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AMERICA & TERRORISM

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FIRST

THE REACTION

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The circles of education in USA were shocked when the Russians launched their first spaceship. On that occasion a basic question was raised: “How could the Russians exceed us in the field of space?” After extensive studies and reviews, the answer came as follows: “The American school failed in teaching its pupils how to read well”. Then they raised the motto of “Every child has the right to get all chances ready for him in order to become a skillful reader”.

It was, indeed, a wise reaction because it had benefited from the lesson. It penetrated the depth of the issue and was fully aware of its potentials. As a result, it planned for comprehending the issue and exceeding it successfully so that it could realize whatever excess and advance it had aspired to.

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But how come no similar reaction has appeared as a reply to the great event in New York and Washington on Tuesday, 11th September 2001?!

This time, the voice of the circles of education has been weak. We have not read deep analyses they might have made on the background of such startling event. We have hardly found their intellectual machinery searching for its potential causes! We have not witnessed their conscience - heedless in the throng of its boasting of their economical, architectural and scientific transcendence - waking or stretching itself again.

We have seen nothing but their military machinery moving alone and calling the whole world out to ally with it and support its mission incorporated in assassination, destruction and revenge. We have heard their military statements declare their superiority and *absolute* dominion over Aphganistan's *void* air, except for a few birds fleeing from their imminent chilly winter, proclaiming destroying Taliban's worn out air-defense forces and planting the land inch by inch with its cluster and fission bombs.

Its intelligent rockets were unable to avoid shelling the simple hearted innocents, which

resulted in burying infants suckling their mothers' breasts under the ruins of their houses, old aged women washing the blood soaked clothes in the yards of their lodgings and a bride carried in procession to her dream bridegroom in a night of absolute darkness. Then they dropped crumbs of bread to a child who could survive that hell in order to preserve his life until it was time for him to follow his family!!

How in the world could USA have thought that any land whatsoever might enjoy imagining the existence of a military arsenal in the world which is stronger than that in America, or the existence of a financial and economical body which might be bigger than that of America? Has anybody ever doubted the fact that America is capable of filling the sky of Afghanistan with airplanes, planting its land with bombs and destroying all the phenomena of life in it, when every one knows that the nuclear power which America possesses is huge enough to devastate the whole Earth more than once?!

How could USA find it fitting for her to put herself in one of the two balance scales with Taliban and boast of its triumph over that movement? Could one pick the least limit of

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equality between USA and Taliban which would allow them to fight a duel?! Is it possible for the world champion in boxing to fight a duel with a raw beginner? Is it possible for an elephant to boast of stepping intentionally or unintentionally with its foot on an ant? Besides, has the Taliban regime ever enjoyed the world respect or sublimed to the rank of being an ideal to be followed when America selected it for challenge and fight?! Or it is mere a parade of power and selecting a burning land or a structure which is too weak to be deemed a toy or a piece of ruin brought from a museum so as to deter whoever aspires to protest, in addition to realizing other purposes the same as the method of Moses' stick: he leaned upon it, brought down leaves for his sheep and I had therein other uses?!

Could USA not have been able to accomplish her purposes by means other than murdering and destruction?!

The awful event which afflicted USA, and the tremendous shock which startled her, undoubtedly justify waving her power in all directions in self-defense, confirming existence, taking revenge on the criminals, rehabilitation and imposing veneration.

None might hesitate at condemning the horrific operation to which New York and Washington were exposed to; feeling sad at the blood shed there, at the people who died, at the passengers of the planes who were killed for no sin they had committed and at the officials who were buried under the ruins of their offices, to which they were early to come for doing their duties. This is because the human blood is sacred, regardless of the religion or the race to which it belongs, and shedding it is considered a gross aggression against all humankind.

None may refuse the United State's right to follow the criminals, to persist on searching for them and inflicting the most severe punishments on them when the it has been absolutely established that they themselves committed the crime or contributed to executing it. But when such instant military response is justified only by an instinctive reaction, which draws a line between the human and all other creatures, it is not vindicated by reason, by which the human has privilege over all those beings. This is because only the human reason is able to read whatever factors, causes or stimulants may lie behind such an event so as to proceed dealing with the issue from its roots and sources and put a stop to

tumults and catastrophes before they take place, especially when such reason is as huge as the American reason, which possesses the utmost power of science subjected to it by the centers and means of scientific research to which it has easy access, in addition to the developed technology in the field of information and informatics.

Even the ordinary human does consider it awful stupidity to set out with tons of pesticides to mosquitoes fluttering over a moor instead of laboring for drying it up, because no sooner do the tons of pesticides kill the mosquitoes than their eggs hatch much more mosquitoes in the moor, which will resume roaming around. If the moor is dried up, however, even the eggs will be eliminated.

May such a moor be found in one's self, and not in the other's self?! May I, I myself, be the cause, be on the wrong or be the side that has provided favorable environment for terrorism to grow and for its danger to stagger?! May I be the maker and the victim of terrorism simultaneously?! Why do others hate me?!

A few questions that the transgressed American should ask himself before he hangs the

issue on others' hook ...

Proverbs say:

- *“A snake bites only the one who attacks it.”*
- *“If you confine a rat in a corner and suppress it, it will jump to peck out your eye.”*
- *“The rabbit’s (famous) fatal blow confirms the coward’s ability to change into a wild monster when danger afflicts him and his children”*
- *“Playing with fire mostly burns one’s own fingers.”*

God, the Almighty, says in the Holy Qur’an:
 {Why [is it that] when a [single] disaster struck you [on a hard day], although you had struck [the doers] with one twice as great, you said, ‘From where is this?’ Say, ‘It is from yourselves [i.e., due to your deeds]’} [Holy Qur’an 3: 165].

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ISLAM
AND THE GREAT EVENT

November 3rd, 2001 A.D.

The catastrophe that afflicted Washington and New York on Tuesday, 11 September 2001, is no doubt a great human event. It lays its burden on the whole world, and forms a sharp historical turning, favorable enough to be registered in history. It was also too strange a coincidence to take place in the first year of the third millennium so that it is going to mark its onset, by which it is chronicled.

Every human living on Earth has the right to take part in drawing the limits of this turning and the landmarks of the path on which it will lay the whole humanity! This is because we live in the age of globalism, which has confined the world villages into one universal village, eliminating all the dimensions and borders along them and breaking up all the barriers and dams among them so that it has neither allowed any village to live in

solitude and confinement nor fortified behind high walls even if such walls were as firm as the Great Dam of China, Berlin Wall or Stalin's Iron Curtain.

We live the age of information and the revolution of communication which have changed the standards of the supremacy and advance of nations from financial wealth, factory fumes and the force of weapon into the wealth of information and the power of knowledge, by which it has eliminated all types of monopoly and refuted all self-inspirations, because intellect and reason are the raw material of knowledge and information. Such material is common among mankind and equally possessed by them all. Neither a race, nor a color, nor a nation, nor a people is able to monopolize it. What happened on Tuesday and the electronic penetrations which took place beforehand on the information network of the Pentagon program might confirm this fact: the fact of the spread of knowledge and eliminating monopolization.

Accordingly, where was the position of Islam versus the event? What was the Islamic attitude toward it when it was considered the first candidate for confrontation with the West in the struggle of civilizations after the fall of the Soviet

Union, as portrayed by Huntington, and as this portrayal was confirmed by Tacher and many other Western intellectuals?! The Americans never hesitated in putting Islam in the dock for being one of the most prominent suspected recidivists, exactly as they were accustomed to do whenever they had a knock, even when it was proved to them that Islam had nothing to do with some of those knocks.

This time, they have exceeded mere indictment, and, probably because of the great shock, the tongues of their leaders hastened to proclaim a Crusade War and to give it the motto of "*The Noble Eagle*" which was previously the very same motto of the crusade campaign which the West - as we know - had already launched against Islam. Seeking prevention, it seemed more fitting to them later on to apologize for the slip their tongues had made so as to avert awkwarding the governments of the Islamic states, which they want to share their campaign against terrorism. After that, they declared their unjust motto "Those who do not advocate us for eradicating terrorism by means of the method we have laid are considered conspirators against us and standing side by side with terrorism" paying no heed to all human rights in controversy,

plurality and preferring the attitude that they see better.

Most of the Islamic World rulers accepted the indictment and stretched their hands out to the prosecution representative to shackle them and lead them to the judges of investigation so as to swear to them heavy oaths regarding their being innocent of terrorism and ready for humiliation and for offering whatever sacrifices demanded from them, selling them for a trivial price, a few pence, at the expense of their sovereignty and contrary to all the requisites of the International Law and the legislation of the United Nations.

The Islamic street discourse - voluntarily and with a great deal of superficiality, ignorance and stupidity - offers evidences and proofs of Islam's care of terrorism, sometimes presenting the duality of belief and disbelief in order to bring about the hostility of the four fifths of the Earth population against the Muslims, and sometimes uttering the calls for Jihad, allegiance and patronage far from their proper context and bare of whatever restrictions, conditions and prerequisites scientists had imposed on them.

Then Islam stands up versus such contrasting attitudes:

a) Having pity on humanity which has neither as yet comprehended the Heavenly Message nor followed the path of the prophets, which the concluding message had epitomized and whose maps it deposited in God's last Book, "*The Holy Qur'an*".

b) Confident that humanity is heading to it (Islam) at a rapid pace under the whips of its bitter experience and in the context of the toil it suffers for attaining Truth, assimilating God's Words in the Holy Qur'an {This [Prophet Muhammad] is a warner from [i.e., like] the former warners. The Imminent Day has approached. Of it, [from those] besides God, there is no remover. Then at this statement do you wonder? And you laugh and do not weep, while you are proudly sporting. So prostrate to God and worship [Him]} [Holy Qur'an 53: 56-62].

c) Sure of the fact that humanity will abstain from using force and shedding blood as means of solving problems, and that it will substitute it for means of dialog and the word of equality to which Islam calls.

Some loud-voiced speakers, out of those who claim modernity, may find it interesting to describe the above mentioned viewpoints as

preaching and classify them in terms of ethics and ideals, which are hardly applied in the real status of life measured in terms of numbers. However, I believe that they represent a historical determinism enrolled in the field of the natural laws by which God Almighty conducted the universe, and that the human - according to the law of ascension, choice and averting errors which God Almighty legislated for him - has been climbing it up, up, since the matter of his creation was still a project that God introduced to the angels until the veracity of God's fate in him comes true when He, Almighty, says, {And [mention, O Muḥammad], when your Lord said to the angels, 'Indeed, I will make upon the earth a successive authority.'⁽¹⁾ They said, 'Will You place upon it one who causes corruption therein and sheds blood, while we declare Your praise and sanctify You?' He [God] said, 'Indeed, I know that which you do not know'} [Holy Qur'an 2: 30].

The clear sign that proves this point is the large numbers of Westerners who embrace Islam whenever they have an opportunity to get acquaintance with its greatness, having got bored

(1) Khal,fah: successor, or generations of man, one following another.

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by their civilization which is overwhelmed with materialism and void of any spiritual aspects, and admired the tranquillity that Islam creates in the human, which satisfies his aspiration to truth and equilibrium, which does not ignore his spiritual dimension and his destination to the extent that Islam is considered, according to the statistics of UNISCO, the religion which is most spread and most advanced in the world with a great difference separating it in ratio from all other sects and religions.

This phenomenon actually appears without exerting any missionary efforts, and in spite of the abused applied samples and the deterioration that the Islamic World suffers; a fact which confirms its self-capability to spread on one hand, and the efficiency of the word and the inevitability of the rise of Truth over falsehood spontaneously on the other hand, and confirms that Islam depends on such self-power of Truth, about which God Almighty says, {And say, 'Truth has come, and falsehood has departed. Indeed is falsehood, [by nature], ever bound to depart} [Holy Qur'an 17:81].

In this context, a few questions may rise in the mind: *a)* What could Islam be? *b)* What does it address people? *c)* How does it deal with the other? *d)* Who is "the other" in the view of Islam?

e) What is its attitude towards “terrorism” and “violence”?

Concerning *Islam*, it is the concluding heavenly Message, which involves all the other Messages. It came to complete and to offer perfection to them, acknowledging them and confirming their unity regarding the source and the methodology, {The religion of Abraham, inclining toward truth, and he was not of the polytheists. Say, [O believers], ‘We have believed in God and what has been revealed to us and what has been revealed to Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the Descendants [al-Asbāṭ] (1) and what was given to Moses and Jesus and what was given to the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and we are Muslims [in submission] to Him [God]} [Holy Qur’an 2: 135, 136].

Concerning its “*address*”, it was directed to all mankind. It was not restricted to a certain people, color, race or religion, {Say, [O Muḥammad], ‘O mankind, indeed I am the Messenger of God to you all, [from Him] to whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. There is no deity except Him; He gives life and causes

(1) The twelve tribes of Israel descended from Jacob.

death.’ So believe in God and His Messenger, the unlettered prophet, who believes in God and His words, and follow him that you may be guided}, [Holy Qur’an 7: 158] and the word “*people*” recurred in the Qur’an 241 times to prove the generalization of the address.

Regarding its means of calling people to it, it is the clear notification, the far-reaching conclusive argument, calling with wisdom and good instruction, arguing in a way that is best, opening dialogue without previous postulates and repulsing all forms of compulsion, {There shall be no compulsion in [acceptance of] the religion. The right course has become clear from the wrong} [Holy Qur’an 2: 256] and, {Not upon the Messenger is [responsibility] except [for] notification} [Holy Qur’an 5: 99]. God, Almighty, also confirms to His Messenger, Muḥammad, {We have not sent you, [O Muḥammad], over them as a guardian; upon you is only [the duty of] notification.} [Holy Qur’an 42: 28], and God, Almighty, warns him of compelling people to believe, saying, {Then, [O Muḥammad], would you compel the people in order that they become believers?} [Holy Qur’an 10: 99].

After all such insistence on avoiding compulsion in religion, it is natural for the human to enjoy the freedom of choosing his religion and opinion and not to be downtrodden as a result of choosing things, {Whoever wills – let him believe; and whoever wills – let him disbelieve;} [Holy Qur'an 18: 29].

It is also natural, according to the teachings of the Qur'an, that disbelief and belief are not pretense for dispute and fight between Muslims and non-Muslims for God assigned Himself to bring both parties to account. He even did not permit His Messenger to do so when He addressed him, {Upon you is only the [duty of] notification, and upon Us is the account} [Holy Qur'an 13: 40] whereas God permitted the believers to fight only for defending themselves, {Permission [to fight] has been given to those who are being fought, because they were wronged. And indeed, God is competent to give them victory.} [Holy Qur'an 22: 39] Accordingly, the cause of the permitted fight is *wronging*. It is *not* disbelief. God, Almighty, says, {God does not forbid you to deal justly and kindly with those who did not fight you because of religion and did not expel you out of your homes. Indeed, God loves those who deal with equity}, [Holy

Qur'an 60: 8] and, {If they withdraw from you and do not fight you and offer you peace, then God has not made for you a cause [for fighting] against them} [Holy Qur'an 4: 90].

Islam's attitude towards aggression is very clear. It forbids Muslims to practice it, {Fight in the way of God those who fight you but do not transgress. Indeed, God does not like transgressors} [Holy Qur'an 2: 190] He even forbids them to cooperate for committing it, {And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression} [Holy Qur'an 5: 2] and to practice mere secret talk related to it, so how about plotting for it, {O you who have believed, when you converse privately, do not converse about sin and aggression} [Holy Qur'an 58: 9].

Moreover, God, Almighty, considers it a shame upon The Children of Israel to hasten for committing sin and aggression when they behaved contrary to what they were enjoined to do, {And you see many of them hastening into sin and aggression and the devouring of [what is] unlawful. How wretched is what they have been doing} [Holy Qur'an 5: 62]

Islam called for Jihad according to specific

conditions. Disbelief alone never justifies Jihad unless it is accompanied by one of two factors: *combating*; i.e., proclaiming war against Muslims or *wronging*. When one of these two conditions exists, Jihad becomes mandatory and Muslims must be ready for it. The stimulants for it will, then, be repulsing aggression and rejecting injustice, concerning which God, Almighty, says, “God only forbids you from those who fight you because of religion and expel you from your homes and aid in your expulsion – [forbids] that you make allies of them. And whoever makes allies of them, then it is those who are the wrongdoers.” [Holy Qur’an 60: 9] In this case, making allies with him who commits wronging is itself considered wronging. In this context God, Almighty, also says, {And what is [the matter] with you that you do not fight in the cause of God and [for] the oppressed among men, women, and children who say, ‘Our Lord, take us out of this city of oppressive people and appoint for us from Yourself a protector and appoint for us from Yourself a helper’} [Holy Qur’an 4: 75]

According to the Islamic legislation, murdering which does not spring from a legal pretense is considered an awful crime against a natural right of all humanity, {Whoever kills a

soul unless for a soul or for corruption [done] in the land – it is as if he had slain mankind entirely} [Holy Qur'an 5: 32]

On the other hand, the relations between Muslims and all others originate in *peace*, not in *war*, for “*Peace*” is one of the Most Beautiful Names of God, {He is God, other than whom there is no deity, the Sovereign, the Pure, the Peace} [Holy Qur'an 59: 23] At the same time, the Messenger was enjoined to forgive and to make peace, {And God invites to the Home of Peace.} [Holy Qur'an 10: 25] Regarding believers, {Their greeting on the Day they meet Him will be, ‘Peace’}, [Holy Qur'an 33: 44] and the Messenger himself was enjoined to forgive and to make peace, {So forgive them, turn aside from them and say, ‘Peace’} [Holy Qur'an 43: 89] and concerning God's servants, {When the ignorant address them [harshly], they say [words of] peace,” [Holy Qur'an 25: 63] and Muslims are invited to contribute to peace whenever its terms could be realized, “O you who have believed, enter into peace completely [and perfectly]} [Holy Qur'an 2: 208].

Is there still any doubt of Islam's inclination to peace, its rejection of all the forms of terrorism and its being ready to contribute to any endeavor

aiming at contending against terrorism when undertaken by pure hands, which: *a*) are not polluted by practicing injustice, oppression, aggression, racial eradication and banishing people from their states and homelands nor by supporting, advocating and encouraging those who wrong people and keep silent versus their crimes, *b*) adopt methods which are far away from terrorism, injustice, murdering the innocent people and displacing the weak, *c*) determine to eradicate the roots of terrorism, eliminating the causes and stimulants which develop it and drying up its springs.

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THIRD:

WHEN BALANCES ARE DISTURBED

December 1st, 2001

When a beaten one is asked to stop shouting because his shouts disturb the beater and pollute his pieces of music with an abnormal voice, ..

When a man about to be slain is ordered to keep quiet because his convulsion for removing the knife from his neck hinders the work of the slaughterer, ..

When someone, whose house has been penetrated and who has been driven out of most of its apartments, is asked to normalize his relations with the usurper and to greet him with peace accompanied by a smile to express gratitude for what the latter has left for him, which provides a better environment for the usurper and the usurped to coexist peacefully until it is time to complete the operation of expulsion and each one heads for his own affairs, ..

When a free and chaste woman is violated, and her resistance to avert the violator with her teeth and nails, considering her life inexpensive versus defending her honor and chastity, is deprecated because her behavior spoils the violator's humor and prevents him from realizing what he aims at, ..

When the clever bullet is applauded when it succeed in hunting the innocent boy who is in his father's lap, not prevented by his father's bending over him, nor by his seeking refuge behind the garbage container, ..

When the girl who is buried alive is asked while in her bed for what sin she has been killed, she answers, not knowing that a clever bomb penetrated the top of her bed so as to snatch her off her mother's breast, ..

When the International Law turns its sight away from a wounded prisoner being aided by slaying him, and the fingers of the statue of freedom are stuffed into the ears of that law so as not to hear the moans of the women who are bereaved of their children, the cries of a mass reclaiming its freedom and its right to self-determination ..

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When the scenes of biers never get tired of showing martyrs carried to their final resting place, the bulldozers pulling out the trees and homes, the helicopter bombs assassinating the free men in their cars and homes amidst their families, and the soldiers' guns hunt the children while they are on their way to school .. when all of these make up a cinematic film or a three-dimensional game to offer entertainment to the masters..

When the producer of such horror films is rewarded and bestowed abundant endowments and gifts, and provided with all means of slaying and destruction in order to go on with his amusing films polluted with the blood of the innocents, ..

When people are compelled to believe in the civilization of the master, to offer the duties of obedience and loyalty to him and to write the poems of eulogy to be presented to the him and laid before him, ..

Then values disturb, standards trouble, dreams get lost, truth and falsehood become dubious, the wolf puts on the lamb's wearing, the fox ornaments himself with the fashion of the worshipping ascetic, concepts mingle, the word

meanings turn into their opposites, people's need for a new dictionary increases; injustice appears to be the peak of justice, slavery seems to be the summit of freedom, tyranny appears to be the noblest application of democracy, discrimination seems to be equality, rank variation appears to be socialism, compulsion seems to be dialogue, subordination appears to be cooperation, killing seems to be bestowal of life, corruption appears to be reformation, the aggressor's violence seems to be peace, the cry of the aggressed appears to be terrorism, the one who strives is said to be criminal, the martyr who sacrifices himself in the cause of God is said to be committing suicide, and the weak servants on earth are said to be disappointed, ..

Then laws become invalid, everything becomes mixed up, the logic of reason vanishes, the logic of force dominates, the law of the jungle prevails, tyrants weigh with two different scales so that they become out of those {Who, when they take a measure from people, take in full, but if they give by measure or by weight to them, they cause loss} [Holy Qur'an 83: 2,3] and a new Pharaoh addresses people and calls , {I am your most exalted lord} [Holy Qur'an 79: 24] and, {I have not known you to have a god other than me},

[Holy Qur'an 28: 38] and, {I do not show you except what I see, and I do not guide you except to the way of right conduct} [Holy Qur'an 40: 29] Then mouths are muzzled, voices grow faint, the address becomes twofold so that people's talk in secret differs from that in public, deed separates from saying to the extent that the former becomes out of sight and retires to caves or seeks refuge in vaults, corruption spreads throughout the earth, and apparent and concealed tumults prevail, conducted by a blind Satan whose law is evil, grudge, wronging, hatred, dispute, aggression and killing, {And tumult (Disbelief and its imposition on others) is worse than killing}, [Holy Qur'an 2: 191] because it grows at an amazing speed, and people during it murder one another, {Every time they are returned to [the influence of] tumult, they fall back into it} [Holy Qur'an 4: 91] and spreads the same as the spread of fire in straw, {And fear a tumult which will not strike those who have wronged among you exclusively} [Holy Qur'an 8:25] in a series of bloodshed whose end is but devastation and destruction through tumults that are as big as blocks of a dark night, which leave the tolerant behind plunging into bewilderment. The tolerant, however, never continues to be bewildered for long at a time, because soon he

hearkens to God's Words, {Did I not enjoin upon you, O children of Adam, that you are not to worship Satan – [for] indeed, he is to you a clear enemy?} [Holy Qur'an 36: 60] Then soon he perceives that the tumult, into whose depths he has been driven, is the deceit of Satan, {Satan only wants to cause between you animosity and hatred}, [Holy Qur'an 5: 91] and soon he perceives that the main factor of the tumult is injustice, 'O My servants! I have made injustice forbidden to Myself, and have also made it forbidden to you, so never wrong one another!' [A Holy Tradition, related by Muslim, The Garden of the Righteous, pp. 111] SO that he puts an end to the tumult and refutes the pretenses of Satan. He eliminates injustice, returns the rights of those who are wronged to their owners and destroys one of the scales by which people deprive others of their due so that balances get equal, standards straighten and people restore their confidence in laws so that they arbitrate to them whenever Satan induces estrangement between them so that their hands unite to resist those who wrong whenever anyone of them wrongs others.

We are sure enough that struggle will not come to an end on earth, and evil will not disappear as long as Satan continues to exist on

it, history does not stop moving and shouldering its way, and the river of life is still beating in the human, {And if your Lord had willed, He could have made mankind one community; but they will not cease to differ, except whom your Lord has given mercy, and for that He created them} [Holy Qur'an 11: 118, 119]

It is only the **balance** which controls the human behavior, measures their conducts, returns matters to their normal status whenever they are disturbed and settles disputes whenever they are intensified, for God has laid the **balance** on Earth since He raised the Earth above it, {And the heaven He raised and imposed the balance, that you not transgress within the balance} [Holy Qur'an 55: 7,8] And He sent down the balance with the Book that He revealed unto His messengers, {We have already sent Our messengers with clear evidences and sent down with them the Scripture and the balance that the people may maintain [their affairs] in justice} [Holy Qur'an 57: 25] and ordered people to fulfill when they weigh, {And give full measure when you measure, and weigh with an even [i.e., honest] balance} [Holy Qur'an 17: 37].

God, on the other hand, repeated the word “balance” in the Holy Qur'an 23 times in order to

confirm the importance of the balance for the human.

Hence, have the Americans perceived the secret of tumult and the springs of terrorism, or they are still under the influence of the shock, living the illusion of power and pride and lacking wisdom and wittiness for solving and settling the problem from its whole roots instead of amusing themselves in setting the fire of tumults and grudge, blowing up more and more terrorism and planting horror, devastation and destruction?!!

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FOURTH:

**FIGHT INJUSTICE
TO ELIMINATE TERRORISM**

December 3rd, 2001 A.D

**Which one is more worth of fighting:
terrorism or injustice?!**

Injustice has one gloomy face for which no cosmetic attempt might be of use. It has one jet black color which can never be brightened. Injustice has one definition which is linguistically and idiomatically agreed upon. It is “depriving the human of practicing his right, or a part of his right, through compulsion, confiscation or laying hands on it”.

In Arabic, injustice means “*zulm*”. When Arabic “*h*” is added to it, it is pronounced “*zulmah*”. Then its meaning changes into “the disappearance of the light of something to be replaced by darkness”, so we say, “night darkness”, “forest darkness” and “prison

darkness”. In both cases they mean exactly the same.

“**Injustice** is darkness” as it was described by the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad [pbuh]. It is, therefore, unable to be accepted or justified under any pretense; whereas “**terrorism**” is bearer of different meanings and has various concepts. It has neither been agreed upon a definite meaning for it nor given an accurate inclusive definition as yet. Should it linguistically mean “terrifying” or “scaring”, such terrifying may be justified by “repulsing injustice”, “preventing aggression”, “detering conspiracy”, “punishing for a crime”, “returning some right” or “restoring occupied homeland”. For such justifications “terrorism” may rise to the degree of a “duty” that religions and laws impose. Then it may be a collective duty which states perform by using their official armies, and then it is called a “**war**”, or an individual duty which is undertaken by individuals through their popular organizations when the state is unable to perform. It is then called “**resistance**”.

Although negotiation, dialogue and cooperation are to be the bases of settling disputes, and violence is considered an exception

justified only by failure in solving problems peacefully, we notice that the terrorism practiced today, whether it takes the form of an organized war or a popular resistance, is blessed and ought to be performed when it adheres to its conditions, restrictions and moralities. A condition of which is that it ought to be just, struggling for repulsing injustice and reclaiming right. A restriction of which is that it ought to be confined in time and place within the borders in which aggression takes place. A morality of which is to preserve the lives, security and property of civilians. This is because necessities are given equal estimate, and no bearer of burdens will bear the burden of another. So when terrorism bears no just cause - whether it be a war or resistance - or exceeds its own limits, or hurts people who have committed no sin, then it is deemed disparaged and ought to be fought and eradicated.

Struggling against the unrestricted disparaged terrorism, which is a type of terrorism, is, however, listed under struggling against injustice which is entirely disparaged for its nature, because it possesses no benign face that may justify committing it. Terrorism is, however, divided into a benign one which ought to be supported and an offensive one which must be

eradicated, and there are degrees in between. Some of those degrees may be alike to some people. As a result, things become dubious to them and they plunge into uncertainties which lead them to direct their resentment of terrorism to wrong targets.

Accordingly, alliance among the nations which love peace and desire to make security available for humanity ought to be directed to struggling against injustice, which is entirely evil, instead of being directed for struggling against terrorism, out of which there may be just terrorism encouraged by the states allying for striving against injustice and unjust terrorism, against which the alliance will struggle because it represents its exact goal. Therefore, when the nations which love peace faithfully endeavor to eliminate injustice and their alliances concentrate on realizing this aim, they will surely gain the hearts of all other nations whatever their beliefs and religions could be, because none of the beliefs or religions may advocate or support injustice.

Every human can instinctively perceive injustice because it has a clear concept. It can never be dubious or ambiguous. Terrorism,

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however, still has ambiguous concepts and various impulses. It leads those nations, which ally for fighting it, to a destructive war that they fight in its name. Then they will soon discover that they have been deceived by bright mottoes which conceal attempts aiming at realizing private interests springing from selfishness and tyranny. They will feel the *bitterness* of their being used for realizing other purposes kept secret. Such *bitterness* may motivate them to retreat. It even may raise the feelings of animosity and hatred among them in addition to creating disputes concerning dividing the spoils.

Allying for the struggle against terrorism within its ambiguous and unrestricted concepts is an alliance driven by the private interests which organize the lists of terrorism and include in such lists whatever their whims and selfish stimulants may tempt them to do, which causes them to throw light on justified and legislated terrorism and to be blind to unjust and utilized terrorism, according to the harmony and disharmony of the interests; whereas allying for eliminating injustice, which has an accurate and clear concept, is considered an alliance led by mutual human values and principles which take no heed of private interests, never differentiate between

racess, nationalities or religions and never flatter to a close friend, an intimate person or a glorified personality, because truth for them is more worth of being followed.

Such was the policy of Muhammad, peace be upon him, the Messenger of Islam when he called his people and companions and declared, “Those [nations] before you perished because they left the high ranked one who stole unpunished, and punished the one who was weak when he stole. By God! If Fatima, daughter of Muhammad, steals, I shall cut off her hand.” [Agreed upon Prophetic tradition, narrated by ‘A’isha] so that he brings all those who disobey equally to justice.

The Great Qur’an, on the other hand, enjoins Muslims to judge justly, {Do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to righteousness} [Holy Qur’an 5: 8]

A meeting was held before Islam in Abdullah Ibn Jad’an’s house. It was attended by Quraysh elite. They all took a pledge *that whenever and wherever they find a wronged person in Mecca, whether he was from Mecca itself or not, they would support him against the one who had wronged him until his right was restored for him.*

An alliance about which Messenger Muhammad later on said, ((My uncles and I witnessed an alliance in the house of Ibn Jad'an. I prefer it to whatever valuable cattle offered to me. If I am invited to a similar one in Islam, I will surely respond to it.)) [Al-Sunan al-Kubra] That Qurayshite alliance was called "*The Elite Alliance*" and held at the end of the sixteenth century AD.

To what degree in the world may today's alliance against the Afghans be matched by that glorified alliance against injustice? Were the Qurayshite elite fifteen centuries ago more conscious and more aware of the problems depth than today's leaders? Where have the lessons that humanity benefited from its bitter experience throughout the ages gone? Has the advanced technology caused humanity to deteriorate, so it suffered a repulse, was cheated by its brilliance and decoration, felt proud of its power, boasted its ornament and used its sciences to dispense with the values of good and justice which prophets carried to it? Has Europe longed for the wars which it deserted and gave up practicing among its states, of which were two destructive World Wars, so it decided to practice its evil hobby with the weakened nations? Has USA found the proposed enemy among those wronged

and oppressed people to direct its aggression and destructive power to them after it had eradicated its previous enemy, the Soviet Union, and felt comfortable from its cold war with it?

Otherwise, what may an alliance for striving against terrorism mean if such strife will lead to killing thousands of secure weak people, displacing millions, setting the fire of tumults and planting wretchedness, despair and disappointment in the souls, aiming at reproducing more and more terrorism?

What might the alliance for striving against terrorism mean if the accusation of terrorism is directed to the Palestinian child who is facing the Israeli tank with a stone in order to express his existence and offering himself as a sacrifice on behalf of his nation and homeland; whereas it is not directed, and was kept secret, when practiced by an Israeli when he confiscates land, destroys houses, pulls out trees, assassinates men and kills women and children?!

What meaning might lie behind asking those wronged people - by those contending against terrorism - to keep quiet, stop weeping and not to ask the tyrants to give up wronging even through polite request or imploring?!

What meaning might lie behind condemning

the death of Israeli children in a crowd and keeping silence soon after killing Palestinian children on their way to school, or what meaning might lie behind condemning the defensive Palestinian reaction, no matter how much violent it might be, and seeking silence, versus the aggressive Israeli action which is preceded by daily assassination and murder?! Such an action is even encouraged and applauded for going on with subjugating a nation defending its land, honor, existence and right of self-determination.

So, may terrorism be legislative when it holds power by murdering, eradicating, repelling, displacing, ravishing and forming a terrorist government?!

Who may go hand in hand with it but its counterparts? Are not those who help the tyrant to practice injustice and take his hand to wronging instead of stopping him, and support him instead of preventing him, considered as unjust as the tyrant himself?!

Is the wronged one considered erring if he thinks in this way and lays the tyrant and those who support him, advocate him and try to conceal his unjust acts in one basket?!

Have we perceived now that the civilized

world had better ally for fighting injustice in order to make terrorism disappear and have its roots dead, that terrorism will remain as long as it is practiced freely and advocated and that fighting it superficially will nourish its deep roots?!

Consequently, why does the civilized world not enter “The Elite Alliance” and join the group of the notables of Mecca who hold a meeting in Abdullah Ibn Jad’an’s house after they have globalized the formula of that alliance to become, “Not to leave any wronged individual worldwide, of all races and nationalities, but enjoying his support against the one who wrongs him until his right is restored to him”?!

Abdullah Ibn Jad’an’s house door is still open, his call to “The Elite Alliance” is still uttered and the world’s need for it nowadays is more urgent for solving the problem of terrorism from its roots and origins ..

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FIFTH:

**TRY TO UNDERSTAND
THAT
WE ARE *NOT* YOUR ENEMIES**

December 22nd, 2001

We never find in our culture, nor in our preaching any pretense to hate any human for his color, race or religion. On the contrary, we find in our Prophet's biography a persistent call to love, intimacy, beneficence, virtue, forgiveness, remission, peace, beauty, welfare, reconciliation, altruism, dialogue and construction.

On the other hand, the human in our preaching is sacred. God created him in the best stature, blew unto him from His spirit, proportioned him, balanced him, granted him precedence over all His creatures, honored him by making the angels prostrate themselves to him, bestowed his blessings on him by subjugating the universe for him and making it handy for him in order to discover its laws and invest them. He created the human from one soul, from which He created its

mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women, made them peoples and tribes, colors and nations. He laid them on the racecourse at one line so that He might put them to the test in order to know which of them is best in deed, preserved their lives, made their blood and wealth forbidden to others, considered killing a soul, unless for a soul or for corruption in the land equal to slaying mankind entirely, and saving it as equal to saving mankind entirely. God also considered all the creation His own family and made the most loved to Him the one who is most beneficial to His family. Besides, He equalized among them by relating them all to Adam so that none enjoys a rank higher than another's but by piety and righteous deeds.

A Muslim's faith will never be right unless he believes in God, His angels and all His Books and Messengers. The People of the Book, on the other hand, have a special rank in the Muslim's soul, because something mutual joins both, and both are called to the same Word, the Word of monotheism represented in God's Saying, {That we will not worship except God and not associate anything with Him and not take one another as lords instead of God} [Holy Qur'an 3: 64]. Christians, in particular, as to him have a distinct rank, { You will surely find the most intense of the people in

animosity toward the believers [to be] the Jews and those who associate others with God; and you will find the nearest of them in affection to the believers those who say ‘We are Christians.’ That is because among them are priests and monks and because they are not arrogant} [Holy Qur’an 5: 82].

The hostility Jews have particularly toward those who have believed [Muslims] among all humankind is not mutual. It is a one-side hostility, which started when they called themselves “God’s Chosen People” and meant to be unlike any of all other humankind. An attitude that God presents in a most fascinating portrayal in His words, {Here you are loving them but they are not loving you, while you believe in the Scripture – all of it. And when they meet you, they say, ‘We believe.’ But when they are alone, they bite their fingertips at you in rage } [Holy Qur’an 3: 119]; whereas the Muslim’s soul is built of love: The love of God, the love of His bond servants and the love of the environment around him, for believers are those who love God most, a love that is mutual {He loves them and they love Him} [Holy Qur’an 5: 45], and {He has decreed upon Himself mercy} [Holy Qur’an 6: 45], and they are {merciful among themselves} [Holy Qur’an 48: 29] and they { give thought to the creation of the heavens and the earth, [saying], “Our Lord! You did not

create this aimlessly,} [Holy Qur'an 3: 191], but with perfect harmony with nature, environment, trees and whatever God created on Earth of every creature, to the extent that God - in the context of this harmony - makes a dialogue between the human and his organs, and between him and ants, birds and all the other animate and inanimate beings, during which all of them say, {We were made to speak by God, Who has made everything speak} [Holy Qur'an 41: 21].

In accordance with such mutual love between God, the human and environment around, the soul of the believer aspires to everything God loves, so he loves it, and distastes everything that God does not love, so he hates it. As a result, he loves those who are beneficent, who are pious, who are just, who are patient, who are dependent upon God, and who are constantly repentant and who purify themselves because God loves them. He hates corruption, corrupters, traitors, the haughty, the arrogant, aggressors, the unfair and spendthrifts because God declared that he did not love them.

In the same way God established the relation between the Muslim and the non-Muslim on the basis of love, even when this love is one-sided, which means that a Muslim loves in others their humanity and loves for them the blessing of Islam

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he loves for himself. He wishes they embraced Islam, but if they prefer to cling to their religion and refuse to embrace Islam, this will not form a barrier between him and them so that it will never break the links of love and cooperation nor raise animosity or hatred between them. On the contrary, Islam has clarified for them whatever guarantees the continuity of this relation which a Muslim conducts as follows, according to its various states:

1. The state of the mutual coexistence and intimacy:

This state is controlled by the Qur'anic Verse, {God does not forbid you from those - who do not fight you because of religion and do not expel you from your homes - from being righteous toward them and acting justly toward them} [Holy Qur'an 60: 8]. "*being righteous toward them*" in this Verse indicates the strongest form of love and intimacy while every party has the right of practicing its own worships and live its life according to the religious rituals every party inclines to. A Muslim could call for his religion only by introducing the righteous symbol and the good pattern, wisdom and good instruction, and arguing with them in a way that is best at favorable circumstances for preserving the link of intimacy and intimate relationship.

2. The state of disharmony and dispute that might blemish the relationship between them:

Muslims, in this case, are enjoined not to begin aggression. God, Almighty, says {Do not transgress. Indeed, God does not like transgressors} [Holy Qur'an 2: 190 & 5: 78]. The same statement was repeated in two chapters of the Qur'an to confirm forbidding aggression and God's hatred of it.

3. The state of the others' initiation of aggression:

When others initiate aggression, Muslims' only choice will be to confront it with an equal degree and not to exceed it, according to God's Words { So whoever has assaulted you, then assault him in the same way that he has assaulted you} [Holy Qur'an 2:194].

4. The state of calling for peace and stopping aggression:

A Muslim has to respond to such a call even if he perceives a smell of cheating in it. Then he is to accept it with vigilance { And if they incline to peace, then incline to it [also] and rely upon God. Indeed, it is He who is the Hearing, the Knowing. But if they intend to deceive you – then sufficient for you is God. It is He who supported you with His help and with the believers} [Holy Qur'an 8: 61,

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5. The state of mutual agreement on peace making and concluding treaties:

In this case a Muslim is obliged to adhere to such treatments and fulfill it absolutely { And fulfill the covenant of God when you have taken it, [O believers], and do not break oaths after their confirmation while you have made God, over you, a security [i.e., witness]. Indeed, God knows what you do} [Holy Qur'an 16: 91]

6. Terminating and refuting treaties:

A Muslim continues to adhere to his treaties as long as the other party adheres to them {So, as long as they are upright toward you ,⁽¹⁾ be upright toward them} [Holy Qur'an 9: 7]. He is not permitted to refute a treaty even if he is advised to do so by several brothers of his religion {Excepted are those with whom you made a treaty among the polytheists and then they have not been deficient toward you in anything or supported anyone against you; so complete for them their treaty until their term [has ended]. Indeed, God loves the righteous [who fear Him]} [Holy Qur'an 9: 4]

These are the Qur'anic texts organizing the relation between Muslims and non-Muslims. They represent the Muslim's culture according to

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which he ought to behave - male he be or female - whether in peace or in war.

Have the protocols of the United Nation, the legislation of the Human Rights or the principles of the global relations been of better guidance ?! Our Islamic teachings involve more and more texts about supreme relations, neighborhood, coexistence, etc.

Although we belong to an ancient civilization which is older than yours - but we lacked the resolution to go on with that march and our hands were too feeble to hold up its banner - we do not see anything that might prevent the rise of new civilizations which would be able to proceed firmly aiming at ennobling the human. This is because God guaranteed to keep the banner of civilization high when He said, { And if you turn away [i.e., refuse], He will replace you with another people; then they will not be the likes of you} [Holy Qur'an 47: 38]; rather, we witness the inevitability of the existence of such alternative and consecutive civilizations in harmony with God's Words { O mankind, indeed you are laboring toward your Lord with [great] exertion and will meet it [your exertion]} [Holy Qur'an 84:6], because {Has there [not] come upon man a period of time when he was not a thing [even] mentioned} [Holy Qur'an 76:1]. He, however, has

been developing and rising up the ascents of civilization, and will never draw back again. After all, we do not agree with Hantington who believes in the inevitability of the struggle among the civilizations; rather, we see that holding dialogues among the civilizations is the ideal method to realize acquaintance, reaction and complete coexistence so that they enrich each other for realizing what is always better for the welfare and interests of the human.

In spite of our rejection of unipolarity - for fear of the danger of pride, haughtiness and arrogance, and for our trust that it will become impotent for the lack of the spirit of challenge and controversy - we do not find it strange that success and transcendence would lead their owners to the position of leadership, to the rank of idealism and to a responsibility which would make him worthy of them.

That's all about us, but what in the world about you?

We felt deep pain for what afflicted you on September 11 because we witnessed in it a terrible aggression against the whole humanity. Have you, however, ever felt our daily continued pains for dozens of years ago? Have you ever thought of searching for your real enemy who is

residing amongst you, for he may be our mutual enemy who sees none deserving life but he himself?! Have you ever thought of searching for him in your policies, because these policies of yours might be the makers of terrorism and its fire all over the world?!

The greatest value of history lies in the lessons and precepts it gives and in the traditions and laws the human can deduct from his experience in order to guide him. So, will you benefit yourselves of its lessons? Will you retire to your souls and prevent them from committing injustices and sins in the world?! Will you stand even for one moment with justice and conscience?!

{God does not like the public mention of evil except by one who has been wronged} [Holy Qur'an 4: 148] But, let us, please, say publicly that the calamity which afflicted you, despite its being very ugly and in spite of our rejection of it, has not caused you to move even one inch away from the wrongs you are committing. It has not had the least effect on your conscience. Therefore, you still see truth in Israel's falsehood; justice that you support in its injustice; self-defense you applaud to in its aggression; something so ordinary and disregarded in the Palestinians' sufferings, sorrow and wretchedness; justice the

Palestinians are worth of in destroying their homes, dispersing their families, pulling out their trees, occupying their lands, killing their children and assassinating their men; unjustified fuss in their women's wailing, the senescent's screams and the wounded men's moaning; aggression that ought to be withstood in defending themselves; terrorism that ought to be eliminated in the stones of their children; realizing the hopes of the Palestinian mass for building up its state in weakening the Palestinian Authority, and realizing its sovereignty over its land in destroying its houses.

We do doubt the possibility that the American Administration may be too simple to know that the Palestinian mass have been living on their land for thousands of years, and that Balfour promised the Jews of something he does not possess even one inch of; that those who brought Balfour's promise into effect uprooted a safe mass from their land in order to substitute them for others; that those who are ruling Israel represent the leaders of the terroristic gangs which committed the massacres of Deir Yasseen, Sabra, Shatela and Qana; that those who were expelled from their land are still living in camps as refugees and immigrants; that those who were given the owner's places were received as

conquerors and offered the confiscated lands as safe settlers; that the children's stones are the remainders of their ruined houses; that their arms are too weak to throw those stones farther than the helmet of the soldier who attacks them with hails of bullets or with a tank pulling their houses down with bombs, and that the mass who are defending their land never possess F16 planes or Abachis.

We do not doubt that the men of the Palestinian Authority whom USA asks to preserve the security of Israel are sniped consecutively, because Israel does not want security or peace as long as it aims for raising war and making of it a pretense for going on with its settling program; that the Arabs who were offered the right to citizenship in Israel are living a tenth-class citizenship, which implies neither opportunities nor rights; that the uprising of the unarmed Palestinian mass is a reporting cry they utter loudly over the train of consecutive martyrs' processions to confront the global absolute and conniving silence; that the tender body which the unarmed prime Palestinian young man sacrifices, he offers it stimulated by his clinging to a yard of his land in which he aspires to be buried before the confiscating and occupying enemy expels him, and that such a body is all the property of

the oppressed Palestinian citizen. After all, you want to deprive him of his right to explode his body and sacrifice his spirit which is, of course, the most precious thing in his life. What difference is there between Sharon's rockets and intelligent bombs that he hurls from F16 planes, Abachi helicopters and American manufactured tanks on the heads of the Palestinians to harvest their women, children and old aged men everyday on one hand, and a body exploded amidst the aggressive Jews as a response to the aggression, in self-defense and as an expression of the continuity of existence on the other hand?! What is the volume of such response versus such aggression?! What could the human machine and children's arms do versus the gigantic destructive military machinery?! Is the Israeli blood that you regret for purer than the Palestinian blood spilt abundantly in defense of the land and honor?!

Should the American administration be ignorant of these facts, it would be really a misfortune. It is, however, a greater misfortune if the American administration knows of them and ignores or disregard them.

We are to address the Americans again saying, "We are not your enemies". It is the word of truth which, if you announce, your enemy will be clearly distinguished from your friend and the

corrupter will appear clearly versus the reformer, in which case you will earn the hearts of billion Muslims in addition to the whole world which is complaining of the injustice and arrogance of Zionists and restore your credibility before a world which has got bored of corruption and corrupting so that you will be worth of leading it {And never think that God is unaware of what the wrongdoers do. He only delays them [i.e., their account] for a Day when eyes will stare [in horror]} [Holy Qur'an 14: 42]

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SIXTH:

**AMERICA
IS A CALCIFYING CIVILIZATION**

December 12th, 2002

Deep into my soul, I deplore the status quo of America, and deep in my heart I wish my emotions would reach the heart of every American and hope that my words could express my emotions to them.

I absolutely admit that I never possess the eloquence of competent writers nor the interpretation of scholars nor the wisdom of philosophers nor I am Foko Yoma or Hantington. I am no more than a human possessing the ability to think, estimate and distinguish between the values of good and evil and the tendencies of lowering and promotion the creator deposited in the human. I love the principles of freedom, justice, democracy, equality and dialogue and the values of truth, good, brotherhood, altruism, love, beauty and transcendence. My soul distastes

every practice of tyranny, compulsion, violence, hatred, grudge, conspiracy, falsification, austerity, corruption and dressing falsehood the garment of truth.

No matter how much ideal and supreme over the practice of the real state of affairs it is said about such principles and values and how much the real life on Earth is overwhelmed by the tendencies of selfishness, egoism, giving preference to the private national, racial and religious interests, I see that the human is instinctively disposed for the love of promotional, supremacy and realizing ideals, and that he has covered a long distance in his firm pace towards realizing such ideals since he used to kill his brother, eat his flesh while dead and admit of no right to him or adhere to nothing but the jungle law until he had his own legislations and laws which he arbitrated and adhere to and developed in a way to fulfill his needs and updates.

The ideals of good may rise with the calls of the prophets and reformers, whereas their scale may lighten when the wicked or corrupters catch hold of power. The caravan of humankind is proceeding toward the goal that God has identified for them, striving for realizing liberation from crime, corruption and bloodshed,

not affected in the least by its riders' vibration between the front and the back, their scramble and their coming into contact with each other as long as that vessel holds them all together on its board, heading to God through the sea of darkness along its decreed path.

This way struggle and scramble go on. The outcome and the balance of winning or losing will, however, be only in favor of the human and his noble values. The most distinct proof of the Creator's trust in the human's good guidance and his ability to go on with his march, making use of his reason and seeking guidance in the heavenly messages, is concluding prophethood and the break of the heavenly revelation.

I trust in the human and believe in the brotherhood and unity of the human destiny. Through such trust and belief, and as an Arab Muslim human, I allow myself to address the American human, try to sneak into his conscience and sentiments and motivate all the springs of good he has, all his creative powers and his sanctifying of justice, in addition to his unlimited power to change and to take and correct decisions.

I have pity on the civilization of USA after it has gone far away in the field of human progress, for fear that it may be mummified, calcified and isolated, because we, as Arabs and Muslims, have had a bitter experience in this field, which is much more ancient than the American experience. It caught the interest of both hearing and vision and threw its extensive shades on most of the old world, conveyed all the sciences of previous contemporary nations, melted them in its crucible and reproduced them as a human heritage which it conveyed to the consecutive generations. Then the Western masses shoveled it when they were still primitive and living outside the borders of civilization so that they could make use well of it. Our civilization was then afflicted with immobility and isolation and calcified. Therefore, we were unable, though we had been trying for two centuries, to wipe the dust away from it and restore its faculty of creativity.

We dispatched the best, wittiest and most intelligent of our youth to the West in order to receive as much of its sciences as they could and to benefit of its experience. When they returned to us, however, we were unable to provide them with suitable environment that could hold them and develop their talents. Therefore, they

returned to you where they are now living amongst you, serving the civilization which taught them. Every house in our lands has sent a piece of its heart to acquire your nationality, join with your civilization and contribute to it efficiently and generously.

On one hand, I assure you that we will never desist - through our attempts to rise - from seeking your help and benefiting of your experience within the frame of [The Dialogue of Civilizations], the title that we suggest to replace the [Struggle of Civilizations] that Huntington laid. On the other hand, I find myself - within the same frame - confident that we possess what we are able to offer you, out of the lessons and morals of retardation, in order to avoid it, the same as those lessons and values of modernization we previously offered the West in order to bring them into effect.

The immobility resulting from isolation, calcifying, mummifying, self-surrender, self opinion admiration, self-exalt, getting monopoly of truth and negating it from others, and then negating the other with it might be the most important experiments of retardation and civilizational deterioration that we warn you of.

But how might such a thing happen at a time

when civilization is at its peak and vigor?! It is the disease of mottoes from which we have suffered such a lot. We appeal to you not to fall in it, or linger at it, if you find yourselves falling in it.

Your masses strove a lot against oppression, injustice and exploitation, and no sooner did they liberate themselves from them than they erected for it a statue which became a symbol of freedom in the world -- a symbol which radiates light, justice, equality and human rights. It was highly admired by your nation to an extent that its consecutive governments exerted all efforts possible to bring its values into effect in their homeland to express their glorification of its indications and their admiration of its existence amidst them, and entrusted to it the mission of applying those values overseas, but in its name the most awful sorts of injustice, oppression, tyranny, killing of innocents and dispersing secure people are committed. Should an inquirer ask them deprecatingly, his question is referred to the statue of freedom though they know that it is mere a stone which neither harms nor benefits nor speaks nor hears, the same as Abraham's affair with his people when he referred them to the biggest among their idols {Ask them, if they should [be able to] speak} [Holy Qur'an 21: 63].

Whenever I hear that the president of your states, Mr. George W. Bush, and his companion, Collin Bowl, see the trains of Palestinian martyrs, the torn off limbs of their innocent children, the ruins of their destroyed houses and the fragments of their uprooted trees, they do nothing but blessing Sharon's violence, praising his justice and providing him with more and more destructive weapons and ask the victim to stop committing violence; the violence of screaming and moaning, the violence of repulsing the tank and plane with a stone, a thing they call terrorism; whereas they call Sharon's aggression and oppression self-defense. Whenever I hear them talk with such logic, I feel that the devil has dominated them so that it obliterated their hearts, sealed their sights, inactivated their minds and snatched their tongues to make use of them for uttering whatever it wished in their names. Should anyone be unable to understand such solecism, they will refer him to the statue of freedom to explain to him silently what was dubious in utterance.

Yesterday, Sharon's tanks penetrated deeply into the city of Rafah, destroyed 37 houses and dispersed more than 100 families -- old aged, women, young men and children. They were thrown in the streets at a chilly night under the

burden of an intense snow storm, which prevented them from collecting their things and the sheets and blankets they used to fold themselves with and deprived them of the least of the human rights represented in a secure home. Then Mr. Bush appeared to us to talk fluently and expressly about the ship of weapons, which Sharon stopped across the Red Sea, that evidences had not yet been enough to prove that Yasser Arafat had got involved in it. He, however, started to doubt that the Palestinian Authority had contributed to the issue. In the meantime, he ignored the tragedy of hundreds of Palestinians, whose houses were destroyed and they were dispersed homeless in the open. Sharon, on the other hand will everyday invent for him a new doll to divert him from the massacres he commits, and a ship with a few guns on its board is taken as a pretense to demand in return dozens of F16 and Abachi military planes and hundreds of rockets in order to be able to defy himself against the unarmed Palestinian stone children and the armies of the surrounding Arab, which took a strategic decision not to move but backwards. Accordingly, the only duty of the American tax-payer is to pay the price willy-nilly in defense of the distorted freedom under the feet of the dumb Statue of Freedom.

Should Bush and his assistants in the American administration be too simple and stupid to believe Sharon's lies, *or* were they captured and controlled by the lobby Jew to the extent that they never think but through his mind nor see but with his eyes, I esteem you much more highly, both American human, to be too simple, spelled, subjected and captured as much as your rulers are.

Those who have been charmed by Sharon's spell or driven by his quackery do sacrifice your values, trade with your wealth, talk in your name and commit the most horrible injustices to bring you the hostility of masses. Never believe the myth of terrorism by which they deceive you to raise your sympathy and usurp your wealth, for they themselves are the real makers of the terrorism they raise their voices with. Injustice alone is the maker of terrorism. Only in the pastures of injustice terrorism finds its appropriate incubators so as to nest and grow there.

All masses crave for peace and security, and the human instinctively hates crime, fights against it and rejoices for discovering the criminal and imposing upon him the most severe

punishment. Fighting against a crime, however, should not be by committing a similar crime, reforming corruption is not realized by making another corruption to replace it, and eradicating terrorism is not achieved by terrorism and injustice. Crime, terrorism and injustice are fought by means of realizing justice. Otherwise, the human would live the jungle law, and corruption would prevail.

The ages of revenge and hostages is over now, and none agrees or accepts that a human be blamed for a sin committed by another, or a human is brought to account for a sin he had never committed; rather it was committed by another, which is the law of logic and of God's Words { No bearer of burdens will bear the burden of another } [Holy Qur'an 53: 38].

Changing the direction of planes, altering their riders compulsively into human bombs and killing thousands of people in the towers of the International Trade Center and the Pentagon in both New York and Washington in September 11th 2001 is a treason which no human could avoid refraining from condemning it, nor could any human be annoyed for punishing those who committed. On the other hand, it could not be taken as a pretense for killing thousands of

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innocent people who had nothing to do with it, nor it in the least might be a pretense for committing hundreds of injustices behind the screen of fighting against terrorism and in the name of defending freedom.

O brother American human!

The State of Israel, which the presidents of your government have been defending and providing with weapons and wealth which they collect from your sweat and efforts for dozens of years, was built from terrorism. All its presidents were, and are still the leaders of terroristic groups which executed dozens of massacres in Palestine, split open the abdomens of the pregnant in order to make sure of killing their fetuses and expelled millions of Palestinians and deprived them of their houses and wealth in order to substitute them for settlers who have no relation with the land.

All the Israeli presidents are wanted to be brought to the international justice as criminals of genocide wars against humanity.

O brother American human!

Unless your voice rises to demand stopping and preventing injustice, establishing truth,

erecting justice and rejecting falsehood, never wait for the oppressed and wronged masses to get hurt for your pain or get annoyed for your anger; rather, do not regard it unlikely that these masses would rejoice for the misfortune that befalls you - - besides their rejection of the crime and condemning it. They rejoice for it for its being a divine punishment such as any calamity God afflicted on the peoples who used to wrong in response to the prayers of millions of wronged and oppressed people; the sense implied in God's Words { And the heaven and earth wept not for them, nor were they reprieved } [Holy Qur'an 44: 29].

O brother American human!

Never be deceived by what your presidents proclaimed regarding their belief in God when they printed "In God We Trust" on the back of each dollar. They did so as a part of the process of mummification that they practiced upon your principles and ideas, exactly as the Statue of Freedom by which they could immobilize your belief in God, take His orders and values out of circulation and change them into a spell or an incantation to preserve you of time perfidies and the envious evil. Then they appointed the **dollar** a deity instead of God (Allah), the same as they did

when they appointed the Statue of Freedom as an alternative of freedom.

Brilliant emblems have deceived us and made a screen between us and their truths, immobilized our reasons and returned us to going astray to feel for a way of exit.

This is the lesson of our experience that we offer you hoping that you be powerful enough to release yourselves quickly from the hold of emblems, the information falsification and hiding behind statues, and win the hearts of the masses which love peace through sympathizing with them. Those hearts have been disposed for the love of those who do good to them. They will also exchange good for good with you so that they will rejoice for what rejoices you and suffer for your pains and sufferings ...

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