

The Western Contradictory Behavior and Inter-Religions Dialogues

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Abstract

Nobody denies the importance of Pluralism, Tolerance and inter-religions dialogues. These dialogues provide a suitable platform to the human beings to move ahead in this world. Everybody dislikes hatred, enmity, murder, looting, war and terrorism. Because these elements would be ruined the society very quickly. Every religion gives the message of sympathy, passion of kindness, patience and Tolerance. And these things are basics of every religion although more or less. Western thinkers also in the favor of these dialogues but sometimes their behavior is against to their statements. Then question arises to examine their contradictory behavior and furthermore to highlight contemporary statements of western thinkers with solution and this is the main point of the research. If we talk about the human being, he is a social animal, and he cannot survive alone and also he is bound to keep in relation with different kinds of peoples. For his survival, he is bound to develop inter-religions dialogues and the relationship to others without the discriminating of color, race cast or sect. So, this paper answers it by explaining the actual problem in the way of inter-religions dialogues.

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Introduction

With the experience of crusade, world war II, Hiroshimā and Nāgāsākī, Atomic wars, over the centuries west and western countries have agreed that it is impossible to make the nations submissive just on the behalf of oppression and power. It might be possible to rule on the bodies of nations with the help of power and oppression but it is altogether impossible to subservient on thinking's, thoughts and emotions of any nation. Finally west has realized the fact that for peace and coexistence there should be some flexibility and tolerance. Otherwise there may be some great war like crusade or World War II but it is vivid that if now there is any war. So it will be the end of the world and there will be no soul. Because in crusades the weapons

were only swords, arrows and cannons, those weapons were not as fatal as today. There will be the war through Atomic and Hydrogen bombs. These fatal weapons will be killing every living thing without the difference that the thing lives in air, water, in the land or on the land. Nothing will remain alive.

Western Thinkers and Inter-religions Dialogues:

On the basis of sensitivity of circumstances the western thinkers have realized the need and necessity of Pluralism and inter-religions dialogues. Although there is no tangible progress but orally they claim. In the below there is an investigational research that what is the point of view of western thinkers about Pluralism and tolerance and how much they have worked practically? The present western thinker John L. Esposito describes:

"American policies should be on the track where there will be no ideological disagreement between west and Islām. They should be accepted or at least there will be demeanor of tolerance".¹

This statement of John L. Esposito proves that west has realized it seriously that they should accept the ideological disagreement of other religions or at least there should be tolerance and patience for the survival of the world.

This thought of western thinkers is heartening; it will be helpful for the survival of other religions. It will be helpful to develop a combined society of different religions and everyone can spend his life according to his will. Esposito further describes in a very positive way that:

"Is there any Islāmic threat? It is yes on an extent just like some western threat or a threat from Christianity or Judaism. Like Christianity and Judaism, Islām has also provided the complete code of life which changed the life of a lot of people. Just like some Christians and Jews defend their acts of religion, wars, consider these doings as their religious right, at the same some Muslims also prosecute their".²

In the West, where they consider Islām as a religion of terror this statement of John is very encouraging for Islām. He definitely wants to say that if a religion is considered as a threat in west then have the same consideration. Actually religions are not threatening rather the followers and their intolerance attitudes which present it as threat.

In fact Judaism, Christianity and Islām tell us how to lead life and this is a very big natural fact and reality that every representative of religion will lead his life according to his religion and also will consider the deeds and actions his religion correct. It means that as we consider our religion correct and do not bear any objection on it. Similarly the followers of other religions are also following their religion by considering their religion correct. So, we should also take care of the feelings and sentiments of others and should give others the right to follow the preaching of their religion freely.

In this same way, we find the lesson of living peacefully and love with others in Bible as like:

"God wills love of neighbor inseparably from the love of God, which is

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shown in human actions through love of others.”³

The European reached the conclusion after showing their prejudice with other religions that prejudice is not the solution of the problem. And in the end, the peaceful talk with other religions started in 1950 A.D. with the announcement of Vatican City:

“The initiative for interfaith dialogue in the west was taken by the Vatican and the world Council of Church in the 1950.”⁴

Similarly among the steps taken by Pop John xxiii for good relations among human beings, establishment of peace and religious forbearing, the announcement of Second Vatican Council is of much importance. Its purpose was not only to unite Christians in all over the world and the Church but also to establish better relationship with the other religions and individuals of nations of the world.

‘Atā’ ullah Şiddiqī says:

“In our time, as for as other religions are concerned, is a very significant document. It challenges Roman Catholics as well as the Protestant Churches to open up and rethink their attitude towards other religions. The statement, in its first section, exhorts that the church examines with greater care the relation which she has to non-Christian religions, and emphasizes that all human beings are but one community.”⁵

In 2nd Vatican Council, it has also been emphasized that all the bitter realities and incidents, wars and tussles should be forgotten and new relationship should be established. And a new roadmap and strategy should be prepared by learning the lessons from past mistakes, so that such incidents may not happen in future.

“Over the centuries many quarrels and dissensions have arisen between Christians and Muslims. The sacred council now pleads with all to forget the past and urges that a sincere effort be made to achieve mutual understanding for the benefit of all men, let them together preserve and promote peace, liberty, social justice and moral values.”⁶

In the present era, when world has been shaped into a global village, there is a need to promote peaceful relationship, mutual safety and the relationship that consists of tolerance instead of religious and cultural collision. And this need is felt by every scholar whether he belongs to any religion.

Imposing or enforcing your own believes on any person can only give birth to disputes and hatred but religion cannot be got changed as said by Huntington:

“Disputes are arisen when some state tries to impose or promote its own values on the individuals of other civilization.”⁷

Whatever big state exists in the world, there are not only living the people of one religion but also the people of other religions are living in the same society. If the pluralism principles are not promoted, the upheavals are feared. As the former American President stated:

"We are no longer just a Christian nation, we also a Jewish nation, a Muslim nation, a Buddhist nation, a Hindu nation and a nation of non-believers."⁸

Society turns peaceful due to the promotion of inter-religions dialogues. Because inclination of religion brings positive changes in human being and with God-fear he avoids tyranny on others. At one side few Western scholars of positive thinking preach peace, mutual survival and inter-religions dialogues. But on the other side practically things are altogether different. Actually when they conduct some kind of dialogues they stop all the other activities till the time of some result. Present scenario represents something different that at one side they are busy in dialogues and on the other hand they are making interruptions. In fact terrifyingly making changes in world map, might it be 'Irāq, Afghānistān, Kashmīr, Vietnām or Pakistān.

If such dialogues may confined for whole the result will remain nothing and no benefit and no compensation against any terror till the time to understand opponents thinking and situations and will be respected. So, these kinds of opponents are not more than hypocrites. Islām called these acts hypocrisy and strongly condemned. Educated people give their point of view about these dialogues in these words:

"A large number of thinkers, who are offering for dialogues between East and West form the last fifty years. This is not found yet in these dialogues that how much Westerns have re-considered their policies, they only demand changes from Islāmic world. How is it possible to have a dialogue session with the peoples who are interrupting and producing terror, horror and tyranny openly in the land of Palestine? And Yāsir 'Arfāt passed away from the world in the wait of success in dialogues. In my point of view there is no need of any dialogues rather there is a need to elaborate real Islām in their universities."⁹

Such dialogues look worthless because when mistakes and blunders were found out, there should be some remedial action if it is possible, but this never ever happened in the history. Even accepting their wrong deeds, they neither made any kind of compensation nor stopped such behavior. For example, Blair and his advisors, American think tank and other representatives of the world considered illegal and cruel act, attack on 'Irāq. But they didn't compensate or paid any kind of. This cruel action lingered upon and this same behavior was adopted against Afghānistān, without any solid reason or proof, America is occupying on Afghānistān. America is responsible of countless number of people in Pakistān as well.

Through these kinds of dialogues, it looks that these powerful countries are attacking on the culture and civilization of Islām. They are giving training to the Muslims to leave Islām, its conviction, culture and to change the family system. The changes in the bills of feminism and Nāmuws-e-Risālat are the examples of it. The distribution of Muslims into two groups in practical, there is a dominance of Europe and West. Continuous discussion

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of religious and non-religious groups on Western media, the pressure to remove the Islāmic thinking peoples from Pakistānī forces, to exile the well-wishers of Pakistānī from the country and to eliminate the people who make struggle for the independence of the country. These all are the proofs to dissolve the aims of dialogues, it looks double shaded.

These dialogues are the source of international politics and they only use the name of religion. In other, on the behalf of the present scenario and previous incidents there are two main aims behind all this:

The way of international politics.

To keep the pressure built on religion and Islām in Particular. The only aim is that these nations will not create any hurdle for the powers of international colonialism.

For example, in the end of 1st international Muslim - Christian conference (1974) the crux is that:

Muslims and Christians in their imitation will give the permission of preaching their conviction.

Muslims and Christians minorities should have their freedom and should be no violence on them.

Tyranny of Zionist will be stopped in Palestine and there should be some struggle to secure the rights of Palestinians.¹⁰

In Islamic societies, minorities are enjoying security with freedom but they are shoving on Muslims forcefully. They are pointing Islām unethically, on the other side the interruption in Palestine on such a level that the original representative "Ḥammās" is also abolished from ruling. The rights of 1.5 million people of Ghazah are badly disrespected and they have no rights to live. Till today, no solution has given by them to the world except producing more boundaries for Muslims. For example:

"The aim of 1954's Muslim-Christian conference was to make a block against Russian sharing, otherwise there would be a discussion for 'Arab Isrāel complications and the problems of Palestine. But there was no discussion on these topics rather they made the Arabs understood to accept the distribution of Isrāel state and Palestine."¹¹

In these dialogues, they talked about peace and coolness but just for face saving, practically it was altogether opposite. For example: Super powers like America, Russia, England and France are together with Isrāel in tyranny on Palestine. In Afghānistān, 'Irāq, Pakistān and Kashmīr, they see that blood is shedding; in this contradiction the assertion of peace would be considered a deception.

In 1968, in Geneva, there was conference of Muslims and Christians, the main agenda was that to find out some gate way for any Muslim, who apostates from Islām and adopts Christianity.¹²

Practiced these rights are transgressed in Muslim countries either there is Palestine or 'Irāq and Kashmīr or Afghānistān. But if these rights are in favor of big countries, they should be more demanded. But the

rights of the Jailors of Abū Gharīb, occupants of gvante - na-mobē and of Dr. 'Āfia Ṣiddiqī have no consideration. These rights have no value if America kills 2.5 million peoples in Korea (1958-1953) and as many people in South Vietnām and more than 2 million people in North Vietnām (1959-1975). America murdered 0.7 million kambodiyai, 5.6 million laibus, even responsible of killing own 5.8 million soldiers. Thousands Afghānis after the incident of 9/11 and also in 'Iraq, these all skins and martyrs have no rights and no consideration.¹³

All these things prove that in 20th and 21st centuries, all the international conferences on the topic of peace by these so called super powers are shallow and worthies. In Islām these kinds of action are defined as hypocrisy and unlawful. As Qur'ān says:

"يُخَادِعُونَ اللَّهَ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَمَا يَخْدَعُونَ إِلَّا أَنفُسَهُمْ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ"¹⁴

"They [think to] deceive Allah and those who believe, but they deceive not except themselves and perceive [it] not."

This deception has concluded with the murders of billions of the people. But they should be questioned on the Day of Judgment. At this time America is behaving like roguish obsessing on the world and insane as a super power. We can guess easily from American intellect William Belm's book American A Roque State at One Place, he copied senior gorge Bush's view:

"Being the only super power, it doesn't mean to say sorry on own act. I will never excuse on the behalf of America and I least bother about realities."¹⁵

America is engaged with falsehood. One day America will be retreated in the war, which is established against Islām and Islamic countries. It will be good for America to adopt the way of peace otherwise she it will be deterrent example of history.¹⁶

Only five percent of the population of this world lives in America, but they are embarking on rest of ninety five present of the whole world through only follows the policy of crushing by shoving or by push or pull. From Korea to 'Irāq never behaved intelligibly to help out from global crises. Everywhere America has used the powers blindly.¹⁷

The only reason of opposing Islām by west is that Islām is the only one religion which did not accept the western values. Except Muslims, all the nations have surrendered to western culture and civilization. Although Muslims remain under the western culture in colonized system but they ever kept their own identity restored. So, the continuity of their aggression against Islām since thirty years, they promoted terrorism and through different types of interventions, conspiracies they tried of fulfill their dark aims. The west always gives shutter to the writers who write against Islām either they are Muslim writers or non-Muslim. Even if someone makes sketches of Prophet Muḥammad (PBUH), they only consider them their right of Media freedom to

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fulfill nefarious goals. This is conflicting line of action, while the line of action in Islām is only for specific time or nation but even though Islām considers all the religions on fact. The Muslims keep their belief on all the prophets and equally give respect to all of them. Iqbāl Hussayn comments:

*"Islām Pays equal respect to other divine religions and their prophets. In the course of our discourse we have tried to explain that Islām does not restrict its approach to any specific religion or society or to any particular culture or civilization."*¹⁸

It is a fact that if there is any genuine stress between west and Islām, the west ever avoids direct attack. The west involves different Islamic states and deals the situation in a very humble way and on some extent remains unconcerned but adopts scientific ways. Then presents the situation in semi-originality, they get the clearer view of Islām. In their actual disposition the only thing danger is hidden, and finally they found some reasons to attack on that Islamic state. In this context when they adopt some scientific way or direct attack, the Muslim majority considers as a direct attack on Islām.¹⁹

In west they attack on the basis of the power of modern technology and scientific achievements. They attack on other countries and get befitted for their industry and economical benefits. And the west tries would without taking care of the respect of human life and regard. They enter into different countries in name of providing the security and then they occupied all the resources of the victimized country. They use the occupied resources and in return. Sale them war-weapons and make them to fight with each other. The west is doing all this to prove them strong and powerful in place of using the resources in betterment of humanity. John says:

*"It is the same state that has contributed to the decline of the human mind by devoting all its energy to empowering itself internally and externally."*²⁰

The west has started a new game that they don't trust on their police and military and handed over their countries to the agencies with the shallow statements like their enemy is very sharp and equipped with modern weapons. On the other side doing the business of same modern weapons and selling them to their own enemies. The demand of comprehensive security means to eliminate oppression from the world and there should be eternal happiness but this is impossible. Actually they couldn't provide security to all the human being so they only do welfare in their own country and this is not possible in poor countries and the developed or rich countries are doing to promote their luxuries. As the science is developing the danger of war is also progressing. At one place, the west claims the promotion of universality and on the other hand pushing the world to wars only for the establishment of own industry. The western countries are establishing the powers of their own choices in the Muslims. The western agencies are involved to bring the governments in Islamic countries on western favoritism. Then they do the conspiracies against their own chosen. These are the causes which promote

the negative thinking against the west among the Islamic countries. Joseph comments:

*"These groups champion alien political forms to the third world through globalization of political reforms. They deny them, this type of rule at the same time, as is evident from the Algerian case."*²¹

The western's militarization pushing Islamic world towards terrorism and extremism, Sanneh Lamin says:

*"Western military adventures and the promotion of secular values will only fan more fundamentalisms in the Muslim world because most Muslims find few benefits in secularism to win their confidence."*²²

The western contradictory behavior is that they put stress on the fights of minorities in Islamic countries but they least there the rights of Muslims in western countries.

*"European powers during the nineteenth century placed pressure on the Othoman Empire to provide full rights for minorities within its system. The Hatt-i Humāyūn and the Hatt-i Sherif were attempts by the Othoman Empire to placate those who were exerting these pressures at a time where it was experiencing increasing weakness. They promulgated equal rights for religious minorities, rights which were inscribed in the constitutions of the Arab nation States after independence. Even as these rights of religious minorities were being recognized, the west was creating, nurturing and supporting a colonial entity in their midst, the state of Isrāel, which discriminates against its religious minorities precisely because they are Christian or Muslims and not born to a Jewish mother, Islamists note the high level of hypocrisy as Israel constantly boasts that it is a state for Jews where Muslims are condemned for seeking to establish Islamic state."*²³

The conflicting point of view of the west and America could be noticed at the time, if there is a single murder of a Jew in Israel there will be a great mess in the whole world and rate it as an insult of humanity. But in comparison on the murder of millions of Muslims they have celebrations on the dead bodies.

Yvonne Yazbeck highlights this point as:

*"Muslims note that these seem to be a "Concern index" operating in the west by this they mean that Americans appear to be quite concerned over the death of Christians and Jews in the Middle East and elsewhere, but not at all over the death of Muslims. The "CNN-ization" of the world made it possible for Muslims throughout the world to watch the great concern exhibited by Americans over the death of seven Israelis that died during operation Desert Storm, and the great jubilation celebration with marching hands, streamers and confetti, of a victory that resulted in the death of over a one Lack Iraqis. The question for many continues to why there is a difference in the value of a human life apparently based on religious affiliation."*²⁴

The policies of international powers depend on their interests not on

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any rules and regulations. Because, for them values and rights have secondary status. In this universe when the civilizations are opposing each other and the distances are reducing day by day. If any Muslim country is rich and useful for the west then it should be accepted whole heartedly even the country is dictator. Although, the west is like the democracy and fully promotes the democratic behavior. Economy is the measuring scale for political behavior. End of the 20th century is concluded with western oppositions and double standards of policies. The need for the western nations is that they should accept that they are responsible for shoving the Middle East into wars. The Gulf war has played an important role to enhancing the stress, conflicts and clashes between the west and Muslim world.

Conclusion:

Through evaluating this research we have concluded that the west only propagates orally pluralism otherwise in fact they do reverse in practically. The west either has no respect for the sanctity of the worshipping places of any religion or don't care religious duties and preaching's. Although according to the western seculars, every person has the freedom to practice according to their own religion and creed. But when Muslim girls use scarves, the western people look them with hatred and even attack on them. Sometimes they snatch their scarves and taunted them and faced the lawsuits in courts. So where is the right of personal freedom in the west? Why they don't consider scarf wearing as a personal matter. Why they don't consider religion everyone's personal matters. If there is no objection on wearing the short clothes then there will be no objection on wearing the scarf. This is everyone's personal likeness and dislikes. Then veiling and Abaya-wearing is everyone's personal matter. No government has any rights to object on anyone's right. The second issue at the present is that every person of Muslim Ummah is uncomfortable and restless. Every Muslim has deep feeling for Bayt al-Muqaddas and considers it as a Qiblah-e-Awwal and saddened on Jews usurping overcomes. Being Jews usurping behavior they cannot declare Jerusalem as a capital and the American president Donald Trump provoking religious hatred. He revoked un-intelligently to make the Jerusalem as a capital of Isrāel and even announced to shift their embassy to Jerusalem. As the current American president said: "He would move the US embassy to Jerusalem."²⁵ On this revoke of Donald Trump all the Islamic Countries are suffering with anxiety and restlessness and in different countries there are strikes and protest. These kinds of revokes and practical moves cannot revive the religious tolerance among the different religions. In these situations, only hatred is developing and this may cause the war-terror. At the same time, Pakistānī daughter 'Āfiyah Şiddiqī is still imprisoned and under the brutality of Americans. Why these so-called harbingers don't turned 'Āfiyah Şiddiqī free. American agent Remond Devis after killing three Pakistanis entitled with apology and on 'Āfiyah Şiddiqī there is only allegation that she pointed the

gun towards an American soldier. Furthermore in the jails of Gvanta-na-Mobby and Abū Gharīb why there is no tolerance for the people who are under the custody against the crimes they didn't commit. In these situations where is human rights and compassions.



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