

## **Deliberate Blasphemy to Islamic Faith: Where could be the Catch?**

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Jyllands-Posten, a popular newspaper of Denmark, a country which has a noticeable number of Muslim populations mostly migrated from Turkey and Pakistan, never took such an initiative until now to blasphemously depict the Prophet of Islam. Why now? Sweden, the Danish neighbor with the same social broadness and democratic values has also a noticeable number of Muslim populations where a recent census shows that about 40% of the Swedish populations think that the Muslims should be restricted from the right to enter their country. They never used to think about the Muslims this way before. Why now? The same is true for Norway, France, Germany, New Zealand, ..... For tens or hundreds of years, the European newspapers and magazines were there who never thought of publishing Prophet Muhammad's (peace be upon him) caricatures as to prove their right to exercise 'freedom of expression'. Why now?

Islam is there for last 1400 years. Not until very recently, not until people started seeking democracy in different parts of the world including the Middle Eastern countries that are ruled by the kings and/or dictators, and more precisely, not until the 9/11 in the U.S., the west never faced problems with Islam or with the Muslims. Why now?

Imagine a time when there is no bloodshed between the Israeli and the Palestinian people, a time when there is no Bin Laden or Al-Qaeda to terrorize the western world. Imagine a time when true democracy is flourishing at every corner of the world. Who do you think would be the great loser in that time? Aren't the kings and the dictators of the oil-rich Middle Eastern countries who have piled mountains of personal wealth at home and billions of dollars in their overseas bank accounts and/or business investments and who would right away be thrown out from the crowns by their own 'democracy-seeking' people? So, as long as the Israel-Palestine conflict is there, as long as Bin Laden or Al-Qaeda is there, and as long as many other radical Islamic groups are there worldwide to terrorize the west, the truth behind the present day Islam-west conflict will remain buried under the camouflage of 'Islamic bigotry', 'Islamic religious extremism', 'Islamic intolerance', ..... and anything that is Islamic and will never be revealed.

But that's not the most unfortunate part. You don't need others' approval to find how good your religion is or how strong your faith is, nor can the disapproval by others weaken your religious faith. The strength in faith among the believers of Islam will prevail no matter how bad/inferior the west tries to depict this religion or its prophet. No doubt that any effort to depict a religion or its founder as bad or evil greatly hurt the emotion and feeling of the followers of that religion and it often compels the moderate group of that religion to turn into religious extremists. The rise and popularity of the radical Islamic political parties in the Muslim populated countries in

the recent days is a clear proof of that. Therefore, such an effort by the west will only grow more religious hatred followed by intolerance and violence among the believers of the Islamic faith and the other faiths from east to west and will lead towards a clash of civilization. The sooner the west understands this fact, the better it is for the humanity.

Guess, who are the real beneficiaries from the consequence of this Islam-west conflict game? As long as the baby chickens fight among them and the parent chickens are busy mediating them, the crow can reach the eggs unnoticed and can even escape unnoticed with the snatched egg. Who provide funds to thousands of madrasas (Islamic religious schools) in the Muslim populated developing countries to create Islamic Jihadists? Who provide funds to the radical Islamic groups in the middle east as well as worldwide? And, if not last, let's think it one more time, to what nationality the top Al-Qaeda leaders belong? Doesn't this imply about who are really there behind the curtain orchestrating the whole Islam-west conflict game so that the world's including the Muslims' eyes are always drawn to the 'Islam-Muslim' problems and they can remain unnoticed, safe with their crowns and mountains of personal wealth at home and billions of dollars overseas, which comprise more than 8% of the total economy of the U.S. alone, if not the other European countries are mentioned. Nothing to be wondered, if one finds that Jyllands-Posten published Prophet Muhammad's caricatures as a part of a planned game which was funded and encouraged both from the inside and outside of their country to create a planned religious provocation.

And as before, when the world's sympathy started growing towards the Muslims after the inhuman treatment of the Muslim prisoners at the Abu Ghraib Prison in Iraq, the way Nick Berg's beheading was carried out by an Islamic terrorist group to turn the entire world's eyes from the Abu Ghraib Prison to the 'Islamic barbarism' to ignite the so-called Islam-west conflict, in the same way, the denunciation of the publication of Prophet Muhammad's caricatures is getting more violent everyday from its initial peaceful demonstration, through provocation, encouragement and financial support by the evil planners hiding behind the curtain and the world's eyes have started turning from 'disrespect to the religion Islam' to 'Islamic barbarism'. No wonder that we may see even worse plots similar to Nick Berg's incident in relation to the publication of Prophet Muhammad's caricatures down the road.