

How will the majority of Muslims deal with the radicals in their midst

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Unfortunately, international terrorism and the image of violent acts carried out by the various terrorist organizations all around the world are often associated with Islam. Religion has never been the reason behind the unfortunate events and bloodshed that affects the stability of the planet. No religion in the world resorts to exploit the psychological aspects of a human mind. Instead, religion itself has been the victim of exploitation from the anti-social elements residing in the human society itself. The so-called 'Islamic Terrorism' has a greater inclination towards political interests. Islamic fundamentalism, also referred to as Muslim Radicalism, is often associated with most of the terrorist activities that take place all over the world. Even though Islamic fundamentalism means returning to the fundamentals of Islam, many people have misinterpreted its tenets in order to color their own interests.

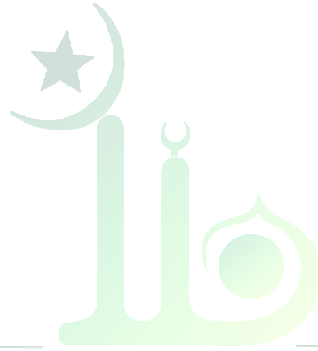
Just like Islam, every religion has its own legacy and in their entire history of valor and pride, there has been no evidence of useless and baseless violence. Rebellion was the only form of bloodshed during those times and they happened only to mow down oppressive forces. Today, reasons are being deliberately given birth to and thereafter, they are grinded in order to inculcate violent instincts in human minds. Political powers have always been at the forefront of exploiting the prevailing sense of dissatisfaction among the people of the Islam community. Such feelings of dissatisfaction come from both internal and external circumstances.

Secular political movements have been the lone reason in deforming the entire framework of Islam's teachings. It is unfortunate to see that any act of war in a Muslim country is often associated with 'Islamic Terrorism'. The similar act of war is given the name of political dispute in other countries. Such discrimination is also one of the vital factors for fuelling Muslim radicalism in the Muslim countries of the world. But the problem does not only lie in the social disputes taking place in the Islamic countries. The western perception of Islamic terrorism also adds to the misery of the situation. West has always involved its perception regarding Islam with violence and misled Islamic fundamentalism. The media in the west has added to the woes of Islamic nations of the world.

In order to fight the prevalent radicalism in the Muslim community, one has to resort to 'Quran Sharif' individually. Being a Muslim, he /she have to understand the fact that politics cannot be mixed with religious teachings. Each and every individual in this planet has his/her own preferences. Some of them succumb to their greed and some of them are forcefully dragged into the dungeons of violence and anti-social acts. It is not an easy task to adhere to the original teachings of the Prophet. With the worldwide socio-political

and economic fluctuations, it becomes a tough task to follow the Holy Scriptures. With excessive criticism propagated in the West about Islamic radicalism, the onus lies on the Muslims of both the Islamic and Non-Islamic countries to study and understand the teachings of the Prophet and spread the real meaning behind them.

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