

The Islaamic verdict on...

Inciting religious hatred

Among all the creations of Allaah (swt) is mankind, whom he created for only one purpose – to worship, obey and submit to none but him. Allaah has informed us through his messengers, prophets and revelations that there are some people, who he loves, and they love him, and others who he hates and they hate him.

As Muslims, we are not just obliged to believe in the existence of Allaah, but also in his sayings i.e. what he says in his books and via his messengers. Disbelieving in any of what Allaah has revealed is an act of apostasy and will nullify a person's *deen* (religion – Islaam). We are obliged to love those whom Allaah loves and hate those whom Allaah hates, regardless if it is legal or illegal according to the laws of the kuffaar (non-Muslims).

If we look to the book of God – the Qur'aan, we can clearly see from hundreds of verses how much Allaah praises the believers (Muslims), those who worship him, obey him and submit to him, and curses the disbelievers (kuffaar), promising them eternal punishment and torture in the hereafter. Allaah says:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ فِي نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أُولَئِكَ هُمْ شَرُّ الْبَرِيَّةِ
“Verily, those who disbelieve (kuffaar – non-Muslims) from among the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians) and Al-Mushrikoun (all other non-Muslims) will abide in the Fire of Hell. They are the worst of creatures.” (EMQ al-Bayyinah, 98: 6)

Furthermore, Allaah (swt) says:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أُولَئِكَ هُمْ خَيْرُ الْبَرِيَّةِ
جَزَاءُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ جَنَّاتُ عَدْنٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ
وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ خَشِيَ رَبَّهُ
“Verily, those who believe (Muslims) and do righteous good deeds (reject Taaghout, pray, participate in Jihaad, invite people to Islaam etc.), they are the best of creatures.
Their reward with their Lord is 'Adn (Eden) Paradise (Gardens of Eternity), underneath which rivers flow, they will abide therein forever, Allaah is well-pleased with them, and they are pleased with Him. That is for him who fears his Lord.” (EMQ al-Bayyinah, 98: 7-8)

Therefore, we Muslims cannot love Allaah and love Shaytaan (Satan) or love Allaah and those whom Allaah hates and curses. We love those whom Allaah is pleased with and promises them paradise. The disbelievers are those who are kaafir non-Muslim, who do not believe in Islaam and the final messenger Muhammad (saw); they are the ones who are cursed by Allaah and he describes them as ‘the worst of creatures’. They are the Jews, Christians, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, MP’s, Socialists, Atheists etc. Furthermore, Allaah (swt) our Lord and your Lord says:

إِنَّ الْكَافِرِينَ كَانُوا لَكُمْ عَدُوًّا مُبِينًا...
“...verily, the disbelievers are ever unto you open enemies.” (EMQ an-Nisaa’, 4: 101)

Therefore, if the kuffaar are our enemies, we must not only hate them (in Islaam we do not love our enemies – the enemies of Allaah are our enemies and vice versa), but also their religion, way of life and traditions:

مَنْ كَانَ عَدُوًّا لِلَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَجِبْرِيلَ وَمِيكَالَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَدُوٌّ لِلْكَافِرِينَ
“Whoever is an enemy to Allaah, His Angels, His Messengers, Jibreel (Gabriel) and Meekaal (Michael), then

verily, Allaah is an enemy to the disbelievers." (EMQ al-Baqarah, 2: 98)

Their kufr (rejection and disbelief) is what angers Allaah so much so that he curses them and dooms them to eternal punishment in the hereafter. Allaah says in the Qur'aan:

مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ أَشِدَّاءُ عَلَى الْكُفَّارِ رُحَمَاءُ بَيْنَهُمْ...

"Muhammad (SAW) is the Messenger of Allaah, and those who are with him are severely harsh against disbelievers, and merciful among themselves." (EMQ al-Fath, 48: 29)

In this verse Allaah instructs the believers to be severely harsh against the kuffaar, but merciful among the believers. Is this not religious discrimination? Allaah (swt) also says:

فَإِذَا لَقَيْتُمُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَضَرْبَ الرِّقَابِ...

"So, when you meet those who disbelieve (kuffaar), smite at their necks till when you have killed and wounded many of them, then bind a bond firmly (take them as captives)..." (EMQ Muhammad, 47: 4)

And:

فَاتِلُوا الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَلَا بِالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَلَا يُحَرِّمُونَ مَا حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَلَا يَدِينُونَ دِينَ الْحَقِّ مِنَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ حَتَّى يُعْطُوا الْجِزْيَةَ عَنْ يَدٍ وَهُمْ صَاغِرُونَ

"Fight against those who (1) believe not in Allaah, (2) nor in the Last Day, (3) nor forbid that which has been forbidden by Allaah and His Messenger (4) and those who acknowledge not the religion of truth (i.e. Islaam) among the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), until they pay the Jizyah with willing submission, and feel themselves humiliated." (EMQ at-Tawbah, 9: 29)

In these above two verses, Allaah (swt) blatantly religiously discriminates against the non-Muslims and orders us to fight against them until they submit to the law of Islaam and pay *jizyah* – the tax they are obliged to pay towards the Islaamic state. Not only that, but also with humiliation! It was about this verse that many great scholars of Islaam, such as Imaam Abou Haneefah (ra) would discuss the level of humiliation a non-Muslim should face!

Abou Haneefah (ra) ordered that when non-Muslims pay their tax due to the Islaamic state, they should be made to crouch down while giving their money (i.e. with humiliation) and they are not allowed to come by any form of transport, but rather by foot. Ibn Qayyim (ra) said that a non-Muslim is not allowed to ride a horse like a Muslim combatant; rather he must ride it with both legs on one side. Other scholars said that they are not allowed to walk on the same footpath as the Muslims but rather where the animals walk.

Evidence for this type of religious discrimination is from numerous verses and ahaadeeth (sayings) of the messenger Muhammad (saw). Some examples are:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا آبَاءَكُمْ وَإِخْوَانَكُمْ أَوْلِيَاءَ إِنِ اسْتَحَبُّوا الْكُفْرَ عَلَى الْإِيمَانِ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّهُمْ مِنْكُمْ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ

"O you who believe! Take not for Auliyyaa' (supporters, friends and helpers etc.) your fathers and your brothers if they prefer Al-kufr (disbelief, religion and way of life of the kuffaar etc.) over Eemaan. And whoever of you does so, then he is one of the Zaalimoun (oppressors, disbelievers etc.)." (EMQ at-Tawbah, 9: 23)

In this verse Allaah (swt) orders the believers to not to even support our families if they prefer kufr over Eemaan...is this not discrimination based on religion? The messenger Muhammad (saw) also said in the following ahaadeeth:

"الإسلام يعلو ولا يعلى عليه"

'Islam is superior and nothing can supersede it.' (al-Jaami' as-Sagheer #3063)

لأخرجن اليهود والنصارى من جزيرة العرب. حتى لا أَدع إلا مسلماً

'Expel the Jews and the Christians from the Arabian peninsula.' (Saheeh Muslim, book of Jihaad #1767)

لا تبدأوا اليهود ولا النصارى بالسلام، وإذا لقيتم أحدهم في طريق فاضطروه
إلى أضيقه

'Do not salute the Jews and the Christians before they salute you. And when you meet one of them on the road, force him to go through the narrowest part of it.' (al-Jaami' as-Sagheer #9726)

And Allaah (swt) says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا الْيَهُودَ وَالنَّصَارَىٰ أَوْلِيَاءَ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّهُمْ مِنْكُمْ فإِنَّهُ
مِنْهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ

"O you who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians as Auliya' (friends, allies, helpers, companions, supporters etc.), they are but Auliya' to one another. And if any amongst you takes them as Auliya', then surely he is one of them." (EMQ al-Maa-idah, 5: 51)

'Umar bin Khattaab wrote in his famous letter to the Christians who were living under the authority of the Islaamic state:

"بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم. هذا كتاب لعبد الله عمر أمير المؤمنين من نصارى
مدينة كذا وكذا، إنكم لما قدمتم علينا سألناكم الأمان لأنفسنا وذراريننا وأموالنا
وأهل ملتنا، وشرطنا لكم على أنفسنا أن لا نحدث في مدينتنا ولا فيما حولها ديراً
ولا كنسية ولا قلاية ولا صومعة راهب، ولا نجدد ما خرب منها، ولا نحبي
منها ما كان خطراً للمسلمين، وأن لا نمنع كنائسنا أن ينزلها أحد من المسلمين
في ليل ولا نهار، وأن نوسع أبوابها للمارة وابن السبيل، وأن ننزل من مر بنا
من المسلمين ثلاثة أيام نطعمهم، ولا نؤوي في كنائسنا ولا منازلنا جاسوساً، ولا
نكتم غشاً للمسلمين، ولا نعلم أولادنا القرآن، ولا نظهر شركاً، ولا ندعو إليه
أحدًا، ولا نمنع أحدًا من ذوي قرابتنا الدخول في الإسلام إن أرادوه، وأن نوقر
المسلمين، وأن نقوم لهم من مجالسنا إن أرادوا الجلوس، ولا ننتسبه بهم في شيء
من ملابسهم في قلنسوة ولا عمامة ولا نعلين ولا فرق شعر، ولا نتكلم بكلامهم،
ولا نكتتي بكناهم، ولا نركب السروج، ولا ننقلد السيوف، ولا نتخذ شيئاً من
السلاح، ولا نحمله معنا، ولا ننقش خواتمنا بالعربية، ولا نبيع الخمر، وأن
نجز مقادير رؤوسنا، وأن نلزم حيثما كنا، وأن نشد الزنابير على أوساطنا، وأن
لا نظهر الصليب على كنائسنا، وأن لا نظهر صليبنا ولا كتبنا في شيء من
طريق المسلمين ولا أسواقهم، ولا نضرب نواقيسنا في كنائسنا إلا ضرباً خفيفاً،
وأن لا نرفع أصواتنا بالقراءة في كنائسنا في شيء من حضرة المسلمين، ولا
نخرج شعانين ولا بعوثاً، ولا نرفع أصواتنا مع موتانا، ولا نظهر النيران معهم
في شيء من طرق المسلمين، ولا أسواقهم، ولا نجاورهم بموتانا، ولا نتخذ من
الرقيق ما جرى عليه سهام المسلمين، وأن نرشد المسلمين ولا نطلع عليهم في
منازلهم، قال: فلما أتيت عمر بالكتاب زاد فيه: "ولا نضرب أحدًا من المسلمين"

شرطنا لكم ذلك على أنفسنا وأهل ملتنا، وقبلنا عليه الأمان، فإن نحن خالفنا في شيء مما شرطناه لكم ووظفنا على أنفسنا، فلا ذمة لنا، وقد حل لكم منا ما يحل من أهل المعاندة والشقاق."

'In the name of Allaah, ar-Rahmaan ar-Raheem... You are under my covenant unless you do any of the following: Do not build any church or monasteries in your area and neither repair any of your churches. And do not come out with your Cross or any of your books. Do not encourage people to embrace your deen, and do not prevent any of your families from embracing Islaam. Do not carry any weapons, swords or sticks - unless anyone of you is blind, disabled or old. And do not dress like the Muslims etc...' (Mentioned in the Tafseer of Ibn Katheer, sourah at-Tawbah, 9: 29)

All these above evidences explicitly instruct us to discriminate against the non-Muslims not by race, sex or nationality, but rather by religion. In-fact, Allaah almighty prohibits us to take them as friends, let alone to join their forces and armies. The scholars of Islaam all agree that the purpose of humiliating the kuffaar is in order for them to realise that they are humiliating themselves and the cause of their humiliation is their kufr and shirk. Ask any (practicing) Muslim man if he would marry his daughter or sister to a Jew, Christian, Hindu, Sikh or any other non-Muslim...they will undoubtedly never accept it. Is this not discrimination based upon religion?

Muslims and non-Muslims are not equal

Many non-Muslims like to claim that we are all the same and all believe in the same God. Muslims should always be aware that the non-Muslims are liars as the God they worship has a son, and the God we worship has no son! In the Qur'aan Allaah informs us that those who have knowledge are not equal to those who do not, and those who are practicing Muslims are not equal to those who are not:

أَمْ مَنْ هُوَ قَانِتٌ آنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ سَاجِدًا وَقَائِمًا يَحْذَرُ الآخِرَةَ وَيَرْجُو رَحْمَةَ رَبِّهِ قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ إِنَّمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

"Are those who know equal to those who know not?" (EMQ az-Zumar, 39: 9)

أَمْ نَجْعَلُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ كَالْمُفْسِدِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَمْ نَجْعَلُ الْمُتَّقِينَ كَالْفُجَّارِ
"Shall we treat those who believe (Muslims) and do righteous good deeds, as Mufsidoun (those who associate partners in worship with Allaah and commit crimes) on earth? Or shall we treat the Muttaqoun (the pious), as the Fujjaar (criminals, disbelievers, wicked, etc)?" (EMQ Saad, 38: 28)

Therefore, if the one with knowledge is not equal to the one who has no knowledge, how can a Muslim be equal to a kaafir? Those who say Muslims are equal to the Jews, Christians and other non-Muslims are liars and disbelievers. Muslims living in the west should be like Mousaa (as), who was living among the kuffaar but hated them, he was an enemy to them and made their life a misery, as Allaah says in the Qur'aan:

فَالْتَقَطَهُ آلُ فِرْعَوْنَ لِيَكُونَ لَهُمْ عَدُوًّا وَحَزَنًا إِنَّ فِرْعَوْنَ وَهَامَانَ وَجُنُودَهُمَا كَانُوا خَاطِئِينَ
"Then the household of Fir'awn (Pharaoh) picked him up, that he might become for them an enemy and a (cause of) grief. Verily! Fir'awn, Haamaan and their hosts were sinners." (EMQ al-Qalam, 28: 8)

The kuffaar hate Allaah, Islaam and the Muslims

Despite all of this, Allaah informs us in the Qur'aan of the hatred and animosity the non-Muslims have towards not only Allaah and his messenger, but his books and the believers too:

يُرْضَوْنَكُمْ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَتَأْبَى قُلُوبُهُمْ...

"...With (good words from) their mouths they please you, but their hearts are full of hatred towards you..." (EMQ at-Tawbah, 9: 8)

مَا يُوَدُّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَلَا الْمُشْرِكِينَ أَنْ يُنَزَّلَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَاللَّهُ
يَخْتَصُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ

"Neither those who disbelieve among the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians) nor al-Mushrikoun (the disbelievers in the Oneness of Allaah, idolaters, polytheists, pagans, etc.) like that there should be sent down unto you any good from your Lord. But Allaah chooses for His Mercy whom He wills. And Allaah is the Owner of Great Bounty." (EMQ al-Baqarah, 2: 105)

يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَيَأْبَى اللَّهُ إِلَّا أَنْ يُتِمَّ نُورَهُ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ

"They (kuffaar) want to extinguish Allaah's Light with their mouths, but Allaah will not allow except that His Light should be perfected even though the Kaafiroon (disbelievers) hate (it)." (EMQ at-Tawbah, 9: 32)

إِنْ تُصِيبَكَ حَسَنَةٌ تَسُؤْهُمْ وَإِنْ تُصِيبَكَ مُصِيبَةٌ يَقُولُوا قَدْ أَخَذْنَا أَمْرًا مِنْ قَبْلُ وَتَوَلَّوْا وَهُمْ فَرِحُونَ

"If good befalls you it grieves them, but if a calamity overtakes you, they say: "We took our precaution beforehand," and they turn away rejoicing." (EMQ at-Tawbah, 9: 50)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنْ تُطِيعُوا فَرِيقًا مِنَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ يَرُدُّوكُمْ بَعْدَ إِيمَانِكُمْ كَافِرِينَ

"O you who believe! If you obey a group of those who were given the Scripture (the non-Muslims), they would (indeed) make you disbelievers after you have believed!" (EMQ Aali 'Imraan, 3: 100)

Therefore it is not surprising at all to see the kuffaar trying to implement new legislating to stop Muslims from hating other religions. They are clearly jealous and envious of our belief, tranquillity, lifestyle and superiority above them, hence want to make it illegal to incite religious hatred. What they have forgotten though is that hating all false religions and gods other than Islaam and Allaah is the very first condition of becoming a Muslim! If a Muslim loves everybody (except the so-called terrorists) which is what the non-Muslims want, then they can no longer be a Muslim!

Furthermore, if we are not allowed to religiously discriminate against anybody, then it is not allowed to hate the devil worshippers, as devil worshipping is a religion of thousands of people! Allaah says:

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ مِنَ الْغَيِّ فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ
بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَى لَا انْفِصَامَ لَهَا وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

"Verily, the Right Path has become distinct from the wrong path. Whoever disbelieves in Taaghout (anything worshipped, obeyed or submitted to other than Islaam i.e. non-Islaam) and believes in Allaah, then he has grasped the most trustworthy handhold that will never break. And Allaah is All-Hearer, All-Knower." (EMQ al-Baqarah, 2: 256)

Therefore it is prohibited and an act of apostasy (kufr) to obey any law other than the law of Allaah – the Sharee'ah. Muslims are obliged to hate all false gods other than the one and true God – Allaah (swt). And hate all creeds, religions, and way of lives other than Islaam. This is part of our 'Aqeedah (creed) and is one of the first conditions of being a Muslim. Muslims are obliged to invite the non-Muslims to Islaam with the vision of over throwing the kufr governments they are living under and implementing Islaam as a political way of life.

Muslims should not be fooled to think that laws relating to inciting religious hatred aims to protect the rights of Muslims. Rather it is to protect the non-Muslims who are enraged from the anger and curses of Allaah upon them. They use secular apostate so-called Muslims to promote their kufr and evil laws in order to deceive the masses. They threaten anyone who opposes them with arrest, imprisonment or even deportation...so much for freedom of speech. Allaah (swt) says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا بَطَانَةَ مَنْ دُونِكُمْ لَا يَأْلُونَكُمْ خَبَالًا وَدُّوا مَا عَنِتُّمْ قَدْ بَدَتِ الْبَغْضَاءُ

مِنْ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَمَا تُخْفِي صُدُورُهُمْ أَكْبَرُ قَدْ بَيَّنَّا لَكُمُ الْآيَاتِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ

“O you who believe! Take not as (your) Biṭānah (advisors, consultants, protectors, helpers, friends, etc.) those outside your Deen (non-Muslims and hypocrites) since they will not fail to do their best to corrupt you. They desire to harm you severely. Hatred has already appeared from their mouths, but what their breasts conceal is far worse. Indeed We have made plain to you the Aayaat (proofs, evidences, verses) if you understand.”

هَآ أَنتُمْ أَوْلَاءُ تُحِبُّونَهُمْ وَلَا يُحِبُّونَكُمْ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْكِتَابِ كُلِّهِ وَإِذَا لَقُوكُمْ قَالُوا آمَنَّا وَإِذَا خَلَوْا عَضُّوا عَلَيْكُمُ الْأَنَامِلَ مِنَ الْعَيْظِ قُلْ مُؤْمِنُوا بِعَيْظِكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ

“Lo! You are the ones who love them but they love you not, and you believe in all the Scriptures (in their original form, while they disbelieve in your Book - the Qur’aan). And when they meet you, they say, “We believe”. But when they are alone, they bite the tips of their fingers at you in rage. Say (to them): ‘Perish in your rage.’ Certainly, Allaah knows what is in the breasts.” (EMQ Aali-Imraan, 3: 118-119)

And also:

قَدْ كَانَتْ لَكُمْ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ فِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ إِذْ قَالُوا لِقَوْمِهِمْ إِنَّا بُرَآءُ مِنْكُمْ وَمِمَّا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ كَفَرْنَا بِكُمْ وَبَدَا بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمُ الْعَدَاوَةُ وَالْبَغْضَاءُ أَبَدًا حَتَّى تُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَحَدُّهُ...

“Indeed there has been an excellent example for you in Ibraaheem (Abraham) and those with him, when they said to their people: “Verily, we are free from you and whatever you worship besides Allaah, we have rejected you, and there has started between us and you, hostility and hatred for ever, until you believe in Allaah Alone...”

(EMQ al-Mumtaḥanah, 60: 4)