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Publisher's word

In 1387 some international and religious great characters of the world from U.S.A, Europe and Africa-Arabic country traveled to our country Iran to take part in one of the seminars about negotiation among religions¹ and they discussed and gave a speech in this field. Some of the international characters from their own religious and ideological views (Christian, Jews, and Sunni) and some ones from the politics point of view retold the last situation of the world and the people life in the farthest parts of the world.

If we want to tell the most important common topics which were told by the great politic-religious characters, we can

1 - "Religion in the new world" seminar. Mehr 1387, Tehran

mention to some points here, which is necessary for all thinkers and religious caring to pay attention and be careful about them:

- 1) Despite the miracle and development of mass media such as radios, TV, the press, satellite and internet, yet there are so many questions and ambiguities about the commons of the divine religions among the people of the world which remained without answering and it's necessary that some ones be custodian to answer to contemporary generation's questions and aware them.
- 2) In spite of the vast researches and studies in religious matters, yet there are so many questions and unknowns about how can we negotiate among the religions which didn't work on them, seriously.
- 3) There are so many studies and investigations about differences and discord topics among the religions, but not on common aspects. For example about discussions such as: monotheism, resurrection and Judgment Day, prophecy, worship, command to good deed and charity, avoid from evil topics which are necessary for education and leading the human beings and almost are common among all divine and

monotheistic religions, there are not considerable affairs to accomplish

These people also emphasized that there accomplish many affairs in the recent years, to encounter the divine and Abraham religions to feel the follower aversion and feud instead of kindness and peaceful life.

These speakers and international characters emphasized that more worked on the common points, more possible leading and correcting of human society from evils and homeliness, reducing oppression, injustice on the societies and countries and there have been easier possible fulfillment divine command, society justice and supporting of the oppressed.

Simultaneous with conducting the congress, I saw some Moslem's friends who were from European country, I had a friendly negotiation and I spoke about the effects of the congress and meetings.

I asked them: what did the congress has benefit? Did it wasting time or spending money?

Did the world pay any attention to the congress?

Did the people who took part in the congress track the enactments and decision makings of the meeting when came back to their countries?

Did they basically have any acceptability among their society?

Basically, how is the atmosphere on the West World in the role and effect of divine religions in social and individual life?

And other questions.

From these people and their interesting and listenable points, this was that almost all of them recommended and stressed on necessity of negotiation among divine religions and also they persisted that we ought to accept this reality that the most of West World of Europe and America follow Christianity (Catholics, Protestants, Orthodox, ...) and Islam, Jews and the other religions are in the next range, however, necessity of negotiation among the religions and the other religions is evident.

These friends said that, we knew many people in European countries whom negotiate about Islam; they honestly and clearly said that they have no information about Islam.

And unfortunately because of wrong advertisements of satellite, TV and world recently press, there is a coarse and quarrelsome appearance from Islam, and though we said that this pictures and news are malicious, but it has negative effects on western children and adolescents.

Our friends said that when we spoke about Christianity and the Holy Mary and Jesus (AS) and even about Moses, David and Solomon, they surprised very much and said that are you a priest that you have such information? And when they heard our answers that we have the information in Quran, they surprised and said how Islam and Quran did mention to our prophets so honorably and with reverence, and declared them as divine prophets.

These Moslem intellectuals believed that in spite of accomplishing attempts by the dignitaries of Islamic in the last fourteen centuries, especially the recent one hundred centuries, yet loneliness of Islam in Europe, Africa and America could observe clearly and the people of those countries hadn't suitable view about Islam and sometimes they had deprived of the simple and clear information of the Holy Quran.

Every day with help of mass media, the world become small and smaller and the intervals are shrinking as a world village, we ought to take the danger of poisoned advertisements seriously and we must not become proud of a little works and advertisement of Islamic countries.

All the works, which accomplished by Islamic countries and the Islamic republic of Iran in the last several decades, are not compatible against rush and dispersive propaganda of the human being and divine religions enemies and the enemies everyday with more power than before, want to cause rift between west and east young generation who are religious of Islam, Christian and unreligious. Our Moslem and intellectual friends said that: when we talked about prophets and history of different nations in Quran, they didn't believe that there are such hints in our Holy Book. Their construe from Islam is not as the last religion and the last divine prophet followed the great monotheistic prophets, but there was discussed in advertisements that Islam is a religion as Buddha and Confucius and it hasn't any bound and relation to divine religions.

There are a great emphasis in the magnanimous men's words that we compiled the features of divine prophets especially

Moses, David, Solomon, Jesus (AS) and Mary, separately, based on Quranic narrations and verses with fluent and smooth explanation and description in to-day language and translate in other languages, to be useable and exploitable for the young and temporary generation in those countries.

But about the prepared book; in the sequel to the same discussions and mental distresses, a little while I had negotiation about the discussed topics with my dear and gracious brother Mr. Seyyed Mohammad Ghazanfari and I informed as good luck that he compiled a book regarding the luminous features of the Holy Mary in Quran and the narrations, I became delighted and gave thanks God. I request him to present his writings to temporary and young generation especially the west ones, whether Christian or Moslem inhibited in that region that maybe didn't have complete information about divine prophet especially from Islam point of view, and I am beholden to him because he presents the book by revision and adding some moral and educative narrations. If God willing, we will be a droplet to joining to the endless sea of divine grace when do accomplish this attempt.

It is necessary here that I appreciate and acknowledge all friends who help us in all steps of printing and publishing of our book and especially our dear editor Mr. Ahmad Saddeghi.

We are hopeful to that day which receive the good news of reappearance of savior and the last divine messenger for accomplishing the divine orders will resonate, and with the word and charming talk Jesus of the Hearts, all human beings place in the right and eternal leading way and we will be counted as his soldiers and followers.

Amen

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The felicitous nativity of Saint Fattemeh Zahra (SA)

Introduction

Everyday ,ten thousands various meanings and images pass through one's mind which are resulted from his view and contacting with objects and different perspectives and or his/her imaginations and mental visions.

These images and subjective meanings pass through human beings thinking surface unconscious and without any consideration and attention, and very likely days and years pass and don't force man to consider and think about that.

Maybe a part of this issue resulted from so-called feature "habit", which is common in man and animal and it has various orientation of positive and negative; although it has been spoken about habit, but yet as a most important human behavior it should pay more attention and review.

When we observe the recommend of monotheistic religious and divine prophets on all subjects to rationalize and contrive the importance of the matter revealed for us. In this direction, the Holy Quran recommended mostly on thinking, contriving and on warning of subjects, issues and events¹. From thoughtful look to infinite spiritual and physical dimensions of the man, until inquire consideration in state of creation animals like ant, honey bee and camel, and from consideration and care on mountains, seas, skies, the sun and stars, until state of creation and birth of mankind, and from the world after dead events until another issues about the origin and resurrection, which in a vast perspective, they all interpreted as signs of “humans” and “universe”, all of these are a bit of numberless problems which the Holy Quran and divine prophets invited the human to think and deliberate.

According to this base, the attempt of all divine prophets as messengers of the God on high is inviting humankind to perfection through exiting of routine life, ignorance and useless

1 - So many verses such: (Suree Ghashia / Vs 17-20)

habits and moving & attempting in prosperously completion and sublimity.

Cognition and perception to the Creator and the Maker of life giver, is result of deep thought and celebration of human's mental horizon, and finally is the wisely obedience and slavery, which be followed by this and the next world. And this is the main will of all divine prophets of humankind.

This recommend goes on until which praises and whispered prayer and worships taking into account less importance and considered as a lower levels of slavery, even worships which only done as a habit, and in turn, they know the spirit and core of the worship as a real cognition and perception of God and obedience essence¹.

In this direction, it's necessary for all seekers' reality way to have cognition and perception to divine prophets and the chosen

1 -In many anecdotes 'thinking' mentioned as the best worships and the way of knowing and acquiring the felicity and high ranks. Saint Ali said:

[لَا عِبَادَةَ كَالْتَفَكُّرِ فِي صُنْعِهِ اللَّهِ] Or [لَا عِلْمَ كَالْتَفَكُّرِ] (Nahj-ol-ballaghe-aphorisms). In some anecdotes also said that one hour thinking is equal to seventy-year worshipping, whose philosophy is the defining of thinking. Perhaps one hour thinking changes the destiny of a man, perhaps many years worshipping resulted in useless just with a neglect. [تَفَكَّرَ سَاعَةً خَيْرٌ مِنْ عِبَادَةٍ سَبْعِينَ سَنَةً] (Toosi, Khaje nasir addin, Osaf al Ashraf, p 43)

men of God, as a complete sample of grown and attained final destination mankind¹. In recent era which anxiety, mental anguish and confusing surrounded human societies, knowing and following of this selected man of God resulted in guidance and salvation, and also this benefit and success just included persons who have these precious treasures and believed in them.

This eternally samples of all history who reached to some degrees of faith by own beliefs and cleanness of own soul, which selected as a chosen of God, could always be guidance light and flaming torch of luckiness and good fortune; provided that they don't honor just in speech and appearance, which is the same negative dimension of habit that always we respect to the great man, without knowing them well and knowing why they are respected, which we have to believe in, follow by and trail them inwardly, so that we can find the real direction and real felicity.

There is a question about taking an example, and it is that is the sex determinant for the position? Could the example be a

1- [لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ
اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا] (Suree Ahzab v.21)

man or a woman? And basically what is the criterion for being great and honor in social situations? In replying to this question we should tell that on the monotheistic criterion basis there is no difference and contrast between the man and woman in faith ranks, because from the divine view just the divine piety is the superior and valuable¹.

So in the human beings history, especially among Abraham religion followers, we can find several honored women which so many people were influenced from them and they were wrapped in watching their greatness, this is the reason of valued view of religion to this matter².

One of the stars of human beings sky whose existence light is the light of so many people, is Saint Mary(SA)– Jesus' mother - whose position among Christians , Jews and the Moslem is very high and the most of world people hold sacred her.

1- [أيها الناس أنا خلقناكم من ذكرٍ و أنثي و جعلناكم شعوبا و قبائل لتعارفوا إن أكرمكم عند الله أتقاكم]

(Suree Hojarat, v.13) O' people, We create you from a man and a woman and ranked you in tribes and families so you can know each other. (But these are not the criterion) more dear of you beside God is more pious one.

2 - For more explanation in this topic, refer to chapters 3 and 7.

This great madam is so honored among the Christian that someone didn't have enough understanding of her high position, and necessarily they went astray a morass of immoderation and they appointed to her as a goddess and worshiped her, which Islam is opposite of the latter case, but alongside of that and instead of the overstatement views, from the realistic view and a pious thoughts which is resulted from divine message, for Saint Mary such a position recited that a few one reached to the situation, so that she is one of the four great women in the world¹.

Her expression of life and divine status explained in Islam and the Holy Quran so that we can certainly say that it is new for Christ followers and is amazing and this is one of the reasons for writing this book, which all the Moslem and the Christian one more time were familiar with the great madam from divine and Islamic view.

In the Holy Quran, in different reasons and repeatedly the name of Mary were mentioned, and in the several verses of the

¹ -Records about this saying have come in chapter 3.

Quran were written account of her life¹, and this is by itself a sign of her high status in Islam. The noteworthy point is that in Allame Tabatabaee point of view - the great interpreter of Quran - throughout of the Quran Mary (SA) is the only woman whose name mentioned repeatedly, which is by itself means of her valuable and high position in Islam².

In this literature I'd like to present an expression of the great divine madam on the basis of the Holy Quran verses, interpretations and anecdotes of the family of the prophet, in my own ability, and with some hints to the Old and the New Testament (Torah and Bible) if necessary, so it will be a practical example for all friends of virtue and willing of guidance, especially young and eager generation. The story in which mentioned to a righteous woman with a divine unique miracle, and with mention to the help of God to the righteous in

1 - In the Holy Quran, 33 times were used the name of Mary which sometimes the story is about herself and sometimes while called her child Jesus, named him with his mother's name and called "Jesus ben Mary". in other cases, it starts of the blessed Suree Al e Omran v.33 and it continued in Suree Mary, and then in other Suree in different cases mentioned to her name, and as a whole 38 verses of Quran, express her story.

2 - Tabatabaee, Seyyed Mohammad Hossein, Al Mizan fi Tafsir al Quran, V.13, p 50.

difficulties and problems, finally salvation and immortality of the pure and righteous was announced.

I know this literature is a success from The Almighty God and I hope the world God grants me and all friends more success of studying, researching and understanding of His Holy Book

Amen Ya Rabb-al-A'lamin

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