

Fatwa on Punishment of Blasphemy in Quraan

Blasphemy is the act of insulting or showing contempt or lack of reverence to a deity, to religious or holy persons or sacred things, or toward something considered sacred or inviolable. No Muslim is a Muslim if he/she doesn't feel pain/hurt due to Blasphemy of any of the Prophets/Messengers of Allah including Ibrahim (Abraham), Musa (Moses), Isa (Jesus), Dawood (David) and Muhammad (PBUH). Laws of Makka al Mukarrama and Al Madina Al Monawara where disbelievers are not allowed to visit or live cannot be applied to rest of the Islaamic Countries. Similarly Laws of Islaamic Countries cannot be applied to rest of the world. People are not allowed to take laws into their own hand. Violence is hurting Islaam very badly. It is becoming extremely difficult to do Dawah in Non-Muslim countries after any single violence by a single Muslim. A wise approach could be to reply in the media, to participate in peaceful demonstrations, or take legal actions seeking punishment or compensation and even boycott goods or apply political pressure since it's a matter of personal choice.

Freedom of Speech does not mean hurting the feelings of others and in this case 1.8 Billions of Muslims around the world, so there must be checks and balances with tolerances to co-exist in our Global Village. There is law for many things but there is no law for hurting 1.8 Billions of Muslims feelings is unjust, double standard and is not acceptable to Muslims. Is there any law for hurting peoples feeling who are living in minority. Positive dialogues must be established including live on Media (e.g. TV) where people can ask direct questions from scholars.

Blasphemy and these types of slogans are not new and many times, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was subjected to verbal and physical humiliation. He (PBUH) was narrowly escaped assassination by migrating to Medina along with Hazrat Abu Bakar (RA). He was accused of FORGERY, (Ref: Al_Quraan_021.005), and MAD/CRAZY/POSSESSED, (Ref: Al_Quraan_068.002). His personal reaction, as also the reaction of all his devoted Companions (RA), while both in and out of power, was impeccable adherence to the Quraanic teachings.

Punishment for Physical Abuse/Crime in the Quraan: The Quraan sets strict limits on punishment for any and every physical abuse/crime, i.e. tit for tat, e.g., eye for eye, teeth for teeth and wounds for similar wounds as its maximum punishment, while recommends to forgive to set a role model for others, (Ref: Al_Quraan_002.178, 004.092-093, 005.032, 005.045, 062.040, 028.054). The honourable ministers and lawyers must have clear knowledge of the Quraanic directives on crime and its punishment. For more detail:

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