions of the American problems. It is important for us to let American people know how rationally and under divine guidance obtained through the Qur'an and Sunnah Muslims would handle American problems of drug, marriage, relationships. liquor, gambling, social structure, economy and politics. If people find our Islamic solutions and when they like them, they will demand Islamic solutions from their government.

2. Muslim immigrant population has a duty to fully integrate with the indigenous Muslim population through inter-racial marriages, participation in social events and developing brotherhood and sisterhood for integrated living. African-American Muslims can not change the history of slavery but they can change their lives and history yet to be written. I have seen too many times African American and Spanish speaking Muslims bringing back the charge of discrimination. Ethnocentricity of any kind has no place in Islam.

3. In our times ballot box is the power not bullet box. Bullets have their place but not for us, the Muslims living in the West. We must adopt for ourselves the strategy of winning hearts and minds as if we were living in Makkah during the life of the Prophet. The Islamic Shari'ah is applicable on us individually, families and the Muslim community to the best level we can apply it without developing any serious conflict with laws of the land. Jihad as qital is not applicable but what is applicable is *kuffu aydiakum* (tie your hands) meaning take all the persecution and abuse and be patient and persevere. In the Western democracies power belongs to those who use the ballot box. Muslim, men, women, young and old must register to vote and cast their ballots. Islamic organizations and their leadership must make approaches to political candidates and

extract promises favorable to the Muslims and Muslim communities all over the world. It is perfectly legal and normal practice. Jews have the biggest lobby for Israel for Jews all over the world. Christians have their lobby to help Christians all over the world. Ethnic groups like Serbs, Armenians, polish, Irish, Chinese and others have their lobbies. Muslims should support existing lobby organizations like American Muslim Alliance, American Muslim Council and form new ones. The wisdom demands that we need more organizations not fewer. More organizations have the benefit of bringing more money, more people and a variety of approaches. We should not put all our eggs in one basket. In addition, our enemies work through infiltration and one origination is easy to infiltrate and sabotage it. More organizations means more cost to our enemies and better chances of catching the infiltrator and preventing sabotage. See our brochure, ONE THOUSAND POINTS OF LIGHT for benefits of more organizations.

4. Muslims must become active in the political process by volunteering in political work in their chosen parties and their candidates. This is the first step of the ladder to rise politically. If we abhor the first rung of the ladder and run away from it, how do we expect to get on the second and third rung and go higher. Political process includes participation in political caucuses of political parties of our choice. Some of us should make efforts to become members of various committees of the parties of our choice. These are various rungs of the ladders to rise and take control of the politics. Muslims are quick in complaining about the Jewish clout in the West but they are not willing to do the necessary legwork and spend money to gain similar clout. America is a country with "true" democracy where participants gain control whereas talking bums become losers.

5. Muslims must become active in civic organizations. All localities and neighborhoods have civic organizations for the welfare of the society. Some may be active in keeping neighborhood clean, others may be active in crime watch and so on. This will give us opportunities to work with the non-Muslims (let us call them <u>potential-Muslims</u>) and let them learn about Islam and us thereby removing apprehensions. If we are good the Islam teaches us to be, closeness with non-Muslims will remove fear and timidity, which will open the door for their entry into Islam. A majority of those who convert to Islam tell us that knowing a good Muslim closely helped them accept Islam.

6. Legal action is another necessary route of gaining acceptance and respect. in the Western society. This is a litigation-oriented society and it should be looked at as a part of freedom. Some litigation define boundaries of freedom and Muslims must learn to use the system. We need legal action in many areas and many different ways. Muslims must contest in the following areas:

(a) Human rights and equality of opportunity guaranteed by the constitution. Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) is doing an excellent job and deserves full support. Only organization in Washington, D.C. may not be enough. Muslims must be able to raise the issue at local and state level and involve the media Publicity of a wrong doing and a corrective action must be publicized that will prevent its repetition elsewhere.

(b) Legal support and action against those who insist upon spreading false information about Islam and Muslims. For example, Robert Morey and Chick publications are spreading lies against Allah, Prophet Muhammad and the Qur'an. Muslims must find a way of challenging these hate-mongers and make it very expensive for them to spread lies. The only legal way to do is to challenge them in the courts that we must do. It does not matter if the Muslims lose the case but challenging dis-information and causing opponents of Islam to spend a lot of money in the courts, publicity of the case would have preventive effect on other hate-mongers.

(c) Find test cases to fight in the courts against unconstitutional laws. The case of Mohammad Salah and QLI is a good example. Muslims should come forward, raise a multi-million dollar

fund to fight the case all the way up to the Supreme Court. A committee has been established under the Council of Islamic Organizations in metropolitan Chicago and fighting the case. This committee needs help of all Muslims. In Chicago, Masjid Al-Latif is suing the City of Chciago for trampling on the rights of freedom of religion and freedom to establish a mosque and pray in congregation. Chicago Police officers walked in to the masjid during a Friday khtbah, dreagged the Imam while he was giving Khutbah and arrested him on some spurious charges that were subsequently thrown out in the court. Muslims should not take such incidents lightly and take action.

7. Establish a network of Muslims for action against attacks on Islam and Muslims. This can be a telephone and Email network. If there is an attack on Islam or a Muslim or an Islamic institution, it is a problem of all the Muslims and we must contribute in a positive way. The first line of action is to protest to the authorities. Muslims must have a central information processing and decision making body who decides the protest. Each member of this body should convey the message to ten Muslims each and advise them to take the action decided by the committee and convey the message to ten more persons. If the central committee consists of ten members they reach out to hundred Muslims. Each of the hundred will reach out ten Muslims each, conveying the message to one-thousand, if the chain propels as it is designed, in a mater of few hours the whole Muslim community will be informed and will take action leaving a big impact. I call such a network of Muslims, **MuslimNet**. For example, if a law is being debated in the congress that is injurious to the Muslim cause, the community should be able to generate a million calls overnight to the Congress. Similar actions can be taken against newspapers, magazine or a bad employer.

8. Reaching out to the People. This is the ultimate in solving the problem of anti-Islam campaign. It is the war for the public opinion. In the American democracy, people lead politicians not the other way around. People, especially those who use the ballot box regularly are the real bosses whom all politicians fear, not individually but the people collectively. There are two ways to reach out to the people: (a) through the media, and (b) directly. At this point the Muslim population does not have access to the media because it is expensive to buy advertisements and the media is not cooperative enough to give its pages and time for the Muslim cause. It does not mean we should not approach the media, we must. The second option is direct approach. The direct approach is by tongue and by the pen. Muslims must talk to their neighbors, colleague, class mates and in the streets, knocking on the doors and find other innovative methods. The other direct approach is through the printed material, such as flyers. brochures, tracts and booklets. The population of six million Muslims in America there are at least 1.5 million families. If each family reaches out to three persons (or one family) in a month, three million potential-Muslims (generally called non-Muslims) are reached in a month or thirtysix million people in a year. Entire North American population of 300 million people can be reached in less than ten years. The challenge is to mobilize one million Muslims. It is the responsibility of every Muslim to do the work himself or herself and keep recruiting more and more workers. Reaching out to three persons in a month means spending a couple of hours a month for the cause of Allah and their own cause and the cause of their children's future. In addition, Muslims must spend their money to support the cause of reaching out to those who are organizing the effort and publishing the material to help Muslim workers like the Institute of Islamic Information & Education (III&E) publisher of this article. Send a minimum of ten dollars a month or sign up for electronic monthly.

Wars and Battles.

There is a gradation of violence: small fires, battles and the war. For example in World War II, allies fought battles in the Europe, North Africa, Mediterranean Ocean and the Pacific Ocean area. It was necessary for the Allies to win most of those battles to weaken the enemy but

winning those battles was not winning the war. The real war was to defeat and remove thosse in power in Germany, Italy and Japan. Similarly, Muslims have to put out all fires, win most of the battles but it is not winning the war until the real war is won. The real war is winning the public opinion in the West. Fighting job discrimination for Muslims is like putting out fires. Winning a law suit in a court is a battle won. Removing an unconstitutional law from the books is a major battle won. The real war is to win the heart and soul of the public in support of Islam and Muslims thereby winning the support of the media, politicians and policy makers at all levels.

Why America is interfering and meddling in the Muslim Majority Countries?

The World War II weakened colonial powers of Europe so much so that they could not rule their colonies any longer because it was going to take a lot of military might to suppress independence movements in the colonies. Naturally, Europe left colonies leaving a power vacuum. The U.S. a growing military and well-established economic powerhouse filled the vacuum by taking over former colonies of Europe as a helper and protector against expanding communism. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of President Eisenhower was the architect of the American domination worldwide. He was an intense Islam-hater. Despite his hate of communism, he preferred it over Islam. He considered communism a daughter of the Western materialist philosophy whereas Islam was to him an alien religion. It was his ignorance that he did not see the contribution of Islam to the Western culture and a younger sister religion of Christianity and Judaism. Dulles doctrines regarding Islam continue to be the source for policy makers in the West mainly due to the fault of the Muslims who did not come forward to correct it.

President Harry Truman was a decent man and he always sided with the poor, down trodden and oppressed. He was a man of courage and high moral character – a devout Christian. Due to his ignorance of Islam and Muslims, he believed them to be oppressors and Jews as oppressed. He recognized the State of Israel and pressured the United Nations in doing the same despite opposition in his own cabinet and the senate. In the 1940s Muslims were absent from American scene and it happened when it happened. In the year 2000 there are over six million Muslims in the U.S. whereas Jews are nearly five million. We should not allow the rise of politicians like Harry Truman who are ignorant of Islam and Muslims and would likely take anti Islam decisions. We have Al Gore who speaks from the lap of the Zionist lobby due to his ignorance of Islam and Gores to rise in the American politics who would take charge of the American affairs and set policies unfavorable to Muslims.

The main goals of operations of the U.S. in the Muslim majority countries appear to be the following:

1. Protection of the state of Israel because Zionist lobby in the U.S. makes or breaks careers of politicians. In the Senate and Congress fates of Paul Findley, Pete McClosky, Chuck Percy and William Fullbright are well known. Zionists lobby had built a myth that none can become a President without winning the state of New York, read it as the Jewish vote of New York City. To get the Jewish vote of New York City meant pleasing the state of Israel. *Alhamdulillah*, George Bush put the myth to rest for good. Although the political power of the Zionist has weakened some but not enough to free American politicians from the blackmail of Israel and her Zionist supporters in the U.S. and the West. Zionists provide two things crucial to the political success of politicians: (a) money for the campaign, and (b) foot soldiers and political strategists. The Muslim population in the U.S. has grown enough to provide some money for the campaigns of politicians and foot soldiers. If the Muslims begin to provide foot soldiers, they in time will grow in to political strategists. It is never too late for the Muslims to get in to the system and begin to replace the Zionists.

2. To keep Muslim majority countries in chaos and disarrayed. There is an active plan of keeping Muslims divided by implanting rumors through infiltrators. The other plan is of keeping economies of Muslim countries shattered through sabotage. The West has a well-coordinated approach of keeping Muslim majority countries backward technologically, militarily, industrially and educationally. Bombing of Iraq to stone age was a part of implementation of keeping Iraq backward and deny any progress; Saddam Hussein stupidly took the bait. Consider the following three cases for comparison. Taiwan gained separation in 1948, South Korea was freed from the war in 1953 whereas Pakistan was established in 1947. Just compare the progress between Pakistan with Korea and Taiwan. There has been sabotage and concerted efforts made by the West to keep Pakistan in disarray and backward. America gave nuclear technology to Israel and India and helped develop nuclear devices whereas Pakistan was under extreme pressure and remains under pressure against developing nuclear technology that India and Israel already have. No one talks about Israeli nuclear bombs and how she got them. When Iraq began research for developing a bomb Israelis were facilitated by the West in destroying the facilities and Iraq's second attempt was thwarted by America herself.

3. Protection of the Greed-Capitalism. The capitalism of the West is built upon greed, that is, get rich fast by hook or crook. Competition on the way to get-rich-fast forces honesty upon capitalists. The capitalism of Islam, I would like to call it <u>socio-capitalism</u> is not built on greed but on accountability to Allah and forces people to be honest and just. In addition, Islam demands taking care of the poor, needy, old and other Islamic causes. The Qur'an and Sunnah have many teachings that demand rich people to give away the share of Allah from Allah-given wealth. A Muslim rich person is not an owner of the wealth but a trustee of Allah over the wealth of Allah. It is the ignorance of the West due to the miserliness of the Muslims that people do not know about Islamic economics. Once the West learns about Islamic economic system the opposition will die out. It seems that interest-free economy of Islam is drawing attention in the West.

4. Thwart Islamic Movements. The West, particularly the U.S., is very actively working, hand in hand with the "Muslim" tyrants in Muslim majority countries to kill Islamic movements by eliminating its leadership, harassment, intimidation, arrest, torture, murder, exile and buy outs. U.S. embassies and its surrogate agencies are the sources of spreading money around to buy operatives from respective countries for intelligence and espionage activities. Since the West has been a safe heaven for Muslim activists under the protection of Western traditions or constitutions, laws are being amended or created to take that shelter away from them. In essence, the West is putting death nail into its own traditions and laws which made it great, that is, freedom of thought and its propagation is in danger. This is one of the signs of dying greatness of the West and the U.S.

How Does the West Control Islam and the Muslims:

1, Economic controls by not allowing economic freedom of the Muslim countries. International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank are the tools of controlling Muslim countries' economies. It offers the bait of borrowing from international agencies for growth and developments and takes it back through corruption and overpriced sales of junk. Gradually interest begins to pile up and the country is firmly in the grips of the West economy is shattered under the weight of debt.

2. Political Control. The West provides intelligence reports to its puppet politicians, provides money and advice on keeping control of the population. The West provides tools of tyranny and persecution and keeps most hated puppets in power. In its pursuit of political control it foments revolutions, causes murders and ruins of families. American CIA is the world's worst terrorist agency that makes the U.S. the world leader in terrorism. Israel is a close second worst terrorist.

3. Sowing dissentions. If Muslims were good Muslims the West would fail in sowing dissentions. Alas! The Muslims themselves are very corrupt people and they would not think twice selling their brothers or kill them for a meager amount of money from their enemies. Muslims take the money from their enemies and sow dissentions, throw bombs, shoot innocent people and their fine leaders. Embassies of the West and their surrogate agencies foment all such plots and fund their "missions impossible".

4. Retarding Growth. The West spends a lot of money and manpower to retard educational, technical, scientific and industrial growth of the Muslim countries. The West sends its "experts" who give advice everything against the development of the Muslim countries. The only area the Western experts are honest are in health for their own selfish reasons. Espionage, bad advice and market control are the methods of retarding growth of the Muslim countries.

5. Keeping Military Power in Check. This is the most important area for the West to control. The West brings army generals and senior officers to the West, provides them with liquors, women and gifts, takes pictures, in case they are needed for blackmailing purposes and implants them back. Naturally, the West collects its IOUs from military officers when it needs them or else.

It is important that the Muslims understand tactics of their enemy before they can develop their vision and a plan to make Islam acceptable in the West and in the world.

Allah's Promise:

"Allah has promised such of you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them succeed (as the super power) in the earth, even as He caused those who were before them to succeed (others); and that He will surely establish for them their deen (al-Islam) which He has approved for them, and He will give them in exchange safety (peace with security) after their fear. They worship Me. They ascribe nothing as partner unto Me. Those who disbelieve henceforth, they are the wrong doers (miscreants)." The Qur'an 24:55

In the above quoted verse Allah is making three promises but attaches three conditions. Three promises are: (1) that Allah will give the promised people the "super- power position" on the earth, (2) that Allah will establish *deen (al-Islam)*, with which He is pleased, as the system of life for the promised people, and (3) that He will give safety, peace and security to the promised people. Three conditions are: (a) that such people are <u>believers</u>, (b) that such people do good <u>deeds</u>, and (c) that such people <u>worship Allah only and do not commit *shirk* in beliefs and deeds</u>. Those who do not accept Allah's offer are miscreants, wrong doers. The punishment for such miscreants is disgrace in this life and in the life hereafter.

When any one of over one billion (over one thousand million) Muslims is asked if he/she is a believer the answer will surely be an emphatic "yes." When asked if he/she does good deeds, the answer will be "yes." When asked if he/she worships anyone other than Allah, the answer will be an emphatic "no!" And asked if he/she is a *mushrik / mushrikah*, the emphatic answer will be "no!" If these answers are true, why aren't Muslims a super power? Why is the *deen* al-Islam not established as the order of our time? Why do Muslims not have peace and security in the world, even in their own countries with an overwhelming Muslim majority? Isn't it punishment in this world from Allah to Muslims that they are the most disgraced people in the world? One of the signs of disgrace of the Muslim *Ummah* is that, among the world population of refugees, almost 80% are Muslims! Why are Muslims not able to have their own rule in their own majority countries but are ruled by their enemies, the Western powers, through puppet "Muslim rulers"?

Why do Muslims not have peace and security anywhere, but even live in fear of their own tyrannical rulers, common criminals and murderers? This is clearly a disgraceful situation for the Muslim *Ummah*.

The ultimate question every Muslim must ask himself/herself, is whether Allah is a liar (may Allah protect us from such a blasphemous belief) who has made false promises, or am I a liar who makes big claims but does not fulfill them? The natural conclusion is that Allah fulfills His promises as soon as His conditions are fulfilled. Those who do not know the <u>real meaning</u> of <u>beliefs</u>, <u>good deeds</u>, and avoiding <u>shirk</u> will not know how to fulfill them. If we look at Islam as understood and practiced in Arab countries, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Indonesia and other Muslim majority countries, we find this Islam has not given Muslims a "super-power position" in the world as is promised by Allah. The Islam as understood and practiced in the Muslim world in our times, or for the last one thousand years for that matter, has given Muslims disgrace, backwardness, mediocrity, ignorance, cowardice, selfishness, poor morality, poverty despite love of wealth, crass materialism, fear of death, blind following of hearsay, political and military weakness and imitation of powerful non-Muslim nations.

<u>The Promise Was Once Fulfilled:</u> Prophet Muhammad^(S) and his companions fulfilled Allah's conditions and Allah fulfilled His promise, with the result that the early Muslims became the world's super power. The Islamic system was implemented in the land and there was peace and security. Islam given by the Prophet Muhammad^(S), understood and practiced by his companions, was a system that gave them respect, the position of a super power in the world, enlightenment, progress, an urge for excellence, adventurism, an urge and ability to discover and expand knowledge, bravery, selflessness, excellence in morals, riches despite aversion to wealth, love of death for the cause of their Lord, Allah, and qualities of leadership which non-Muslim nations followed and imitated.

<u>The Promise Is In Effect:</u> The promise of succession to the super-power position on the earth is made to all those who fulfill Allah's conditions and it was not confined to the early generations of Muslims. It is worthwhile to note the wording of the ayah, *"even as He caused those who were before them to succeed (others)."* These words describe the promise to the first generation, which He did fulfill, and it continues to be His promise to any generation. Allah will give them what He gave to the first generation of Muslims when they fulfill His conditions.

<u>Cause of Disgrace of the Muslim Ummah</u>: The disgrace of the Muslim Ummah is another promise of Allah fulfilled.

"Do you believe in a part of the Book and disbelieve in a part thereof? And what is the reward of those who do so except disgrace in the life of the world, and on the Day of Resurrection they will be consigned to the most grievous doom. For Allah is not unaware of what you do." The Qur'an 2:85

In this verse (2:85) belief does not mean lip service but putting Allah's commandments in action and living by them. In this early part of 21^{st} century CE (early 15^{th} century Hijrah) Muslims are ignoring major parts of the Qur'an despite the fact that claim to believe in it. Consider the following:

1. Allah commands the Muslims to perform Salat but only a small minority (perhaps under 10%) fulfils this command of Allah. The command of Salat comes more than sixty times in the

Qur'an yet over 90% "Muslims" ignore it. This is rejection of the Qur'an in practice and deserving of disgrace.

2. The command of Zakat is mentioned in the Qur'an over thirty times but over 90% Muslims choose to ignore it. This is rejection of the Qur'an in practice despite lip service of belief.

3. There is clear command of fasting in the month of Ramadan yet a majority chooses to ignore it and this is rejection of the Qur'an deserving of disgrace.

4. Allah commands Muslims to reach out to the non-Muslims with the message of Islam (*Shahadat 'alan-Naas*) at least twenty times, directly or indirectly yet over 99.99% Muslims ignore this command. This is rejection of the Qur'an in practice deserving punishment in this life and the life hereafter. In fact, there is an organized effort by *Tablighi Jamaat* is to discourag or outright prohibit Muslims from reaching out to the non-Muslim people. Obedience of *Tablighi Jamaat* and others like them is disobedience of Allah. This is rejection of the Book of Allah.

5. The Qur'an invites people to study itself, ponder over it, understand it and live by it. Muslims ignore this command and choose to live Islam of hearsay, which may be in violation of the Qur'an. Two sources of Islam are the Qur'an and the Sunnah (or Hadith) whereas people's opinions are not commands of Allah and they may be hearsay Islam.

6. The Qur'an demands Muslims to actively invite people to good (*al-Ma'rouf*) and forbid evil (*Al-Munkar*). *Tablighi Jamaat* movement requires its followers bot to obey this injunction of the Qur'an. Muslims, as it is, do not carry out this in junction anyway. This is rejection of the Book of Allah.

7. Qur'an demands Muslims to excel and be role models (for example see 2:143, 3:110) for mankind. It means that Muslims should be in every field of human endeavor and provide leadership to mankind. Muslims lost this trait over one thousand years ago and since then there has been no great scientist among Muslims. *Tablighi Jamaat* promotes mediocrity and discourages excellence. As it is Muslims have become mediocre anyway. It is a rejection of the Qur'an.

8. Islam has given a complete moral code of life. In our time, moral code of Islam is trampled all over the world that includes rich and poor, scholar and ignorant. For example, Muslims are very poor in keeping promises, being late is a universal trait of the Muslims. Bribery, false witnessing, lying where it is obviously deception and fraud, back biting, treachery, embezzlement are some of bad traits of contemporary educated and respected Muslims. This is a rejection of the Qur'an.

9. Paganism of nationalism and ethnocentricity have become common traits among the Muslims, which violates Qur'anic injunction of one Ummah irrespective of race, color, geographical origin or mother tongue. This is another rejection of the Qur'an.

Above nine points are enough to give examples of rejection of the Book of Allah in practice by the Muslims that makes them deserving of disgrace from Allah in the light of the Qur'an verse 2:85. Obviously, solution of the problem is to back to the Qur'an and Sunnah and live by them. Every Muslim who knows to read and write must attach himself / herself to the Qur'an and Hadith personally and make a habit of STUDYING them for understanding and implementation. Simple recitation of the Qur'an for *barakah* has been going on for over one thousand years and it has given us nothing but disgrace; if there is any *barakah* we will not find until the life hereafter. In the life of this world, simple recitation of the Qur'an without comprehension and implementation has given us no benefit at all.

Reaching out is a duty according to the Qur'an:

Reportedly Prophet Muhammad was disturbed when he heard the following verse from one of his companions because he felt the weight of his responsibility of reaching out to the people:

"But how (will it be with them) when We bring of every people

a witness, and We bring you (O Muhammad) a witness against these." The Qur'an 4:41

All messengers of Allah will be witnesses against mankind that the message of Allah was delivered to them but they were rejected. Messengers themselves do not reach every human being but through their followers who in turn become messengers on behalf of the Messengers of Allah. Similarly, followers of Prophet Muhammad are messengers on his behalf and will be accountable to Allah for conveying the message forward to the mankind. Allah has preordained the questioning:

"Then surely We shall question those to whom (Our message) has been sent, and surely We shall question the Messengers." The Qur'an 7:6

Witnessing against the mankind (*shahadat 'alan-naas*) is one of the primary duties of every Muslim (*fard 'ain*), however, some may take it as a community duty (*fard kifayah*). In case of *fard kifayah* a group from the Muslims must do the work but the entire community must support them with their money, talent and time to the best of their abilities. We read in the Qur'an:

"And let there be from YOU an <u>Ummah</u> who invite to Al-Khayr and enjoin Al-Ma'roof and forbid Al-Munkar. Such are they who are successful." The Qur'an 4:104

In this verse YOU may mean all humankind and in that case the Ummah is the Muslim Ummah, every member of this Ummah is liable of conveying the message to the non-Muslim world. This makes the job of reaching out *fard 'ain* (individual duty). But, if YOU means the Muslims, in that case thee should be a group from Muslims who has to specialize in reaching out to the non-Muslim world. This make the job of reaching out *fard kifayah* (community duty). The important point in this verse is the meaning of the words Al-Khayr and Al-Ma'roof. These two words cannot be synonyms as commonly translated and understood by many. Allah is not redundant. This author believes that *Al-Khayr* in this verse means Al-Islam meaning calling people to Al-Islam. And *Al-Ma'roof* means the good things in Islam or what is called to do as good deeds (*Al A'maal As-Salihaat*). *Al-Munkar* means whatever is forbidden in Islamic law.

Conveying the message of Allah and call toward Him at no initial cost to the receiver has been the duty of all messengers of Allah and their followers. Allah has Prophet Muhammad declare:

"Say (O Muhammad to mankind): I ask of you no fee for it." The Qur'an 6:90 With slight variation of wording we read the same message in verses 25:57, 38:86 and 42:23. All prophets before Prophet Muhammad had the same duty that was to deliver the message of Islam and educate people at no initial cost to the recipient. We read similar messages given to their own people by Nooh, Hood, Saleh, Lut and Shu'aib:

"And I ask of you no fee therefore; my fee is the concern only the Rabb (Lord) of the worlds." The Qur'an **26**:109, 127, 145, 164, 180 and **11**: 29, 51.