

## THE KHALIFA OF ISLAM: A MAN OF PEACE

His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad is Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. His Holiness has continually advocated the peaceful teachings of Islam and has condemned acts of terrorism and extremism in various addresses throughout the world, including the UK Parliament, EU Parliament and the US Congress in Capitol Hill. A few extracts of his speeches are presented below.



**“Those who fight wars in the name of religion are wrong when they say that they are fighting due to their relationship with God.”**

(London, 13 November 2010)

**“It is a dire need of the time to respond to all forms of fanaticism and extremism with Islam’s true message of peace and harmony.”**

(Calgary, Canada, 25 May 2013)



**“Today, 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 11<sup>th</sup> National Peace Symposium, Baitul Futuh Mosque, London, 8 November 2014)

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK strives to remove misconceptions about Islam in the media across the UK. Some of its work is presented below.



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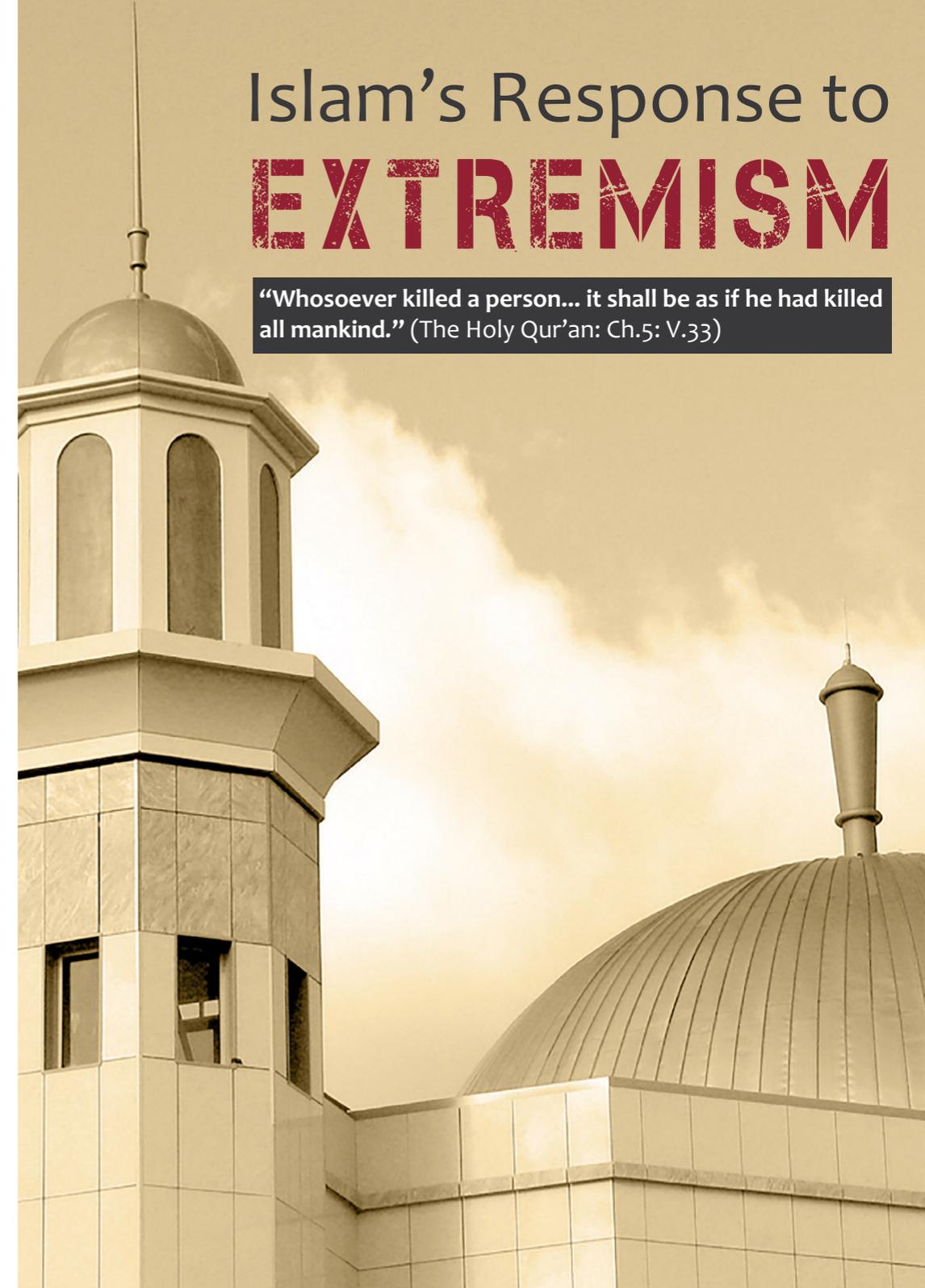
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# Islam’s Response to **EXTREMISM**

**“Whosoever killed a person... it shall be as if he had killed all mankind.” (The Holy Qur’an: Ch.5: V.33)**

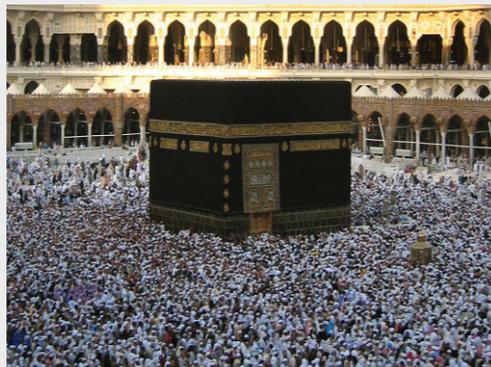


## THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM

The Holy Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

“Allah will not be merciful to those who are not merciful to mankind.”  
(Bukhari)

“Kindness is a mark of faith, and whoever has no kindness has no faith.”  
(Muslim)



The Holy Ka’bah in Makkah, Saudi Arabia

The horrific actions of extremists, who conduct their brutality in the name of Islam, have led many to question whether Islam advocates terrorism and violence. The truth, however, is that Islam and terrorism are poles apart and there is no justification in Islam for any form of extremism.

Religion is a source of guidance that leads mankind to be at peace with God and with each other. Islam teaches us that all prophets of God and all religions came with the same message of peace. Any action that creates disorder or destruction is completely contrary to the teachings of all prophets and certainly against the teachings of Islam. Therefore, a Muslim is one who strives to be at peace with all around him.

**Extremism is therefore against all religions and Islam in particular, given that the word Islam itself means ‘peace’, security and giving a guarantee of protection against all forms of harm.**

## DO THE ACTIONS OF EXTREMISTS SUCH AS ISIS FIND ANY SUPPORT IN ISLAM?

**No.** Islam vehemently and unreservedly rejects and condemns terrorism in any form and for any reason, whether committed by an individual, group or government.

In fact, according to Islam, no religion can sanction violence and bloodshed of innocent men, women and children in the name of God, since all religions came from God Who sent His prophets to establish peace in the world.

Islam places an obligation on every Muslim to uphold peace. This concept is so deeply rooted in Islam that the Holy Qur’an describes true Muslims as those who:

*... walk on the earth in a dignified manner, and when the ignorant address them, they say, ‘Peace!’*  
(Holy Qur’an Ch.25: V.64)

Furthermore the Holy Qur’an champions the sanctity of life:

*... whosoever killed a person ... it shall be as if he had killed all mankind; and whoso gave life to one, it shall be as if he had given life to all mankind.*  
(Holy Qur’an Ch.5: V.33)

In his famous Farewell Sermon the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, that God had made the lives, property and honour of every man sacred, stating:

‘... to take anyone’s life or his property or attack his honour is as unjust and as wrong as to violate the sacredness of this day, this month and this territory.’ (Sihah Sitta)

This leaves no doubt that there is no justification whatsoever for extremism or terrorism in the teachings of Islam.

## DOES ISLAM PERMIT SUICIDE BOMBING?

**No.** First and foremost the Holy Qur’an clearly sets out the prohibition of taking of one’s own life.

*... And kill not yourselves. Surely Allah is Merciful to you. And whoso does that by way of transgression and injustice, We shall cast him into Fire; and that is easy with Allah.*  
(Ch.4: V.30-31)

Suicide is therefore forbidden. When it is used as a mechanism to murder others then it becomes an even greater sin. As a protest against intentional suicide the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has forbidden the offering of funeral prayers for a person who commits suicide (unless the person was mentally ill).

## IS IT ACCEPTABLE TO FORCEFULLY CONVERT OTHERS TO ISLAM?

**No.** The Holy Qur’an is very clear that mankind has a free choice in the matter of religion.

*There should be no compulsion in religion. Surely, right has become distinct from wrong...* (Ch.2: V.257)

Muslims are encouraged to spread the message of Islam peacefully with respect and love. The Holy Qur’an is very clear that each person is free to follow or change the faith of his or her choice. Moreover, if someone does not believe in God, they have a right to hold that view and cannot be forced to change or be punished in any way for that. According to Islam man is accountable for his beliefs to God alone. Muslims are reminded in the following verse of the Holy Qur’an that God has truly granted freedom of religion to all:

*‘And if thy Lord had enforced His Will, surely, all who are in the earth would have believed together. Wilt thou, then, force men to become believers?’*  
(Ch. 10: V. 100)

**This shows that Islam upholds freedom of religion for all and those who perpetrate evil, seek only to fulfil their selfish interests and their distorted views have no basis whatsoever in the faith of Islam.**



**UNITED AGAINST EXTREMISM**

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community expresses its utter abhorrence of the carnage that was carried out in Paris on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The London-based World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Caliph, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, said:

“On behalf of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community worldwide, I express my heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the French nation, its people and government following the heinous terrorist attacks that have taken place in Paris. This brutal and inhumane attack can only be condemned in the strongest possible terms.”

“I would also like to reiterate that all forms of terrorism and extremism are completely against the true teachings of Islam. The Holy Qur’an has said that to kill even one innocent person is akin to killing all of mankind. Thus 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.”

“Our sympathies and prayers are with the victims of these attacks and all those who have been left bereaved or affected in any way. May God Almighty grant patience to them all and I hope and pray that perpetrators of this evil act are swiftly brought to justice.”

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK, one of the oldest established Muslim communities in the UK, stands united with France and all who seek to eradicate extremism.

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The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community conducts national campaigns to spread the true message of Islam including features in national papers and adverts on buses.

Left: Full page advert in the Independent newspaper