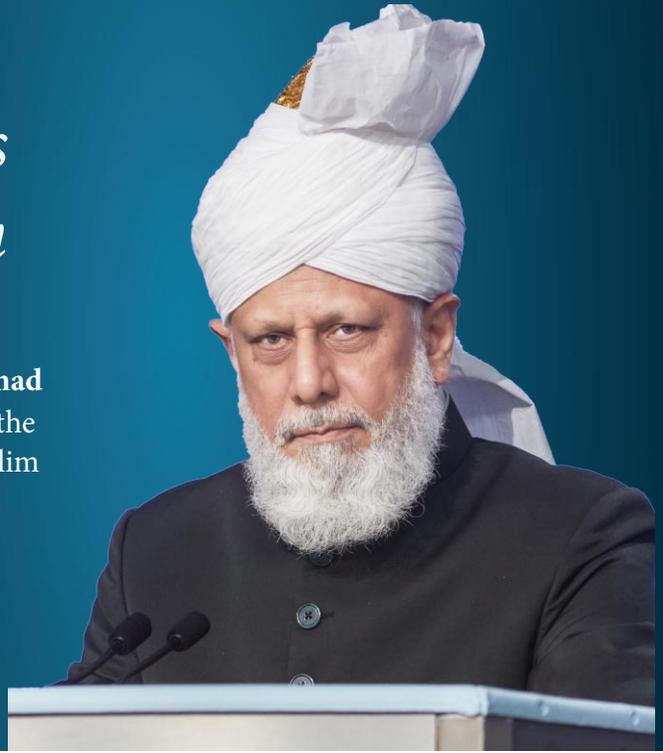


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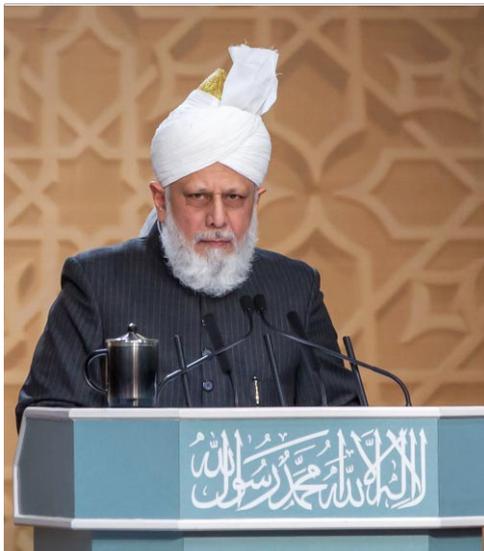
His Holiness

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Islam's Response to **EXTREMISM**





His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad is widely acknowledged as a man of peace, who has continuously spoken out against extremism and called for a concerted effort to promote peace based on absolute justice. In this leaflet, we present just a few extracts of his statements.

THE ACTIONS OF EXTREMISTS CONTRADICT THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM

“Islam’s teachings of peace prohibit all forms of extremism, to the extent, that even in a state of legitimate war, Allah has commanded that any action or punishment should remain proportionate to the crimes committed and that it is better if patience and forgiveness is manifest. Thus, all those so-called Muslims who are engaged in violence, injustice and brutality are inviting God’s wrath and anger to their doorstep.”

(The 13th National Peace Symposium, Baitul Futuh Mosque, London, 19 March 2016)

“...under no circumstances can murder ever be justified and those who seek to justify their hateful acts in the name of Islam are serving only to defame it in the worst possible way.”

(Press Release in the aftermath of the Paris attacks, 14 November 2015)

“In much of the world today there is a belief or perception that Islam is a religion of extremism and force... Let me say at the outset that this is entirely wrong and the reality is the complete opposite... The truth is that there are some selfish Muslims... who seek only to serve their own personal interests. To feed their own ambitions and desires they are interpreting Islam’s teachings in completely the wrong way and therefore have enabled various unfounded allegations to be levelled against Islam. Their acts unfairly tarnish Islam’s pure name...”

(Singapore Reception, 26 September 2013)

“It is a tragedy and injustice of the heaviest proportion that such hateful and vengeful acts are being carried out in the name of that God, Who is Gracious, Who is Benevolent and All-Merciful. It is being conducted in the name of that God Whose compassion is unparalleled. It is being done in the name of that Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) who has been declared by God Almighty as the ‘Mercy for all Mankind’. And it is being falsely justified in the name of that Sharia, which advocates peace and justice for all.”

(Press Release Condemning Peshawar School Massacre, 20 December 2014)

ISLAM – A RELIGION OF PEACE

“... Islam’s real teachings are of peace and security for all people. If we look at the Holy Qur’an and also the life and character of the Prophet of Islam, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), it becomes clear that the early Muslims never initiated any war or violence. If ever the Muslims took part in a war it was purely defensive and their only objective was to stop the oppressors from their cruelty and never to assert their own superiority or to resort to injustice. They never sought to occupy lands or nations or to subjugate the people.”

(The 11th National Peace Symposium, Baitul Futuh Mosque, London, 8 November 2014)



“... a fundamental and basic teaching of Islam is that a true Muslim is a person from whose tongue and hand all other peaceful people are safe. This is the definition of a Muslim given by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).”

(European Parliament, Brussels, 4 December 2012)

EXTREMISM HAS NO PLACE IN ISLAM

“...if ISIS or any Muslim government acts against these principles of true justice and equality, then they are doing so only to fulfil their own personal or political interests. Even if they claim to act in Islam’s name, the truth is that their actions have no link with Islam or the teachings of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) whatsoever.”

“... it is never permissible, in any circumstances, to force another person to accept Islam or indeed any religion ... All people are free to believe or not to believe. And so when the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was permitted only to convey the message of Islam and nothing further – how then can the so called Muslim leaders of today go beyond this and think they have more power, authority or rights than the Prophet of Islam?”

(The 11th National Peace Symposium, Baitul Futuh Mosque, London, 8 November 2014)

EXTREMISM HAS NO PLACE IN ISLAM - *continued*

“ ... in the second verse of the very first chapter of the Holy Qur’an, it is stated that Allah the Almighty is the ‘Provider and Sustainer of all the worlds’. ...He is the ‘Gracious, Ever-Merciful’. Thus, when Allah the Almighty is the Provider and Sustainer of all people and the Gracious and Merciful – how could it be that He desired for those who believed in Him to mercilessly murder, violently oppose or harm His Creation in any way? Of course the answer is that it is not possible.”

(The 13th National Peace Symposium, Baitul Futuh Mosque, London, 19 March 2016)

“... We are all tragically witness to the fact that some so-called Muslims have conducted heinous terrorist acts, both here in the UK and abroad in recent times. Such vile acts have created a climate of fear amongst non-Muslims and, at the same time, have served to defame the religion of Islam.”

“... the truth is that whatever cruelties and evil acts they perpetrated were in complete defiance of Islam’s true teachings and proved only their total ignorance of the religion they claimed to represent.”

“... Our religion seeks to bring people together through love and dialogue and never through force or fear. Islam completely rejects all forms of extremism and terrorism. There is no ambiguity or doubt in this matter.”

(Inauguration of Baitul Muqteet Mosque, Walsall, 12 May 2018)

“Even though so-called Muslim terrorists claim to act in Islam’s name, I do not believe that we are witnessing a religious war; rather, the wars being fought, and atrocities committed, are only for geopolitical gains. The so-called Jihadi terrorists and extremist clerics serve only to tarnish the name of Islam and undermine the efforts of the vast majority of Muslims who are peaceful and law-abiding citizens.”

(The 15th National Peace Symposium, Baitul Futuh Mosque, London, 17 March 2018)

PRAYER FOR PEACE

“... may Allah the Almighty enable true peace to emerge and may the long shadows of war and conflict that hover above us be replaced by blue skies of peace and prosperity. I pray for an end to the frustrations and deprivation that have plagued the lives of countless people and have fuelled devastating wars and grievances across the world ... I pray that we show tolerance of each other’s beliefs and customs and value the diversity within our societies. I pray that we come to see the best in humanity and use each other’s strengths and skills to build a better world for our children and to cultivate lasting peace in society.”

(The 16th National Peace Symposium, Baitul Futuh Mosque, London, 9 March 2019 - photo below)



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