

A MUSLIM RESPONSE TO THE ATTACK ON AMERICA



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﴿ فَلَا تَهِنُوا وَتَدْعُوا إِلَى السَّلْمِ وَأَنْتُمْ الْأَعْلَوْنَ

وَاللَّهُ مَعَكُمْ وَلَنْ يَتْرُكُمْ أَعْمَلَكُمْ ﴾

“Be not weary and faint-hearted, crying for peace, when you should be uppermost: for Allah is with you, and will never allow your effort to be in vain.”

(Qur'an: Muhammad: - 47:35)

﴿ وَمَنْ يَهَاجِرْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ يَجِدْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مُرَآءًا

كَثِيرًا وَسَعَةً وَمَنْ تَخْرُجْ مِنْ بَيْتِهِ مُهَاجِرًا إِلَى اللَّهِ

وَرَسُولِهِ ثُمَّ يَدْرِكْهُ الْمَوْتُ فَقَدْ وَقَعَ أَجْرُهُ عَلَى اللَّهِ

وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ﴾

“He who forsakes his home in the cause of Allah, finds in the earth many a refuge, wide and spacious: should he die as a refugee from home for Allah and His Messenger, his reward becomes due and sure with Allah: and Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.”

(Qur'an: An-Nisa: -4:100)

PREFACE

I have followed with indescribable pain the cowardly American terrorist attacks on those Muslims of Afghanistan who took a stand for *Islam* and who were entirely innocent of the September 11th terrorist attack on America. America has consistently followed the same policy of ruthless merciless oppression from the time of the extermination of the indigenous American-Indian peoples and the enslavement of the African people in the Americas to the absolutely shameless support for the relentless oppression of the State of Israel in the Holy Land. Only those who are completely blind and totally corrupted in respect of their capacity for understanding can fail to see the above.

It was cowardly because the godless enemy is too terrified to ever fight a Muslim on a level battleground. That enemy fights his cowardly battles from the safety of fighter aircrafts, helicopter gun ships, massive bombs, guided missiles, etc., far up in the sky. But Allah Most High will surely bring us that day, *Insha Allah*, when we will be able to face the enemy on the ground on a level battleground. *Amin!* Until that day comes we must continue our struggle *to defend ourselves* and *to resist oppression* while showing utmost patience and while holding on to faith. The struggle must continue regardless of the price we have to pay.

The *Taliban* were in a situation comparable to the 12 year old Palestinian Muslim boy who confronts US-made Israeli tanks with a stone in his hand. It is he who today has inherited the sacred legacy of Prophet David (s). Neither were the *Taliban* defeated by America, nor by the Northern ‘Yankee’ Alliance with which Iran is still comfortable. And the young boys who fight with stones in the Holy Land can never be defeated. Rather, the *Taliban* withdrew their forces in such a way as would allow them safety from cowardly fighter aircraft and missiles. And so these soldiers of Allah live to fight ‘another’ day in the struggle to respond to oppression in the Holy Land. We salute them!

Muslims have absolutely no interest whatsoever in waging any war with America or with any other country in today’s dominant western civilization. The only war we

have to wage is the one that will eventually liberate the Holy Land. Indeed that war will never end until the prophesy of Prophet Muhammad (s) is fulfilled which will witness a Muslim army emerging out of *Khorasan* and marching triumphantly to Jerusalem! All those who read this book, and who are Muslims, should have the desire in their hearts to be a part of that army.

This book salutes the memory of every Muslim who died in Afghanistan in consequence of cowardly British, American and Israeli terrorism. The blood and tears of our valiant sons who were killed in Afghanistan, and who will now be killed elsewhere, or who will be imprisoned in the prisons of the dominant godless world order, will not be in vain. Rather it will fertilize the resolve and matchless spirit of millions and millions of Muslims (particularly Muslim youth) elsewhere who will now respond to this awesome shameless naked oppression by committing themselves and their sons and grandsons to that armed Islamic struggle that will eventually liberate the Holy Land. This 'dark night' will hardly last another fifty years before the sunshine surely returns, *Insha Allah*, and Truth triumphs for the last time over falsehood. At that time *Islam* would rule the world from Jerusalem. My latest book, '*Jerusalem in the Qur'an*', which is soon to be printed, was written to inspire such Muslim youth. I pray that Allah Most High will send those who will translate that book into every language spoken by Muslims so that it may reach all such Muslim youth. *Amin!*

The terrorist attack on America constituted a turning point in history as significant as that moment in the summer of 1914 when another terrorist attack launched the First World War. I believe that those who are hell-bent on eventually *ruling the whole world* are responsible for both terrorist attacks, and that the Israeli Mossad and its allies acted on their behalf in planning and executing the attack of September 11th. The terrorist attack and the ensuing so-called war on 'terrorism' that it provoked, was designed to make the world a safer place for the Jews and for the State of Israel. The true terrorists who attacked America on that day know who they are, and Allah Most High also Knows who they are. We pray to Allah Most High to expose them, and to punish them. *Amin!*

The ruling British/American/Jewish world order is now more openly at war with *Islam* than ever before. This is because they are approaching the climax of their more-than-a-thousand-year war. '*Jerusalem in the Qur'an*' makes an attempt to explain this war against *Islam*, and to anticipate what lies ahead for that world order, for Muslims, and for the State of Israel.

The most dangerous and obnoxious of all creatures on the face of the earth today, or the most evil people beneath the sky, are those scholars of *Islam* or Muslim leaders who were totally deceived by the September 11th act of terrorism and who responded to it by blaming Arabs and Muslims for the attack and by extending patriotic support to Britain/USA/Israel in their war against Islamic Afghanistan. Usama bin Ladin and the *Taliban* regime in Afghanistan were completely innocent of that September 11th attack. The war against them on this account is manifestly unjust. Such misguided Islamic scholars and leaders ought to be universally condemned.

I responded to the September 11th attack days later by praying to Allah Most High in an Islamic Center in Queens, New York, to punish those responsible for the attack with the greatest possible punishment, and with a punishment that would continue until the Last Day. All those who were present in the *Masjid* joined me in the prayer. Having done that I now invite the Jews to make a similar prayer.

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WHO HAS BENEFITTED FROM THE ATTACK ON AMERICA?

It is unlikely that a European Jew in Britain, or USA, or in the Holy Land, would want to read this little book. After all he has more important things to do – like pursuing a relentless effort that will culminate in him *ruling the world* from Jerusalem. In order to achieve this goal he will have to enslave all of mankind (i.e., gentile humanity) in grinding political and economic oppression. He pursues this goal ‘by hook or by crook’ since he does not consider non-Jews (i.e., gentiles) to be a people entitled to the same standard of justice and morality to which Jews are entitled (when they interact with fellow Jews). The Qur’an refers to this Jewish ethical double standard, and contempt for those who are not Jews, in the following passage:

﴿ وَمِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ مَنْ إِنْ تَأْمَنَهُ بِقِنطَارٍ
يُؤَدِّهِ إِلَيْكَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ إِنْ تَأْمَنَهُ بِدِينَارٍ لَا يُؤَدِّهِ إِلَيْكَ إِلَّا
مَا دُمَّتْ عَلَيْهِ قَائِمًا ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا لَيْسَ عَلَيْنَا فِي الْأُمِّيَّةِ
سَبِيلٌ وَيَقُولُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكَذِبَ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴾

“Among the People of the Book (i.e., Jews) are some who, if entrusted with a hoard of gold, will (readily) pay it back; others, who, if entrusted with a single silver coin, will not repay it unless you constantly stood (over them demanding the return of your money). (This is because) they say: There is no call on us (to keep faith) with these gentiles. But they tell a lie against Allah, and (well) they know it.”

(Qur’an, ale ‘Imran, 3:75)

We quote the *Qur’an* because Allah Most High has Himself asked that we wage a mighty struggle against the disbelievers while using the *Qur’an*:

﴿ فَلَا تُطِعِ الْكَافِرِينَ وَجَاهِدْهُمْ بِهِمْ جِهَادًا كَبِيرًا ﴾

“Therefore pay no heed to the disbelievers, but, rather, (use the Qur’an to) wage a mighty struggle against them.”

(Qur’an, al-Furqan, 25:52)

The European Jew has already almost achieved the goal of political and economic enslavement of mankind. When he does finally achieve it, and there is nothing that suggests that he would not achieve it, it would *appear* to him to validate his Jewish claim to truth. It is, of course, another matter altogether that ‘terrorism’, oppression, and deceit are totally incompatible with the true morality that forms the foundation of the religion of Abraham (s). But the spiritual blindness of the Jew who first rejected the true Messiah, and then Prophet Muhammad (s), has made him incapable of recognizing this elementary truth. In consequence of that ‘internal’, ‘spiritual’ blindness the Jew is being led into the hell-fire. The *Qur’an* confirms the link between the two:

وَلَقَدْ ذَرَأْنَا لِجَهَنَّمَ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الْجِنِّ وَالإِنسِ لَهُمْ قُلُوبٌ
لَّا يَفْقَهُونَ بِهَا وَلَهُمْ أَعْيُنٌ لَّا يُبْصِرُونَ بِهَا وَلَهُمْ آذَانٌ لَّا يَسْمَعُونَ
بِهَا أُولَئِكَ كَالْأَنْعَامِ بَلْ هُمْ أَضَلُّ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْغَافِلُونَ ﴿١٧٩﴾

“We have surely condemned to the Hellfire huge numbers of human beings as well as Jinn. (Why so?) They have hearts but they cannot understand (since their hearts are dead). (Similarly) they have eyes but they cannot see (because they are internally blind), and ears but they cannot hear (because they are internally deaf). Such people are like cattle. Rather, they are more misguided: for they are the ones who are truly heedless (of the Signs of Allah, Most High).”

(Qur’an, al-‘Araf, 7:179)

The Jew would be surprised to learn that those who study the *Qur’an* and the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (s), are aware not only of his plans and his goals but also of the awesome deception that he employs in his relentless efforts to achieve

those goals. The *reality* is that while the present may be quite bleak for Muslims, the future belongs to *Islam* and, as the saying goes: '*He who laughs last, laughs best*'! Therein lies the difference between *appearance* and *reality*.

It has not escaped the attention of Muslims that the only beneficiary of the September 11th attack on America was the Jewish State of Israel. This book is certainly not 'jumping to a conclusion' when it recognizes the Israeli Mossad and other allied Jewish groups (such as Jews working in the US government) as the *prime suspect* responsible for planning and executing that attack. Rather, the book arrives at that conclusion on the basis of a dispassionate examination of the benefits that Israel, *and only Israel*, has derived from the attack. What are those benefits?

FIRST BENEFIT TO ISRAEL: PUBLIC RELATIONS BONANZA

Firstly, Ariel Sharon's coldly calculated and manifestly provocative visit to *al-Aqsa Masjid* in Jerusalem in September 2000 deliberately provoked another gruesome and bloody chapter of Israeli oppression in the Holy Land and another chapter of defiant Arab Muslim resistance to that oppression. After Sharon's visit and until the September 11th attack on America one year later, the world witnessed a constant Israeli effort to escalate the flames of war while deceptively adopting the pose of the aggrieved party. The world recognized Israeli oppression and this resulted in a public relations disaster for Israel when the whole world (except CNN and its sisters) united in condemnation of Israel at the Durban World Conference on Racism held in South Africa in August/September 2001.

The September 11th attack on America resulted, however, in such a complete and instantaneous reversal of Israel's public relations disaster that Arabs and Muslims suddenly found themselves confronted with their own public relations disaster far worse than Israel's. Television really came of age on September 11th when television stations around the world shamelessly joined American TV in a media Crusade that used *War on Terrorism* as a euphemism for *War on Islam*. The fact that Arabs and Muslims were innocent of the September 11th attack on America merely added salt to their wounds.

SECOND BENEFIT TO ISRAEL : PAVING THE WAY FOR THE GREAT WAR THAT WOULD VALIDATE ISRAELI TRUTH

Secondly, the reversal of the public relations disaster also allowed Israel, now ‘off the hook’, to merrily continue pursuing its policy of deliberate provocation and constant escalation of the bloody conflict against Arabs and Muslims without any significant impediment, not even from the US Government. That was no mean achievement.

Israel’s long-term strategy, in its war against *Islam*, the *Qur’an*, and the Arabian Prophet who was the last of the Prophets (i.e., Muhammad – peace be upon him), is to deliver a spectacular demonstration of what would *appear* to validate the ‘truth’ of the Torah (and Bible) and, hence, ‘falsehood’ of the *Qur’an*. Such a demonstration would not only demoralize many ignorant Muslims but would also convince Jews that they still remain the ‘chosen people’. They would be convinced that the return of the ‘golden age’ of Judaism when the Messiah would rule the world from the throne of David (s) is about to be realized. In fact this book explains that subject. Such a ‘validation’ of ‘Torah’ truth would be achieved through a sudden and dazzling Israeli war that would target the entire region around the Holy Land. This was the reason for Sharon’s coldly calculated act of provocation. That war, which is about to take place even as we write this book, would result in such an expansion of the territory of the Jewish State as would fulfill the declaration of the Torah (and Bible) that the boundaries of the Holy Land (hence Israel) stretch from “*the river of Egypt (the Nile?) to the river Euphrates (in Iraq)*”.

It is now clear that the purpose of the Gulf war of 1991 was to so cripple Iraq as would permit Israel to swallow it effortlessly some ten years later. That goal has clearly been achieved. Iraq is ready for the plucking. It is also clear that the purpose of what certainly appears to have been a Mossad attack on America on September 11th was to provoke USA into such a war, ‘helter-skelter’, against so many States in the region as would facilitate Israel’s big war of expansion. The US war was also supposed to provide Israel with the opportunity to neutralize Pakistan’s nuclear

weapons capacity and Iran's missile capacity, the marriage of which still constitutes the only significant remaining obstacle that prevents Israel from launching its spectacular war of territorial expansion.

That goal has not as yet been achieved because the 'highjacked' aircraft that was supposed to crash into Air Force One (or the White House), to kill the US President, and to force USA into that major war, crashed instead in Pennsylvania. The Mossad and its allies had not calculated for some passengers on that fourth aircraft receiving calls on their cellular phones. Those calls may have caused electronic interference with the aircraft operating systems (regardless of whether those systems were remote controlled or auto controlled or manual), and may have caused the crash. It is also possible that passengers attacked the 'highjackers' and that the crash was caused by the ensuing struggle. And so the US war now has to be pursued incrementally.

Israel can still profit, however, from the brilliant transfer of power that was first achieved in Pakistan, a transfer that replaced a civilian regime with a military one. Only a military regime (and certainly not a civilian regime) could have taken the decision to support USA in its war on Islamic Afghanistan. It was therefore necessary to first put a military government in place in Pakistan before the attack on America on September 11th could take place. The Pakistan military that seized power from Prime Minister Nawaaz Shareef in circumstances appearing to be conspiratorial, had no alternative but to bow to the American demand for support in the war on Afghanistan's *Taliban* government. A refusal of that American demand would have cost the Pakistan military the cover that they needed in order to keep up the pretence that there was no conspiracy involved in their assumption of power. Once the Pakistan Government consented to support USA in its war against Afghanistan's *Taliban* government the trap was set. Saddam Hussain walked into such a trap 10 years ago. The Pakistan military walked into a similar trap 10 years later.

This book anticipates that the US/UK-led alliance will wage a protracted war in Afghanistan and elsewhere for the express purpose, among other things, of provoking a civil war in Pakistan. If and when elements in the Pakistan armed forces eventually revolt and join popular forces opposed to the Government's policy of support for USA, and civil war breaks out in Pakistan, such would be the cue for USA to lead its

international coalition in an attack on Pakistan's nuclear plants where the nuclear weapons are produced. If this opportunity does not present itself they probably have a number of alternatives through which to achieve this objective. In fact, USA and its allies may very well go on to transform Pakistan into another Turkey or Iraq, or to preside over the (further) break-up of Pakistan. Israel and India may or may not have to participate directly in that attack on Pakistan's nuclear plant, but Israel and India will surely be involved in the strategic planning of the attack. As soon as Pakistan's nuclear power is destroyed Israel will launch her big war of territorial expansion and India will be free to dismantle the State of Pakistan.

If elementary intelligence were supported by minimal internal intuitive spiritual insight, (something that is in amazingly short supply in the western civilization which now rules the world), it would allow one to recognize the Israeli Mossad and its allies as the prime suspect responsible for the absolutely brilliant planning and execution of the diabolical attack on America. Indeed if *Usama bin Ladin* and his small *al-Qaidah* group of fighters could have successfully planned and executed such a stunning attack that stingingly humiliated the 'Ruling State' in the world then 'a cow could also jump over the moon'!

Muslims should also pay heed to the stern warning of the *Qur'an* 'not to accept at face value news which comes from a manifestly sinful source lest one unwittingly harms another and lives to regret it':

يٰۤاَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ ءَامَنُوْا اِنْ جَاءَكُمْ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبَاٍ فَتَبَيَّنُوْا
 اَنْ تُصِيْبُوْا قَوْمًا بِجَهْلَةٍ فَتُصَيِّحُوْا عَلٰى مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نَتَدْمِيْنَ ﴿٦﴾

“ O ye who believe! If a sinful person comes to you with any news, ascertain the truth, lest ye harm people unwittingly, and afterwards become full of regret for what ye have done.”

(*Qur'an, al-Hujurat, 49:6*)

A modern secular western civilization and its carbon copies around the world who accuse Usama bin Ladin of responsibility for the attack on America, and provide no evidence of this to the public, can hardly escape from being recognized as 'sinful'. On the other hand Usama bin Ladin, who worships the true God of Abraham, has emphatically denied responsibility for the attack. Prophet Muhammad (s) has defined a Muslim as "*one from whose tongue and hand other Muslims are safe*". It is the duty of all true believers to accept as truth Usama bin Ladin's denial of responsibility for the attack until and unless there is clear and valid evidence that demonstrates that he is not speaking the truth. Praise be to Allah that Muslims (other than some one-eyed Islamic scholars) have overwhelmingly rejected the fabricated evidence that has so far surfaced!

THIRD BENEFIT: PAVING THE WAY FOR ISRAEL TO BECOME THE ‘RULING STATE’ IN THE WORLD

The careful study of the *Qur’an* and the *Ahadith* of Prophet Muhammad (s) which we have undertaken in our book, ‘*Jerusalem in the Qur’an*’, makes it clear that the supreme Israeli goal, which was clearly the major objective of the September 11th attack on America, was to pave the way for Israel to replace USA as the ‘*Ruling State*’ in the world. The ‘true’ Messiah is supposed to rule the world from the throne of David (i.e., Israel and Jerusalem). In order for the ‘false’ Messiah or Anti-Christ (i.e. *Dajjal*) to convince the Jews of his credentials (as Messiah) he would thus have to do the same. He would thus have to:

- i. Liberate the Holy Land of non-Jewish rule,
- ii. Bring the Jews back to the Holy Land to reclaim it in the name of Judaism,
- iii. Establish a State of Israel and convince the Jews that it is the Israel of David (s),
- iv. Cause that Israel to become the *Ruling State* in the world,
- v. Appear himself in person in order to rule the world from Jerusalem.

This book directs attention to the fact that (i-iii) above have already been achieved, while (iv) is about to be achieved, and (v) may not take long to occur.

In fact the world now stands at a moment in time quite similar to that moment in the summer of 1914 when another brilliantly planned act of terrorism (the assassination of the Arch Duke Franz Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary) resulted in a big war which brought Britain, the ‘*Ruling State*’ to its knees, and allowed USA to replace Britain as the new ‘*Ruling State*’ in the world. That war also delivered to the Jews the Balfour Declaration and, with it, the return of the Jews to the Holy Land and the establishment of the State of Israel. Western secular civilization was so spiritually blind at that time that it could not see that it was ‘led by the nose’ into a First World

War that killed millions of Europeans. That civilization, which could not recognize those who were responsible for the act of terrorism in 1914, is today similarly incapable of recognizing that the same people are responsible for the September 11th attack on America!

Clearly USA, the '*Ruling State*', cannot be brought to its knees other than through a collapse of the US economy and the US dollar. That is precisely what could have occurred had President Bush been assassinated. The continuing threats to USA, even as we write, and after the whole world has ganged-up against *Islam*, the *Qur'an*, and Prophet Muhammad (s), and even after the US war on Usama and his men, indicates that the Jewish effort to bring about the collapse of the US economy and the US dollar is still being actively pursued.

Henry Ford, the famous American industrialist who manufactured Ford motorcars warned America of this danger as early as 1919-20. After the First World War, he realized the havoc being wrought by Jewish international financiers. He commissioned the most intelligent researchers to make a thorough study of the international Jew and published their findings in 1919-20 in the 'Dearborn Independent', the official organ of the Ford Motor Company. It was later published as a book entitled, '*The International Jew*'. It has recently been reprinted in Malaysia and is widely available at local bookstores.

The American economy has not as yet collapsed but the writing is on the wall that it is under attack by enemies who are embedded within the system itself. If and when the US economy does collapse, and if and when Israel also succeeds in establishing its military dominance and control over the whole region and in dramatically expanding the territory of the State in defiance of the whole world, Israel would then succeed USA as the '*Ruling State*' in the world. When that happens the world would be greatly surprised, but the true followers of the Arabian Prophet (s) would not be surprised at all!

It is *Islam* that describes the destiny that would then await Jerusalem, a destiny that would eventually witness *Islam* re-emerging as the '*Ruling State*' in the world. That moment of triumph for *Islam* would come when a Muslim army emerges from

Khorasan and, in the process of destroying the State of Israel, liberates the Holy Land:

“Abu Hurairah reported that the Prophet (s) said: Black banners shall emerge from Khorasan (i.e. area which now includes Afghanistan, NW Pakistan, NE Iran, Central Asia north of Afghanistan etc.), and no force will be able to stop them until they are inserted in Aelia (Jerusalem).”

(Sunan Tirmidhi)

This *hadith* of the blessed Prophet makes it abundantly clear that Jerusalem will be liberated through an *armed Islamic struggle*. Indeed the Prophet (s) went on to order Muslims to join that army *“even if they have to crawl over ice”* (i.e., even if they have to defy the godless governments and their world government in the UN which today control the world and which are hell-bent on obstructing Muslims from obeying such commands of the Prophet (s)).

THE MUSLIM RESPONSE TO THE ATTACK ON ISLAM

The ultimate Muslim response to the ‘attack on America’, an attack which has been cynically exploited to savagely attack *Islam* and Muslims while hiding behind the curtain of ‘terrorism’, is to rededicate themselves to remain faithful to Allah Most High and his Messenger *regardless of the price they may have to pay for doing so!* They do so when they devote their lives to preparing for that *armed struggle* through which the Holy Land will be liberated and *Islam* will reemerge triumphant in the world. This is what the *Qur’an* has to say about that *armed struggle*.

It was the second *Shaban* in Madina when Allah *subhanahu wa t’alah* sent down the revelation concerning *Qital* (fighting). The British Prime Minister, the American President and the Israeli Prime Minister may have difficulty in digesting the following verses of the *Qur’an*. But in the context of the British/American/Israeli attack on Muslims we must redirect the attention of all Muslims to what Allah Most High has said concerning fighting.

1. He has made it obligatory. It is *Shirk* for a government, or for the United Nations, to outlaw that which Allah has commanded. It is also *Shirk* for anyone to accept as illegal that which Allah has commanded:

كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْقِتَالُ وَهُوَ كُرْهُ لَكُمْ وَعَسَىٰ أَنْ تَكْرَهُوا
شَيْئًا وَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ وَعَسَىٰ أَنْ تُحِبُّوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ شَرٌّ لَّكُمْ
وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢١٦﴾

“Fighting is prescribed upon you although you dislike it. But it is possible that ye dislike a thing that has benefit for you, and that you desire a thing (not having to fight) that is evil for you. And it is Allah (and not the godless Euro-Jews and Euro-

Christians who now control the world) Who truly knows (what is beneficial and what is harmful for you) and you know not.”

(Qur'an, al-Baqarah, 2:216)

2. The Muslim must fight to defend himself when he is attacked:

وَقَاتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ الَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ
وَلَا تَعْتَدُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُعْتَدِينَ ﴿١٩٠﴾

“Fight in the cause of Allah those who fight you (the godless Euro-Jews and Euro-Christians who now control the world are doing precisely that), but do not transgress limits; for Allah loves not transgressors.”

(Qur'an, al-Baqarah, 2:190)

3. Fighting is supposed to result in the establishment of a world free from oppression and injustice, and such is possible only when Allah's *Din* (i.e., Islam) is established on earth:

وَقَاتِلُوهُمْ حَتَّى لَا تَكُونَ فِتْنَةٌ وَيَكُونَ
الدِّينُ لِلَّهِ فَإِنْ أَنَّهُمْ فَلَاعُدُونَ إِلَّا عَلَى الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٩٣﴾

“And fight them on until there is no more tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in Allah; but if they cease (fighting you) let there be no hostility except to those who practice oppression.”

(Qur'an, al-Baqarah, 2:193)

4. Allah has made it obligatory for Muslims to fight to liberate those of the oppressed who are themselves crying out for help and for liberation from oppression:

وَمَا لَكُمْ لَا تُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ
وَالنِّسَاءِ وَالْوِلْدَانِ الَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا أَخْرِجْنَا مِنْ هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةِ
الظَّالِمِ أَهْلِهَا وَاجْعَلْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ وَلِيًّا وَاجْعَلْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ
نَصِيرًا ﴿٧٥﴾

“And why should ye not fight in the cause of Allah and of those who, being weak, are ill-treated (and oppressed)? Men, women, and children, whose cry is: "Our Lord! Rescue us from this town whose people are oppressors; and raise for us from Thee one who will protect (us); and raise for us from Thee one who will help (us)!"

(Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:75)

[There is no town on the face of the earth today in which there is more oppression than Jerusalem.]

Allah Most High goes on to recall the Jewish reluctance to fight. He then warns of the dire consequences of such reluctance:

الَّذِينَ تَرَى إِلَى الَّذِينَ قِيلَ لَهُمْ كُفُّوا أَيْدِيَكُمْ
وَأَقِمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ فَلَمَّا كُنِبَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْفِتْنَةُ إِذَا فَرِيقٌ
مِنْهُمْ يَخْشَوْنَ النَّاسَ كَخَشْيَةِ اللَّهِ أَوْ أَشَدَّ خَشْيَةً وَقَالُوا رَبَّنَا لِمَ
كُنِبْتَ عَلَيْنَا الْفِتْنَةَ لَوْلَا أَخْرَجْنَا إِلَى أَجَلٍ قَرِيبٍ قُلْ مَنْعَ الدُّنْيَا
قَلِيلٌ وَالْآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ لِمَنِ اتَّقَى وَلَا يُظْلَمُونَ فَتِيلًا ﴿٧٧﴾

“Hast thou not turned thy vision to those who were told to hold back their hands (from fight) but establish regular prayers and spend in regular Charity? When (at length) the order for fighting was issued to them, behold! a section of them feared

men as, or even more than, they should have feared Allah; they said: Our Lord! why hast Thou ordered us to fight? Wouldst Thou not grant us respite to our (natural) term, near (enough)? Say: Short is the enjoyment of this world: the Hereafter is the best for those who do right; never will ye be dealt with unjustly in the very least!"

(Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:77)

5. A Muslim is not allowed to fight other than under the command of a Muslim and other than in accordance with Allah's law as it pertains to fighting. Those who fight under any other command or law would be fighting under an evil command:

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا
يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ الطَّاغُوتِ فَقَاتِلُوا أَوْلِيَاءَ الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّ كَيْدَ
الشَّيْطَانِ كَانَ ضَعِيفًا ﴿٧٦﴾

"Those who believe fight in the cause of Allah, and those who reject Faith fight in the cause of Evil: so fight ye against the friends of Satan: feeble indeed is the cunning of Satan."

(Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:76)

6. Nor should a Muslim refrain from fighting because of fear of death:

أَيْنَمَا تَكُونُوا يُدْرِكْكُمُ الْمَوْتُ وَلَوْ كُنْتُمْ فِي بُرُوجٍ مُّشِيدَةٍ وَإِنْ تُصِبْهُمْ
حَسَنَةٌ يَقُولُوا هَذِهِ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ وَإِنْ تُصِبْهُمْ سَيِّئَةٌ يَقُولُوا
هَذِهِ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ قُلْ كُلٌّ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ فَمَالِ هَؤُلَاءِ الْقَوْمِ لَا يَكَادُونَ
يَفْقَهُونَ حَدِيثًا ﴿٧٨﴾

"Wherever ye are, death will find you out, even if ye are in towers built up strong and high! If some good befalls them, they say: This is from Allah; but if evil, they say:

This is from thee (O Prophet)! Say: All things are from Allah! But what hath come to these people, that they fail to understand a single fact?"

(Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:78)

7. The disbelievers are going to fight the believers with terrible rage and fury. A respite will come from Allah if the believers rouse themselves to take steps to respond to the disbelievers:

فَقَنْبِلٌ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ لَا تَكْفُفُ إِلَّا نَفْسَكَ وَحَرَضِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ
عَسَى اللَّهُ أَنْ يَكْفِفَ بَأْسَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَاللَّهُ أَشَدُّ بَأْسًا
وَأَشَدُّ تَنْكِيلًا ﴿٨٤﴾

"Then fight in Allah's cause, thou art held responsible only for thyself, and rouse the Believers. It may be that Allah will restrain the fury of the Unbelievers; for Allah is the strongest in might and in punishment."

(Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:84)

8. The best Muslims are those who rouse themselves and fight in Allah's way. They are decidedly superior to those who 'sit at home':

لَا يَسْتَوِي الْقَاعِدُونَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ غَيْرُ أُولِي الضَّرَرِ وَالْمُجَاهِدُونَ
فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ فَضَّلَ اللَّهُ الْمُجَاهِدِينَ بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ
وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ عَلَى الْقَاعِدِينَ دَرَجَةً وَكُلًّا وَعَدَّ اللَّهُ الْحُسْنَىٰ وَفَضَّلَ اللَّهُ
الْمُجَاهِدِينَ عَلَى الْقَاعِدِينَ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴿١٥﴾

"Not equal are those Believers who sit (at home) and receive no hurt, and those who strive and fight in the cause of Allah with their goods and their persons. Allah hath granted a grade higher to those who strive and fight with their goods and persons than to those who sit (at home). Unto all (in Faith) hath Allah promised good: but

those who strive and fight hath He distinguished above those who sit (at home) by a special reward."

(Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:95)

9. There will be some who will offer as an excuse for their non-participation in fighting the plea that they were helpless in this matter. For example they would argue that they lived under governments that did not allow them to fight in Allah's cause. But such excuses would not save such Muslims from the hell-fire since they would be asked: 'Was Allah's earth not wide enough that they could have migrated to another place in which they would have had the freedom to fight?':

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَوَفَّيْتَهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ
ظَالِمِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ قَالُوا فِيمَ كُنْتُمْ قَالُوا كُنَّا مُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ
قَالُوا أَلَمْ تَكُنْ أَرْضَ اللَّهِ وَسِعَةً فَهَاجِرُوا فِيهَا فَأُولَئِكَ مَا لَهُمْ
جَهَنَّمَ وَسَاءَتْ مَصِيرًا ﴿١٧﴾ إِلَّا الْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ
وَالنِّسَاءِ وَالْوِلْدَانَ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ حِيلَةً وَلَا يَهْتَدُونَ سَبِيلًا ﴿١٨﴾
فَأُولَئِكَ عَسَى اللَّهُ أَنْ يَعْفُوَ عَنْهُمْ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَفُوًّا غَفُورًا ﴿١٩﴾
﴿٢٠﴾ وَمَنْ يَهَاجِرْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ يَجِدْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مُرَغَمًا كَثِيرًا وَسِعَةً
وَمَنْ يُخْرَجْ مِنْ بَيْتِهِ مُهَاجِرًا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ثُمَّ يُدْرِكْهُ الْمَوْتُ
فَقَدْ وَقَعَ أَجْرُهُ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ﴿٢٠﴾

"When angels take the souls of those who die in sin against their souls, they say: In what (plight) were ye? They reply: Weak and oppressed were we in the earth. They say: Was not the earth of Allah spacious enough for you to move yourselves away (from evil)? Such men will find their abode in Hell, what an evil refuge!"

Except those who are (really) weak and oppressed, men, women, and children who have no means in their power, nor (a guide-post) to direct their way.

For these, there is hope that Allah will forgive: for Allah doth blot out (sins) and forgive again and again.

He who forsakes his home in the cause of Allah, finds in the earth many a refuge, wide and spacious: should he die as a refugee from home for Allah and His Messenger, his reward becomes due and sure with Allah: and Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.”

(Quran: al-Nisa : -4:97-100)

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