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Youth's Training for Defending the Desecration of Religious Sacraments in the light of Islam

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Abstract

Human society philosophically based on values, values get their shapes from their ideology. The physical factory of implementation of these values is human being's society. Though this creature has mind to think and needs direction to spend successful life, this requirement drives intellectuals to set standard of life for all type of peoples specially youth (having full energy to perform) of all type of society. Different mind sets (materialistic, religious, spiritual, and social) seeks their instructions from different sources and leave unique effects on society. Peace and pugnacity are the result of those instructions which the new generation seeks from their religious and educational icons and systems. Religion studies and sacraments have huge impacts on all type of societies' ins and outs, equally sacred and equally honorable, whenever these are treated with sanctity, flames burned the society with depth. is it? "formula of interfaith harmony" could be able to prepare our youth officially in advance for handling the crucial situation of religious sacraments' sanctity and promoting the peaceful world?

Keywords: Religious Sacraments, desecration, Defense, youth, interfaith harmony.

Desecration:

The action of damaging or showing no respect towards something holy or very much respected.¹

Interfaith:

Means involving more than one religion² and the harmony of something is the way in which its parts are combined into a pleasant arrangement.³ United Nations Organization UNESCO in 1965, as follows: Tolerance is respect, acceptance, and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world's cultures, forms of expression, and human ways. It is fostered by knowledge, openness, communication, and freedom of thought, conscience, and belief. Tolerance is harmony in difference. It is a moral duty and a political and legal requirement. Tolerance, the virtue that makes peace possible, contributes to replacing the culture of war with peace.⁴

Sacraments:

Word “sacrament” (مقدس, purity) can be explained by religious sign or symbol, The Latin word sacrament, was used in Roman law to describe a legal sanction in which a man placed his life or property in the hands of the supernatural powers that upheld justice and honored solemn contracts. It is also defined by that “the visible form of an invisible grace”⁵.

Introduction:

There are many factors (social customs, governmental priorities, religious education, economical system and standard of role models) of society which involve in the success and decline of the nation. No one would like to indulge in decline, definitely majority will be interested to know the progressive factors and also want to be aware about the causes which should be avoided while it depends on the ideology of the society and the basic rules of their community. Whenever the society goes against the law of nature, definitely face hurdles, disquietingly situation and failure in achieving good and balanced standard of life.

Youngsters are the best portion of any society to be utilized their fresh blood in gaining the national and individual aims. The future part of time directly concern to the youth. All the planning and projects designed in progressive society target their youth. They have radical stuff to put positive energy in any field same as this energy and expensive strength can be misled by negative forces to destroy the roots of society. If someone wants positive social change it can be

¹ <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/desecration>

² <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/interfaith>

³ <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/harmony>

⁴ http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0015/0015_18/151830eo.pdf (October 8, 2017)

⁵ <https://www.britannica.com>

possible only through education, positive training, strong ethical system and strict welfare rules of justices in their society same as the strong system of reward and punishment polished by religious ideology also needed.

In this global time period every society has different challenges which should be handled smartly. New tricks and techniques needed to tackle the situation of modern world's problems. Education directs someone towards the self-discipline. "quality education" can share its part to the nation by producing a good citizen. A good citizen is one who has a strong image of a predictable character. Good behavior has a far-reaching effect, it touches the conscience of others through this you can successfully change some one's heart and behavior. It's a law of nature that no one can afford to go against his conscience.

Majority of the rebels play religious card to the innocent minds by aggressing them for their own sakes. This card can destroy the whole nation if their intellectuals keep silent, on the other hand they can take revolution if expertly use it and can rule the world with the new energy and skilled mind of qualified youth. For this a new term of guided instructions of "interfaith harmony" is appreciated from many intellectuals religiously so the intellectual awakening is the only way to produce a nonviolent world by this formula. Violence is the result of misguided thinking resulted many factors "religiously misguided statements" and unbearable attitude for other religions and peoples are majors factors of burning the world, there are different ways like desecration of sacraments is the popular way now a days to afire the others. In Islamic perspective that word sacraments contains this description;

والتَّقْدِيسُ: التَّطَهِيرُ وَتَنْزِيهِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ، وَقَوْلُهُ تَعَالَى: وَنَحْنُ نَسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِكَ وَنُقَدِّسُ لَكَ⁶

The meaning of "taqdees" is to describes the purity of God, He said alike; we are engaged in glorifying you with celebrating Your Praise and extolling Your Holiness⁷. Generally in the Islamic shariya about the word "مقدس" It is conceptualized that

⁶ محمد مرتضى الحسيني الربيدي، تاج العروس من جواهر القاموس تحقيق: جماعة من المختصين من إصدارات: وزارة الإرشاد والأنباء في الكويت - المجلس الوطني للثقافة والفنون والآداب بدولة الكويت عدد الأجزاء: ٤٠ أعوام النشر: (١٣٨٥ - ١٤٢٢ هـ) ج 17، ق د س .

⁷ <https://irfan-ul-quran.com/>

فإن المقدسات الإسلامية هي كل مكان ثبت بالشرع بركته وطهارته كالمساجد، وعلى رأسها: المسجد الحرام، والمسجد النبوي، والمسجد الأقصى، بل الحرم كله سواء المكي أو النبوي كذلك من المقدسات الإسلامية⁸.

Islamic sanctities are every place whose blessing and purity has been proven by Islamic law, such as mosques, most importantly: the Grand Mosque, the Prophet's Mosque, and Al-Aqsa Mosque. Indeed, the entire Sanctuary, whether Meccan or Prophetic, is also an Islamic sanctity.

By "sacred" is meant all objects which are revered in any religion and attain the status of sanctity, even if they are related to individuals, rituals, festivals and customs. Followers have a deep relationship and connection with its sacred things whole heartedly. Shah wali –ul-Allah said:

"شعائر سے مراد وہ ظاہری اور محسوس امور ہیں جو اللہ کی عبادت کے واسطے بنائے گئے ہیں اور وہ اللہ کی ذات کے ساتھ اس طرح منسلک ہو گئے کہ اب ان شعائر کی تعظیم اللہ کی تعظیم متصور کی جاتی ہے اور ان کی تعظیم میں کمی اللہ کی تعظیم میں کمی تصور کی جاتی ہے۔ اور یہ باتیں لوگوں کے دلوں میں اس طرح جاگزیں ہوں کہ ان کے دلوں کے ٹکڑے کر دیئے جائیں تب بھی یہ باتیں ان کے دلوں سے نہیں نکل سکتیں۔"⁹

"Rituals refer to the external and tangible affairs that are made for the worship of Allah-And they became attached to the person of Allah in such a way that now the reverence of these rites is now considered to be the reverence of Allah and dishonor is considered as a lack of reverence to Allah. Even if their hearts are torn to pieces, these things cannot come out of their hearts."

The application of the sacraments is happen to these persons, objects, books and places that are considered sacred in a religion-Anyone in the world since its inception, Religion basically consists of **two** things: belief and worship. Beliefs and rituals the reverence and sanctity of these two have been declared essential by all religions in the world. Because someone accepts faith only when he has importance of that thing, same as about any practical work will be motivation when there would be any precious association he would have. All the customs, believes, rituals and sacred things associated with the religious practices for any nation or tribe would be considered sacred for them, respect would be implemented as a law all of the peoples in the whole world.

⁸ لجنة من علماء الحرمين، فتاوى الشبكة الاسلامية، الحرس الوطني، السعودية العربية، ج:8، ص 849

⁹ شاه ولي الله، احمد بن عبدالرحيم، حجة البالغه، بيروت، لبنان، دارلجيل، ج:1، 2005، ص 133

Importance of Youth in society:

Youth is the real back bone of any society. These are the people all the decisions and projects are exclusively created for them. These young minds can be derived positively if they would be prepared on the same cause. The change can be observed on the behalf of their participation in each and every house.so its most important to never missed out this energetic and radical force. They can seek knowledge more effectively and smartly same as perfect to follow and perform of what they have been trained.

God said in Holly Quran:

إِنَّهُمْ فِتْيَةٌ آمَنُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ وَزِدْنَاَهُمْ هُدًى¹⁰

“Indeed, they were youths who believed in their Lord, and we increased them in guidance.”

If this radical force is being prepared according to the nature and on the right direction we can get the right results for which our educational policies designed, our national aims set their targets and now the desired community come into being. Our intellectuals have to spread their knowledge and experience for training the Youngers because, Holly Prophet (PBUH) peace be upon him said, “He is not one of us who does not have mercy on our young and does not respect our elders”. He further explained about the best conduct of elders in society that: ¹²إِنَّ مِنْ أَكْمَلِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِيمَانًا أَحْسَنُهُمْ خُلُقًا وَالْأَطْفَهُمْ بِأَهْلِهِ¹² “Indeed among the believers with the most complete faith is the one who is the best in conduct and the most kind to his family.”

God instruct us:

”وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ أَشُدَّهُ وَاسْتَوَى آتَيْنَاهُ حُكْمًا وَعِلْمًا وَكَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ¹³“

When he reached full age, and was firmly established (in life), we bestowed on him wisdom and knowledge: for thus do we reward those who do good.

Here, the important message by God we can't ignore that if someone go on the path of obedience, and direction he told to follow for success would be rewarded on their good deeds because God blessed his person with wisdom and

¹⁰ Al-Quran,18:13

¹¹ أبو داود، سليمان بن اشعث، كتاب الأدب، باب في تنزيل الناس منازلهم (4 / 261)، رقم: (4842)

https://islamicurdubooks.com/hadith/ad.php?bsc_id=7176&bookid=3

¹² تحفة الأحوذى بشرح جامع الترمذى، أبو العلا محمد عبد الرحمن المباركفورى أ بواب الإيمان باب ما جاء في

استكمال الإيمان وزيادته ونقصانه (حديث رقم: 2612) دار الكتب العلمية - بيروت

¹³ Al-Quran,28:14

intellectual approach full of its intensity as it's a peak time of his creation. So his best creation should be molded and directed on the right path at its best time by utilizing his wisdom and knowledge.

As we know due to latest Technology World is continuously advancing at a high rate. So especially Muslim has to take care of his Iman and his relationship with God. There are many Challenges our Muslim youth facing so this most important force should be grown with sufficient material of satisfaction that not just prevention applied but the efficient ,effective ,qualified ,balanced and progressive personalities could be produced for the society as we have to make possible the existence a peaceful world. As we all know Youth is the foundation for next generation. As being part of the youth, our responsibilities are somewhat far more than the normal teachings provided to us in educational formal institutions in the context of Islam and dealings with other religions, we are obliged to perform the Islamic call with its complete soul about it.

“Neuroscientists claim that individuals’ “skills, abilities, dreams, and prejudices” result from their genetic history and the particular physical and social environmental stimuli to which they are exposed. They note that inadequate and inappropriate social and emotional experiences in the early environment can compromise higher-level neural systems that provide the information needed to bond, imitate, and generally respond in socially appropriate ways.... For children to have the positive core elements that offer them a successful life, they need parents who have a capacity to nurture, good mental health, and a network of positive social support “¹⁴ with the guidance of what to do and what not to do; along the parents, teachers, intellectuals of social, religious and government leaders, philosopher and educationists can also prohibit the youth from misguided activities through different ways. We all know today’s world is burning from the flames of intolerance covered by religious touch so “peace” is missing that’s why “interfaith harmony” and “religiously set tolerance rules” are much needed from all the people of world.so that a target of “peaceful world” could be achieved.

Minor Glimpse of today’s burning world due to intolerance:

1. National scenario:

“From 1947 to 2021 in Pakistan, almost 107 women had been accused of blasphemy and 18 of them were extra judicially murdered, two of them were minors. In 2014 an elderly woman and two minor girls charged death, in

¹⁴ From Early Child Development to Human Development, Mary Eming Young Education Sector Human Development Network, a World Bank Conference on Investing in Our Children’s Future Washington, D.C., April 10–11, 2000

Gujranwala.¹⁵ From 1996 to 2011 there are many incidents we found like Ayub Masih, Younus, Salman Taseer incident, Shahbaz Bhatti, (a Catholic member of the National Assembly) were victims of this fire, same as from 2013 to 2023 we met same cases like a Christian girl Rimsha Masih, Shafqat Emmanuel and Shagufta Kausar, a Christian couple from Gojra, Shakil Auj, Taimoor Raza, Mashal Khan, Faisal Mahmood and Junaid Hafeez, in 2020 Sajid Soomro, Salma Tanveer, became victim of same killing.

In 2021 Priyantha Kumara, a Buddhist Sri Lankan factory manager in Sialkot, was tortured and burnt to death on the street by a mob of Muslims after he was accused of desecrating posters bearing Muhammad's name. In 2023 Wikipedia was blocked in Pakistan after failing to remove undisclosed "blasphemous" content. In 2023 it is claimed to have found desecrated pages of the Holy Quran near a residence belonging to two Christian brothers. In response, a gathering of people quickly escalated into a mob, which proceeded to assault churches and homes belonging to Christians in the vicinity.¹⁶ As of 2021, 89 people have been extra judicially killed, from roughly 1,500 accusations and cases. More than 70% of the accused were reported from one province – Punjab (1,098), followed by Sindh (177), Islamabad Capital Territory (55), Khyber Pukhtunkhwa (33), Baluchistan (12), and Azad Jammu & Kashmir (11).¹⁷ Though this is a short and main incidents over view, all the things resulted rebel and sick mentalities, intolerance and taking laws in hands by locals.

That thing is in worst form Globally, some misguided non-Muslims are the big reason which are officially doing such type of blasphemy and desecrations acts which afire the Muslims community all around the world, in response pugnacity born and peace burns.

2. International scenario:

That year is not a start but we go with the current flames which are burning the world peace now, Washington Post: "American soldiers insulted Islam by sitting on the Quran or dumping their sacred text into a toilet to taunt them" (March 26, 2003) in 2006 an anti-Islam activist distributing toilet paper

¹⁵ Tanveer, R. (2014, July 28). Gujranwala blasphemy case: Ahmadis point fingers at 'silent spectators'. The Express Tribune. Retrieved, April 17, 2021, <http://tribune.com.pk/story/742273/gujranwala-blasphemy-case-ahmadis-point-fingers-at-silent-spectators/>

¹⁶ <https://www.jurist.org/news/2023/08/pakistan-dispatch-jaranwala-vandalism-attacks-spotlight-controversial-blasphemy-laws/>

¹⁷ <https://crss.pk/blasphemy-cases-in-pakistan-1947-2021/>

with the words “Quran, the Holy Quran” printed on it.¹⁸The Danish newspaper *Jyllands-Posten* published 12 editorial cartoons on 30 September 2005, most of which depicted Muhammad. Resulting in more than 250 reported deaths, attacks on Danish and other European diplomatic missions, attacks on churches and Christians, and a boycott of Denmark.¹⁹

In 2011, a person in Vienna calling the Islamic prophet Muhammad a pedophile. The court said that the person just wanted to show that the prophet Muhammad shouldn't be respected.²⁰Terry Jones, for instance, is a controversial Christian pastor from Florida. He organized Quran-burning events in Gainesville in 2011 and 2012.²¹In Italy, 2017 authorities charged an artist for depicting Jesus (...) with in shameful posture.²²

The research found that approximately 3,000 Christian churches, schools, cemeteries and monuments were vandalized, burned, looted or defaced in Europe during 2019. The French government recorded 1,063 anti-Christian attacks in 2018, compared to 1,038 such attacks in 2017 and 949 in 2016. 90% of all attacks on places of worship. In Northern Ireland, churches and cemeteries are attacked, on average, every other day a total of 445 crimes were recorded as criminal damage to religious buildings, churchyards or cemeteries.²³Geert Wild, the notorious Islamophobe hold a “Draw Muhammad Cartoon Competition” in the 2019, Netherlands.²⁴

According to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom's 2020 report, Christians in Burma, China, Eritrea, India, Iran, Nigeria, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Vietnam are persecuted. In Israel and the Palestinian territories, there were reports of arson attacks by individuals on mosques, churches and rabbinical courts in 2020. In the Palestinian city of al-Bireh in the West Bank, arsonists set fire to a mosque and spray painted anti-Arab graffiti.²⁵ In these days “Gaza” totally burnt out while targeting children by Israel.

¹⁸ <http://www.arkofcrisis.com/id58.html>

¹⁹ *ibid*

²⁰ <https://news.ufl.edu/2023/09/religion-free-speech-europe/>

²¹ <https://theconversation.com/quran-burning-in-sweden-prompts-debate-on-the-fine-line-between-freedom-of-expression-and-incitement-of-hatred-211849>

²² <https://flaglerlive.com/koran-copenhagen/#gsc.tab=0>

²³ <https://kern.pundicity.com/23669/europe-anti-christian-attacks>

²⁴ <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/swedish-police-approve-small-anti-koran-demonstration-mosque-2023-06-28/properties-in-102-countries-and-territories-were-targeted-in-incidents-tied-to-religion/>

²⁵ <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2023/06/06/in-2020->

The Quran burnings in Sweden and Denmark, aren't random they're part of a broader agenda of targeting Muslims that's being pushed by far-right groups across Europe. Stockholm, June 28/2023 A man tore up and burned a Koran outside Stockholm's central mosque, one of the two protesters tearing up pages of a copy of the Koran and wiping his shoes with it before putting bacon in it and setting the book on fire, while the other spoke into a megaphone. Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson told a press conference "It's legal but not appropriate," he said it was up to the police to make decisions on Koran burnings²⁶. Macron (president of France) delivered a spirited defense of free speech and secular values after a French high school teacher was beheaded for displaying caricatures of the Islamic Prophet Muhammad. He also said that Islam is "a religion that is in crisis all over the world" and that Muslim positions are "hardening."²⁷ A question in peaceful minds raise at this time that who is responsible officially on governmental level who supports violence if the statements would be delivered like you. World should be realized that to hurt someone's heart about their religious sacraments and freedom of speech is something else. "Ethics" manage boundaries for doing or not doing in all religions.

Is effective religious education and training of interfaith harmony can save the world from pugnacity?

The Human Rights Council and General Assembly said with (OIC), in annual resolutions focused on "combating defamation of religions." These sought that "The new resolutions properly focus on protecting individuals from discrimination or violence, instead of protecting religions from criticism; protect the adherents of all religions or beliefs, instead of privileging one religion"²⁸

But the question is, are these laws acceptable for all religions and effectively implemented? Objected incidents are stopped officially? Answer is "No"! Then tell us the guarantee of permanent stoppage. Infect no one have the blend of successful ideology .So intellectuals driving the minds towards "religious tolerance" globally.

The Prophet (PBUH) said:

كُلُّ مَوْلُودٍ يُوَلَّدُ عَلَى الْفِطْرَةِ

²⁶ <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/swedish-police-approve-small-anti-koran-demonstration-mosque-2023-06-28/properties-in-102-countries-and-territories-were-targeted-in-incidents-tied-to-religion/>

²⁷ <https://www.dw.com/en/france-muhammad-cartoon-row-what-you-need-to-know/a-55409316>

²⁸ Annual Report of the, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom ,April 2013, Dr. Katrina Lantos Swett, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom 732 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite A714 Washington, DC 20401,p304

“Every child is born with a true faith of Islam (i.e. to worship none but Allah Alone)...”Children all are born in the state of ‘fitrah’ which means that they are born inclined to accept the truth and whatever that is good.so early age is more important to mold someone’s behavior. Its definite by birth he is on good patterns.

What he do in young age, is about training he got.

Goldman's says religious development comes 20 years.²⁹ Now he is capable of the sort of non-concrete, abstract, hypothetical thinking that is necessary when dealing with religious concepts. Religious thinking is the process of generalizing from various experiences, previous perceptions and already held concepts to an interpretive concept of the, activity and nature of the divine.³⁰ So in this age many rebel minds derailed as we know whenever there was arson, religious disorder, desecration and killing happened it found some young force involved. Mohamed Salmene a French-Tunisian man killed 86 in just 31 years age³¹. An 18-year-old Iranian-German, David Sonboly, opened fire on fellow teenagers at a restaurant and Nine people were killed³²18-year-old Payton S. Gendron Ten people, all of whom were black, were murdered³³ According to survey among 54 serial killers there is an age ratio that Teens - 6 out of 54, Twenties - 22 out of 54, Thirties - 16 out of 54, Forties - 7 out of 54, Fifties - 2 of 54, Sixties & Above - 1 of 54.³⁴

That number showing twenties and thirties age group of youth involved a lot. So this age group should be targeted more to train and teach for this concept. “Religion is not a simple intellectual exercise. Religion has a strong element of emotion in it and, therefore, intellectual development is not the only requirement for development of religious thinking. Adolescence may be the age of the greatest religious potential, but it is also a time for many to reject religion once and for all.”³⁵ So religious training at initial level helps a lot in young age positively.

²⁹EVELYN MAE NEWTON, B.A. A Developmental Theory of Religious Education, McMaster University April 1981, Hamilton, Ontario, p 19,
<https://macsphere.mcmaster.ca/bitstream/11375/10606/1/fulltext.pdf>

³⁰ Ronald Goldman, *Religious Thinking from Childhood to Adolescence*, Routledge, 1964 p. 14,
<https://www.routledge.com/corporate>.

³¹ ["France Blames ISIS for Inspiring Terrorist Attack in Nice"](#), *The New York Times*, 16 July 2016

³² Catherine E. Shoichet; Ralph Ellis; Jason Hanna (22 July 2016). ["Munich shooting: 9 victims, gunman dead"](#). CNN. Retrieved 27 April 2017.

³³ Thompson, Carolyn; Balsamo, Michael; Collins, Dave (May 14, 2022). ["At least 10 dead in mass shooting at Buffalo supermarket"](#). *Associated Press*. [Archived](#) from the original on May 14, 2022. Retrieved May 14, 2022.

³⁴ <https://www.murdermiletours.com/blog/serial-killers-what-age-do-they-usually-start-killing>

³⁵ Ronald Goldman, *Readiness for Religion*, 1973, New York, Seabury Press. p. 54

In Muslims community elders are trained with this state of minds that entering in mosques allowed when you put-off your shoes, don't make noise in God's houses, to respect the imam of mosque, greet all when you come inside which is the message of "salamti" (peace) is for all. Touch holly Quran with ablution and put it on high place so that not to get your back on Quran, protect Islamic books from felling down, not to say something bad to any Prophet and prohibit who do anything against of these teachings. These basic instructions become the character of someone but the problem comes when they got misled in their young age from seditionists and humanity suffer. so the original approach from God "The best intention for Muslim youth is to engage themselves in activities which are beneficial to whole humanity",³⁶.

Some examples of Religious tolerance from History:

Jews are taught by these words that Exodus 22:21 says: "Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt".³⁷ In Christianity religious tolerance explained, (John: 15:18) "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me (Jesus) first"³⁸ Both religions instructing their followers that don't forget your position, due to being empower don't oppress anyone same as if someone insult you because of your believes don't do the same just make your statements clear in the light of your religion. And be the best follower of your religion.

Same as we can take these concepts from Islamic history in the period of Holly Prophet (PBUH) we can also take example of "the treaty of Hudaibiya". The root of peaceful coexistence between Muslims and non-Muslims. In the year 2 A.H. Holly Prophet (PBUH) peace be upon him signed a treaty with the Christians of Sinai Land "I (Prophet Muham-mad) promise that I will not change their priests and monks nor do I expel them from their worshipping places. I do not prohibit their pilgrims from their travels, nor do I destroy their churches. I do not convert any churches to mosques and whichever Muslim does so has violated God's covenant",³⁹

³⁶ Dr Umer Farooq. "Importance of Life and Responsibilities of Muslim Youth." p1. http://www.msit.no/home/wpcontent/uploads/2013/07/Importance_of_Life_and_Responsibilities_of_Muslim_Youth.pdf

³⁷ <https://www.bible.com/bible/compare/EXO.22.21-27>

³⁸ <https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/john/15-18>

³⁹ Ratliff, "The monastery of Saint Catherine at Mount Sinai and the Christian communities of the Caliphate." The bulletin of the Saint Catherine Foundation, London, New York, Geneva, 2008,p16

Same tradition continued in the period of “Sahaba” Hazrat Umar (R.A) once were on a visit to the churches in Syria. When the time for prayer came, it was suggested that he performed his prayer in the church. Umar refused to oblige on the account that the Muslims might later use that as an excuse to turn the church into a mosque⁴⁰ During the Islamic rule of the Umayyads, especially, in the time of Umar bin Abdul Aziz to protect the interest of the minorities, he ordered that no Muslim could purchase land from a non-Muslims.⁴¹ During the Abbasid Era, the non- Muslims were equally treated like Muslim as briefly mentioned in History of Arabs: Originally Scripturaries, Christians, Jews, and Sabians, Dhimmis had their status widened, as we learned before, to include Zoroastrians, Manichaeans, Harran, Sabian, others all of whom were now treated on par with those with whom a compact for religious tolerance had been made.⁴²

According to sharia law:

Holly Quran curses those who commit blasphemy and promises blasphemers humiliation in the day of justice. Some Muslims scholars believe that no worldly punishment is prescribed while others disagree. All imams of jurisprudence, Imam Abu Hanifa, Imam Shafi'i, Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal, Imam Malik, Imam Dawud, Imam Ibn Hazm, Imam Ibn Taymah and all their friends are in agreement that Shatam Rasool (abuse, vilification) is obligatory to be killed and this punishment is for them as “Hadd” will be given. In the period of Sahaba and bni umaiya and banu Abbas were agreed to implement this collective will in their government.

Same as if we see this act in international governments we come to know that blasphemy act remained a punishment law, in most Eastern and European countries, with minor changes, blasphemy against the Prophet remained an impeachable crime. There were also nations that believed in the heavenly scriptures, where blasphemy was punishable by death.⁴³ In January 2022, the Pew Research Center published, that 79 countries (40%) maintained blasphemy laws. And twenty-two countries also banned apostasy.⁴⁴ The misuse of blasphemy laws is often described by the court as an unlawful act. The Islamabad High Court has previously suggested the legislature to amend the existing laws to give equal punishment to those who level false blasphemy accusations. But still a clear and

⁴⁰ K. Ali, A Study of Islamic History, public domain mark, 1974, p 97-98

⁴¹ Masudul Hasan, History of Islam, Vol. I, India, Adam Publisher, 2007, p174

⁴² P.K. Hitty, History of the Arabs, New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2002, p 353

⁴³ The new Encyclopedia of Britannica, v:2, newyork, 1994, p74

⁴⁴ <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2022/01/25/four-in-ten-countries-and-territories-worldwide-had-blasphemy-laws-in-2019-2/>

comprehensive solution of desecration is needed from religious and governmental level so that peoples could be trained according to clear instructions for defense relating to this hot topic.

Islamic Instructions about personality training of Youngers:

1. Strong bounding of parents and children:

Holly Quran describes the beautiful ,pure relationship and real bounding of parents and children, as in this ayah parents are trying to save their child from God's disobedience as it show their natural love and care, but on the other side child behavior showing his careless and immature approach towards the future. But what the parents do at the end, they are praying for his true guidance. Same direction and energy is required from parents to guide them in every matter which is Incomprehensible for them in their practical life to save them from disaster. Quran says:

وَالَّذِي قَالَ لَوْلَا إِلَهُي لَمَنْعْتَنِي رَبِّي إِنْ أَكْفَرْتَنِي وَتَرَكْتَنِي بَعِيدًا ۚ وَتِلْكَ آيَاتُ الْكُفْرِ الَّتِي أَخْرَجَ مِنْ قِبَلِكُمُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِالْحَقِّ بَغْيًا إِنَّ الْكُفْرَ أَخْسَرُ الْأَعْمَالِ ۚ
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And he who says to his parents: ‘Fie on you! Do you promise me that I shall be brought forth (from the grave and given life once more) when generations have passed away before me?’ Now both (the parents) pray to Allah for help (and say to the son) ‘Woe to you, (O son!) Accept faith. Surely Allah’s promise is true.’ But he says (in reply): ‘These (words) are nothing but fiction of the bygone people. ‘After this it is end on this note in holly Quran that if someone does not accept the true guidance than he will face the great lose. Holly Prophet (PBUH) peace be upon him also said that approach by these words:

“Behave well towards the people”⁴⁶ وَأَتَّبِعِ السَّبِيلَةَ الْحَسَنَةَ تَمَحُّبًا⁴⁶

Now we can easily gather our thinking about the advisor no matter he is from which sect of society or school of religion? If he is advising his junior about the betterment of their iman and life style, is not deserving to say shut up or aggressive call. After religion clarity about the matter its parents, teachers and senior’s responsibility to train their Youngers to deal with logic first.

Holly Quran says:

أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ حَقَّ عَلَيْهِمُ الْقَوْلُ فِي أُمَمٍ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ مِنَ الْجِنِّ وَالْإِنْسِ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا خَاسِرِينَ⁴⁷

⁴⁵ Al-Quran,46:17

⁴⁶ سنن الترمذي، نشر: شركة مكتبة ومطبعة مصطفى البابي الحلبي – مصر، الطبعة: الثانية، 1395 هـ - 1975 م
<https://hadeethenc.com/ar/browse/hadith/4302>

“It is they against whom the Command of Allah’s (torment) has proved true among generations that have passed of the jinn as well as mankind. Surely they (all) were the losers.”

After providing them Guidance God also treat them with warnings clearly said, who will dis obey God’s instructions will be losers in both lives. So the fear of worldly doing and trust in parents is most important to create in young minds that you are all responsible and bounded entities before God. So behave well so that you are treated well parents and God both are your well-wishers. These instructions could help a lot for preparing young blood for best defending system, though strict laws also needed which could be implemented globally.

2. Real change is inner change:

Islam is a pioneer to promoting “the inner change is real” .It’s all teachings and philosophy of ideology based on this rule that you can’t change someone’s behavior if there is no inner change. Its philosophy “eternal life after death” is the basic reason to shape the inner soul, that everyone is responsible what he is doing in the material world and answerable according its capacity.

God said: ⁴⁸ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُغَيِّرُ مَا بِقَوْمٍ حَتَّىٰ يُغَيِّرُوا مَا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ

“Allah does not change a people's lot unless they change what is in their hearts.

Qatādah(Islamic scholar) said: “Allāh created angels with reason and no desires, animals with desires and no reason, and man with both reason and desires.”⁴⁹ Ibn qayam(Islamic scholar) said: If a man’s patience is stronger than his whims and desires, then he is like an angel, but if his whims and desires are stronger than his patience, then he is like a devil. If his desire for food, drink and sex is stronger than his patience, then he is no better than an animal⁵⁰. God created a human being as a superior creature compare to all just because of his intelligence and accountable as well as answerable of his deeds. Being a beneficial would be best and fruitful for himself too because The Prophet (PBUH) said: ⁵¹ إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ “ Actions are (judged) by intentions.”

⁴⁷ Al-Quran,46:18

⁴⁸ Al-Quran,13:11

⁴⁹ ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyyah ,Patience and Gratitude,trans: Nasiruddin al-Khattab,Abridege,1997,p12,

https://www.kalamullah.com/Books/Patience_and_Gratitude.pdf

⁵⁰ ibid

⁵¹ Bukhari,abu abdullAllha Muhammad bin ismail,book:1,H:1, Markazi jamiet ehl-hadith,Hindh,2004,dehli,india,<https://kitabosunnat.com/kutub-library/sahi-bukhari-dawood-raaz-jilad-1>

3. Training about social interaction:

Man is a social entity, willingly or un-willingly he has to interact with other persons, how he should behave matters a lot for his reputation and social impact.

God said:⁵² إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ كَانَتْ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتُ الْفِرْدَوْسِ نُزُلًا

As to those who believe and work righteous deeds, they have, for their entertainment, the Gardens of Paradise. Goods deeds are beneficial for a man's both worlds.

Holly Prophet (PBUH) said:⁵³ مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيُكَلِّمْ خَيْرًا أَوْ لِيَصْمُتْ

“He who believes in Allah and the Last Day should either speak well or keep silent.” He further said that control your emotion Muslims are not trained religiously as a wild animals they have to show some responsibilities toward their behavior. Specific words are:

لَيْسَ الشَّدِيدُ بِالصُّرَعَةِ، إِنَّمَا الشَّدِيدُ الَّذِي يَمْلِكُ نَفْسَهُ عِنْدَ الْغَضَبِ⁵⁴

“The strong is not the one who overcomes the people by his strength, but the strong is the one who controls himself while in anger.” Best rule and beautiful words youngsters should be taught and practiced by authorities which can be manage the burning situation of the world. That's why Holly Prophet (PBUH) ordered:⁵⁵ لَا تَغْضَبْ “Do not become angry”.

Aggressive behavior in youngsters become the reason of mistakes, if this natural quality misused on the reference of religious teachings then evil powers set their ground for destruction of society's sacraments and intolerance behavior burns the peace of any religion. The only way we control the situation and defeat the aims of evils with the way of interfaith harmony, patience and set the things into a pleasant arrangements for promoting religious tolerance and peace.

4. Goodness is about to return:

Selfishness and self-centered peoples can't prove their personalities beneficial for the world that is total opposite of Islamic instructions because Muslims have individual and collective responsibilities for the humanity their self is total “khair” (goodness) so that point should be promoted more and more

⁵² Al-Quran,18:107

⁵³ Abu Muslim bin hijajj, Sahih Muslim ,book1,hadith80,47A,
<https://sunnah.com/muslim:47A>

⁵⁴ Muhammad bin ismail bukhari, Sahih Bukhari, kitabo A adab, Book 78, Hadith 141,
6114, <https://sunnah.com/bukhari:6114>

⁵⁵ Ibid,6116

among youngsters that to help the brother is goodness which gives you reward in both worlds it's the will of God and his Prophets.

So it is taught in Islamic teachings that;

واللهُ فِي عَوْنِ الْعَبْدِ مَا كَانَ الْعَبْدُ فِي عَوْنِ أَخِيهِ⁵⁶

“Allah helps the servant as long as he helps his brother”.

And further said:⁵⁷ وَخَالِقِ النَّاسَ بِخُلُقِي حَسَنٍ “Follow up a bad deed with a good deed which will wipe it out”. Same as if you become the harm for someone then the harmness on the cost of humanity's loss God sent difficulties for him. So that saying should be mention here,

That Prophet said:⁵⁸ لَا ضَرَرَ وَلَا ضِرَارَ “Do not cause harm and return harm.”

If you want respect and help for your religion and self you have to put same will for treating others same as you can save yourself from other's riots as you are putting same energy for other sects and religions and their religious sacraments. You will get well if you put well. Such type of mental grooming will be helpful for preparing defending stuff.

5. Practical and balanced combo of religious and modern approaches:

If someone wants change in real, he has to make change in practices. Any knowledge can't be effective if it is not in the form of practice, relating to the topic if any society wants to prepare their youth on the premises of peace and tolerance then it is obligatory that your religious and modern teachings are practical, balanced and object oriented. So here I want to give example of God's instructions about peaceful society telling a rule by these words:

God said:

وَلَا تَسُبُّوا الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَيَسُبُّوا اللَّهَ عَدْوًا بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ⁵⁹

“Revile not ye those whom they call upon besides Allah, lest they out of spite revile Allah in their ignorance.”

It is obligatory to create and be the part of peace so if you want to secure yourself not be the part of religious riots and be the source of peace so secure your practices from the burning flames of desecrations about religious sacraments as it is doing most in the current era. We should know that the acquisition of general knowledge, and some experience with problem-solving have an intrinsic value for

⁵⁶ Ibid, 1385

⁵⁷ An-Nawawi, Yahya bin Sharaf, 40 Hadith Nawawi, ABUL-QASIM PUBLISHING HOUSE, Jeddah 21442, Saudi Arabia , 1999 ,p18

⁵⁸ Ibid,p 32

⁵⁹ Al-Quran,6:108

the individual and for society which cannot be overestimated make the commitment to children, beginning with early childcare and development, the foundation for peace, democracy, and human rights in families, communities, nations, and the world so should be practiced for making the peace possible in the world. Holly Prophet (PBUH) said:

"أَكْمَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِيمَانًا"، أي: أَكْثَرُهُمْ اتِّصَافًا بِصِفَاتِ الْإِيمَانِ وَمِنْ أَكْثَرِهِمْ تَزَوُّدًا مِنَ الطَّاعَاتِ، "أَحْسَنُهُمْ خُلُقًا"، أي: الَّذِي يَمْتَثِلُ بِالْخُلُقِ الْحَسَنِ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ جَمِيعًا، فَيُحْسِنُ خُلُقَهُ مَعَ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ بِالرِّضَا بِقَضَاءِ اللَّهِ وَقَدْرِهِ، وَالصَّبْرِ وَالْحَمْدِ فِي الْبَلَاءِ، وَالشُّكْرِ عِنْدَ النِّعْمَةِ، وَيَكُونُ حَسَنَ الْخُلُقِ مَعَ النَّاسِ بِكَفِّ الْأَذَى عَنْهُمْ، وَطَلَّاقَةَ الْوَجْهِ، وَالْإِحْسَانَ إِلَيْهِمْ، وَيَبْدُلُ الْعَطَاءِ فِيهِمْ، مَعَ الصَّبْرِ عَلَى أَذَاهُمْ؛ فَكَمَالُ الْإِيمَانِ يُوجِبُ حُسْنَ الْخُلُقِ، وَالْإِحْسَانَ إِلَى النَّاسِ كَافَّةً⁶⁰.

“The most perfect of believers in faith,” that is: the one most endowed with the characteristics of faith and the most abundant in obedience, “the best of them in character,” meaning: the one who emulates good character among all people, so his character improves with God Almighty. Glory be to Him with contentment By God’s decree and destiny, patience and praise in times of calamity, and gratitude in the face of blessings, and having good manners with people by refraining from harming them, being kind to them, and giving generously to them, while being patient when they harm them; Perfect faith necessitates good morals and kindness to all people.

It is said by Holly Prophet (PBUH) that

وَمَنْ سَتَرَ مُسْلِمًا سَتَرَهُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ⁶¹

“Whoever covers the faults of a Muslim, Allah will cover his faults in this world and in the Hereafter.”

Here I want to mention some golden words of Islamic scholar TW Arnold. Says, “No religion can be found as tolerant and peaceful as Islam, which has given such religious freedom to others. Tolerance is a special feature of Muslims; complete religious freedom has been the constitution of their Religion.”⁶² All the religions and their followers should think the best strategy to cope down with the

⁶⁰ زكي الدين عبد العظيم بن عبد القوي المنذري، الترغيب-و-الترهيب، دار إحياء التراث العربي، 1968، ج.3، ص.358
61 ابن ماجة، محمد بن يزيد القزويني، سنن ابن ماجه، دارالاحياء الكتب العربيه، كتاب الحدود باب الستر على المؤمن

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⁶² TW Arnold. Dawat-e-Islam, Department of Awqaf Punjab, Lahore, 1972, p. 398

burning world from religious intolerance because “peaceful world” is the only solution to survive in this world physically, morally and technically.

6. Strong network of information and reaction:

It is also a reality that no idea can be successful if there are no resources to make it possible in real and avail its fruitful results. so when you groomed your human force for something special you have to create resources to implement those ideologies. For this reason young force would be needed to define all type of sacraments and modern technologies should be used to inform your concerned authorities if rules are violated all around the world. In time actions and strong information system will be helpful to stop such type of incidents of desecrations. If internet and social media is being used for negative purpose it can be used for positive purpose just by increasing well trained and focused force of human beings. When qualified people put their energies positively for saving God’s will all around the world, betterment will definitely observed.

7. Effective publicity of clear rules and laws:

Effective publicity of rules and laws also much important aspect. so that everyone should know which type of crime can indulged them in serious punishment. no one is free to do what he or she want on the cost of any edge. Everyone should be equal to before rule and law. Everyone should be informed in all type of languages that to desecration of religious sacraments is not common and easy thing to hurt with. Today’s world is like a global village it is not a problem to spread such type of beneficial information which can save the world from fire. We can take the example of Holly Prophet (PBUH)’s last sermon which is best charter of peace and equality and his message that "O People! Listen carefully to what I am saying and take these words to those who could not be present here today."⁶³ Governmental and religious authorities should use all type of young and trained force equipped with all type of tricks and trainings that no one could be able to hurt Muslims and others with this sensitive issues continuously.

Conclusion: Infact intellectual awakening is the only trick to produce a nonviolent world. Without any doubt, a long and laborious struggle is required by these personalities and we have to understand that we have no other alternative. Violence is the result of misguided thinking, position got more dangerous if wrapped by religion covering. The day you succeed in putting an end to such thought, especially in the youngster’s minds that harmony and dialogue contrary to aggression is the easy way to cope down with any matter, violence will disappear on its own. And peace will flourish. To deal with patience, according to

⁶³ <https://www.iium.edu.my/deed/articles/thelastsermon.html>

God's will and under the law no one would be allowed to desecration of Religious Sacraments of any religion so that no one would do same in return. Don't harm any for your own safety is best rule. Freedom of speech and desecration are two different things, no Government should allow desecration officially .And should provide opportunities to train their youth in time is, governmental and Authorities' responsibility that just be a source of peace by religious tolerance for the whole humanity. When equipped defenders would be more in strength victims and criminals would be less in number.in sha Allha

Recommendations:

1. Ethical Islamic education from school to university level should be obligatory at least in all Islamic world. So that the religious teachings and trainings could be continued in formal way and fruitful results could be observed .That is the only way we can make changes if needed in the present syllabus of characterization.
2. Governmental planning, resources and support for characterization, would be best and effective project to be praised that there should be a proper system for creating a political constituency for raw material (youth) of society which is called back bone of society.
3. Strict Rules and laws should be implemented, before implementation definitely world's prominent scholars should work together for making laws between religious sacraments and freedom of speech's law as well as it should be clear that which could be considered under the circle of interfaith harmony and which would be under the circle of desecration.
4. Seminars and conferences should be organized. Because awareness is the first step to make any project successful and almost the half of the work can be done by this.
5. Scholar's speeches, TV programs and media support for making the issue important would be best and quality of utility will be achieved.
6. Different competition should organize about social betterment, religious tolerance and peace among Youngsters.
7. Earmark public resources so that incentives for community support could be achieved and Creation of new providers could be available for grass to high level sects of society.