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## FUNDAMENTALISM AND ISLAM

I would like to say a few words about fundamentalism and Islam. I have studied Islam from its original sources-the Quran and Hadith. I can say with confidence that fundamentalism has no place in the Islamic scheme of life. It is quite alien to Islamic thought. Now what is fundamentalism? Fundamentalism is only another name for extremism which ultimately assumes the form of fanaticism. And you know fanaticism is not only un-Islamic in nature but it is also a source of all kind of evil.

Now, fundamentalism or extremism is mentioned in the Quran and hadith as Ghulu or Tashaddud. Ghulu or Tashaddud is quite unwarranted in Islam. The Quran says: Do not be extremist in your religion (4:171). The Prophet of Islam has said: "You have to keep away from extremism in religion. For, previous religious communities had perished only because of their extremist attitude in religion. (Ahmad, Ibn Majah, An Nasai).

Then there is another hadith in which the Prophet of Islam has warned: "Do not adopt a hard-line approach in your affairs, otherwise you will have to face harder conditions (Abu Dawood). And it is a fact that hardline approach always proves to be counter productive.

Now, let's make some comparisons between Islam and fundamentalism. Islamic thinking towards others is based on tolerance, whereas fundamentalist thinking towards others is based on intolerance. Islam believes in persuasion, whereas fundamentalism believes in coercion. The Islamic ethic is one of love and compassion whereas the fundamentalist ethic is one of hatred and enmity. Islam always adopts peaceful methods, whereas fundamentalists adopt violent methods. In controversial
matters, Islam always advocates conciliatory approach whereas fundamentalists always advocate confrontational approach. So there is a vast difference between Islam and fundamentalism. To illustrate this difference I will give here some practical examples.

Suppose an author publishes a book and you feel that the book contains some material against your religion. Now, there are two different ways to deal with this situation. Islam would like to take it as an ideological challenge and prepare another book to counter it through reason and argument. But fundamentalists will take it as a conspiracy and will give a negative response, by attempting to burn the book and kill the author.

Let us take another example. If some Muslim women adopt western culture, in such a situation Islam will try to promote Islamic education among them whereas fundamentalists will not hesitate to take violent measures like inflicting severe punishment on them. Let us take another example. Suppose you are living in a Muslim country and you feel that your country is not being governed by Shariah laws. Now, the Islamic way would be to bring about change peacefully through gradual process. Whereas fundamentalists will attempt to overthrow the ruling class so that they may capture power and impose shariah law without delay. They fail to understand that this kind of brute radicalism can only produce jungle law, and not shariah law. These examples show that the Islamic approach and the fundamentalist approach are totally opposed to one another, both in theory as well as in practice. They cannot go together.

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learn to live together in peace and amity. Otherwise, I should die in the attempt (p.449)
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Tormenting Seventy One edited by Shahariar Kabir, Resist Fundamentalism edited by Shahariar Kabir, Of Blood and Fire Jahanara Imam and
The Vanquished Generals and the Liberation War by Muntassir Mamun of Bangladesh





The record Jahanara Imam maintained are neither hyperbolic nor exaggerated.

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[^0]:    Conference on Fundamentalism and Communalism, Dacca, June 2, 2001

