

**In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful**  
**Journey from Extremist to Moderate & Liberal Muslim**  
**By Yaqout Almoadhan**

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Perhaps this exchange between two persons would bring some sense of balance, in him.

Mr. Ali,

Very nice said Sir. What an email and what a vast knowledge. It is so sad that some people have used bad language against such an asset of Islam.

I would like to share a nice story with all of you.

I am originally from Egypt and presently live in Richmond Hill Ontario, Canada. Like any other Muslim I used to also think that whatever is happening in the Muslim world it is all because of Israel and America. When America attacked Afghanistan in 2001, I wanted to go and fight with my Muslim brothers and die with them and become shaheed.

But last ten years I went through many things. Glorious Allah showed me the light. I will share with you one thing here since this is the topic.

There was a person lived on my street. He was from Turkey. Two years ago they were celebrating mawlid at his house. The Arab neighbors were telling him that he is a kafir. He should not do it. That Turkey man tried his best to avoid the arguments but failed. Finally he said okay I am not a Muslim and leave me alone and this is not your business. But still that did not stop those Arabs. There was a big commotion. Those Arabs were saying the same thing Mr. Ali as you said that we must stop people from damaging Islam. But that kafir sufi was adamant that he must and will celebrate the birth of Prophet (Peace-Be-Upon-him).

In the end police (white Police) was called in and they were there to protect the mawlid ceremony while the Turkish Muslims celebrated the mawlid. Few weeks later, one of those neighbors threw a stone at this Turkish house and broke the glass window. After going through these/several agonizing experiences for few months that Turkish family sold their house and went to a different area to live with white people. (I guess).

That was shocking to me. I personally do not celebrate mawlid. Never did and see no reason why but at the same time if it is important for some people I don't see why should they be stopped or called Kafir.

That was the turning point for me and from there on I started studying Islam/Muslim. Started paying attention to what our scholars are saying in the mosques and then since I started receiving these mails that also cleared my concept.

These experiences have helped me in one way. Before, I used to cry at the misery of Muslim nation. I used to hate America/Israel for causing it. I used to blame western media for having a double standard. Day and night I would pray for the victory of my Muslim brothers/sisters.

But now I don't go to the mosque any more. I do not cry when I see Muslims suffer. I realized that America and Israel are not making Muslims fight; they are only helping them fight. These Muslims were always fighting since after the time of Omer. In my opinion all the mosques in the western countries should be locked up. I pray that Muslims never come in power.

There is nothing wrong with Islam. Islam is the best religion. Islam teaches tolerance and love. Islam teaches us to be a good human. Islam helps us get rid of our arrogance. Islam never used to force people to accept Islam. Islam during the time of Prophet (Peace-Be-Upon-him) never attacked others. Islam never condemns others. But I also know that these Muslims will never reach the true Islam.

These Muslims who say that they were laughing and crying while reading a sufi fellow email about tolerance. They fight because the other fellow was wearing a red ring not the green ring. Extremist Muslims are having long turban and not the short turban, also having long pants not the ankle high pants. These Muslims are fighting and calling each other kafir for millions of reasons. How insecure their Islam is. How ugly their Islam is. How sinister their Islam is. How fragile their Islam is.

If someone celebrates the birth of Prophet (Peace-Be-Upon-him) he becomes Kafir.  
If someone goes for seclusion, he becomes kafir.  
If someone says he had a sixth sense he becomes kafir because he claims to know the unseen.  
If someone uses ultra sound to know the sex of the fetus he becomes kafir.

Mr. Ali people like you are a threat to humanity. You come out very arrogant sir. You need to work on yourself.

Let me say this to you, I now wonder if I am a Muslim and do I ever care to be a Muslim.

I did a very extensive research. Let me say this to you. Muslims like you are plenty, probably 90 percent in different form. Except the mawild people there is no one else in Islam who is not a terrorist at a different level. The moment you start calling other people as wrong and you go to stop people from hell fire based on your own silly ideas, you are a potential terrorist. Mr. Ali you may be the most perfect Muslim but that is based on your own whim. Every Muslim thinks the same. Every other religion feels the same. But it doesn't give you the right to call other kafir and wrong.

Let me say this to you Mr. Ali, a Jew said to a renowned sufi Bayazeed Bustami that O Bayazeed I cannot follow your Islam. And the Islam these Muslims have I do not need this Islam. Why he said that. Because this Jew was always bad to Bayazeed and once when this Jew was away from his house this sufi was taking care of his family. Upon this, this Jew cried and he said the above mentioned words.

Mr. Ali, your own email is full of arrogance and fitnah. You are not only degrading others but also provoking them. How sad.

Probably you will find it shocking that there are so many young Muslims who are turning against Islam even though you people claim otherwise.

Your email is full of nonsense. There are tons of bright people, professors, scientists, writers who belong to sufi tradition. There is a scientist from NASA who is the student of Sheikh Nazim. There is another physicist from an American university who is the student of Hisham Kabbani. I think these people are way smarter than all of you on this forum combined. (Reply to your comment in your mail that group 1.....)

Mr. Ali did you even finish high school. (Sorry for my arrogance).

Sir, you should see a psychiatrist. I am serious. When I read your email I felt that you are either mentally sick man or you are joking.

I am sorry I had to use this tone but sir it is more important to become a good human being. Please do not ridicule Islam any more.

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