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Subject: Seeking Fatwa

These days, a sinister campaign is going on in an organized manner, to tarnish the image of, and to malign against Islamic faith, Holy Quran and teachings of the Prophet (PUBH), by linking terrorism with Islam and distorting the meanings of Quranic verses and the Prophet traditions. Therefore, please clarify what is the clear stand of Islam towards world peace? What are the guidelines issued to humanity in Quran and Prophet’s traditions about this matter?

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In the name of Allah, most gracious and most merciful

Answer (with the blessings of Allah): Islam is the religion of Peace and security. In its eyes, on any part over the surface of the earth spreading mischief, rioting, breach of peace, bloodshed, killing of innocent persons and plundering are the most inhuman crimes. In several places in the Holy Quran strict prohibition has been prescribed against breach of peace “Do not mischief on the Earth after it has been set in order” (Surah Aaraf, V. 56) and in another place condemning the mischief mongers it has been said “When he turns he back, his aim every where is to spread mischief through the earth and destroy crops and progeny but Allah loveth not mischief” (Surah AlBaqarah V. 205) in another place Quran says “And do no evil nor mischief on the (face of the) earth” (Surah alBaqarah V. 60) In the eyes of Quran and Islam killing of one innocent person is equivalent to killing of the whole humanity. Because when this door opens no body is able to control while saving one life is equivalent of saving the whole humanity. Allah Taala had said “On that account: We ordained for the children of Israel that if any one slew a person-unless it be for murder or for spreading mischief in the land- it would be as if he slew the whole people: and if any one saved a life. It would be as if he saved the life of the whole people.” (Surah Maidah, V. 32) in another place it has been clearly ordered, “and don’t kill any one whose killing has been prohibited except in just manner.”

Islam’s love for peace is so extended that while giving permission of self defense to the oppressed it prescribes that no excess should be committed in retribution nor any innocent person should be targeted. Thus, Allah Almighty says, “Fight in the cause of Allah those who fight you but do not transgress limits; for Allah loveth not transgressors”.
Therefore, in the traditions of the Prophet (PUBH) it is provided that even in the state of war, human rights must be fully observed. Such details are provided in the Prophet’s traditions. In addition, it is the teaching of Islam that all the creatures of Allah are one family and who ever treats the family of Allah with compassion and mercy he would be loved by Allah most (Baihaqi). Our Prophet Hadhrat Mohammad Mustafa (PUBH) has said that those who take mercy upon others Allah takes mercy upon them. You treat the inhabitants of the earth with mercy and the inhabitant of the Heaven (Allah) shall take mercy upon you (Tirmizi, Abu Dawood). In short, Islam rejects all kinds of unjust violence, breach of peace, bloodshed, murder and plunder and does not allow it in any form. It is the principle of Islam that cooperation should be done for the cause of good but no cooperation is to be done for committing sin or oppression. Allah Almighty says “Help ye one another in sin and rancour.” It is proved from the clear guidelines provided in the Holy Quran that allegation of terrorism against a religion like Islam which preaches and guarantees world peace is nothing but lie. The religion of Islam has come to wipe out all kinds of terrorism and to spread the message of global peace. Allah knows the best.

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