

The Rhetoric of Anti-Semitism

WHO IS THE RACIST ?

Ever since the establishment of Israel in 1948 , Israeli Zionists have made a relentless effort to conceal the dark and real side of Israeli aggression against Muslims in Palestine , and through its manipulative techniques of propoganda , have tried to make Israeli Zionism immune from political scrutiny. Islam , and therefore Muslims , unequivocally declares that not only is Israel an illegitimate state , but that Muslims have a divine obligation to honour and protect their own property, life and livelihood (that is continuously being violated by the Zionists) by physically removing the oppressive state of Israel. Yet Muslims are branded racists for raising the voice against Israeli racist oppression. On closer inspection however , it is evident that those individuals who label Muslims for being racist are themselves guardians of a heinous racist ideology.

The Israeli issue has been deliberately misconstrued as a question of preserving the racial integrity of Jews ; political judgement and racial identity have been fused to produce a politically expedient tool to silence the Muslims. First and foremost it must be made patently clear that Muslims are not condemning Jews as a race , or indeed Jews per se , but the Israeli Zionists that are upholding the state of Israel.

Secondly , this condemnation is not because of their racial origin but because of their active involvement in sustaining brutal savagery against Muslims. Hence Muslims would still have condemned Israel had it been the racist and political design of 'black' Africans , or 'yellow' Chinese or 'white' Christians etc. This proves the point that Muslims are therefore making a political judgement about the question of political legitimacy on the basis of Islamic political philosophy. It is not a judgement on the status of any race , it is a judgement on the legitimacy of the Israeli state machinery. Muslims are not taking an anti-Semitic stance , but an anti-oppression stance as defined by the justice of Islam.

It is interesting to note that when western politicians and intellectuals condemn other states for being illegitimate and oppressive , they are heralded as vanguards of humanity, but when Muslims condemn political oppression , according to Islam , they are labelled as racist , fundamentalist and extremists. When western politicians voiced their resentment against apartheid laws were they declared as being anti-white ? When American and British politicians recently condemned Saddam Hussein , were they being anti-Muslim or anti-Arab ? The answer is a resounding No !, because the focus of their condemnation was not a race or a religion , but a perceived abuse of political instruments for purposes of political and racial domination. Why is it that when Muslims condemn the political illegitimacy of Israel they

are labelled as racist ? Surely this is double standards and hypocrisy of the highest order ?! The deceptive terms of Israeli political propoganda have produced the tragic irony that those who fight against Israeli racism are themselves labelled as racists.

THE RHETORIC OF PEACE

'Peace' is an emotive and elusive word and it is precisely for this reason that the Israeli and western governments have employed the rhetoric of 'peace'. All current and historical attempts at devising a ' peace deal ' are ,and have been , nothing other than means of creating political arrangements that are tailored to suit the strategic , economic and political interests of western nations. If America had ever been interested in peace then why did it take such an instrumental role creating a state of oppression in the first place? The Islamic

opposition to the conniving political maneuvering of successive Israeli and American administrations , wrapped up in the rhetoric of 'peace', is in fact a stand against war and political aggression. It is only Islam that recognises the imperative of Jihad in ejecting oppression from Muslim land. So called peace with Israel is tantamount to saying peace with aggression - a contradiction in terms. The dismantling of an oppressive and racist state apparatus will signify the conditions necessary for real peace. The question is not simply a matter of peace , but peace on whose terms ? The ineptitude of western governments in dealing with the Israeli issue is evident in the fact that political instability in the region has been compounded by ostensible measures to create ' peace'. It is highly instructive to note the following Quranic verse in this context: Allah says : " And when it is said to them , 'make not mischief on the earth ', they but say , ' we are the peace makers ', but indeed they are the mischief makers , but they realise it not ".(EMQ 2:11-12)

THE AMBIGUITY OF SECULAR POLITICS

Prominent western political theorists are gradually moving to a position of political and moral nihilism, especially with respect to their image of world politics. An increasing number of western academics now argue that there is no objective and external point of reference from which a judgement about political legitimacy can be passed (False Dawn , John Gray) . The post-modern idea of the cultural relativity of political systems has evaporated the ideological substance of the western world in decisively identifying political oppression and illegitimacy. This has plagued the terms of political debate in global politics , not least in relation to the Israeli issue. In terms of this perspective , secular political philosophy is to be blamed for creating mass ambiguity about fundamental concepts such as 'peace' , 'justice ' and 'political legitimacy', which translates into a Hobbsean (anarchical) state of nature , where the only law is the instinct of self-preservation. Little wonder the Israeli violation of Muslim life is euphemistically rationalised as the ' volatility of international politics '.

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Islam , the unique and universal message of the creator , repudiates racial , nationalistic and tribal chauvinism , as a display of shallow minded arrogance and ignorance , even though some political regimes have erected a whole ideology out of it. It is only Islam that rises above such artificial identities and the brutal politics of power that can possibly deliver Muslims from the shackles of Israeli domination.

Indeed it is only Islam that can deliver the whole of the human race from injustice , racism , nationalistic wars and the ugly arm of political oppression.