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A Reply to a Question About the Peshawar Bombings

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-May Allah Protect Him-

Question:

To the people of knowledge and religion, may Allah take them under His protection and care, and guide them to the path of Truth: Is it permissible to rejoice and feel happy about the likes of these bombings which occurred in the Peshawar markets (in the end of October, 2009) and show pleasure about the losses incurred by the shoppers, merchants and the general populace, based upon the fact that they have serious shortcomings in matters of religion, thinking only about their worldly life and sustenance, refraining from Jihad, deserting the Mujahidoon, and living under the authority of an apostate government without any care of the previous? Please explain the truth to us in this matter, may Allah guide you and give you the best rewards on be-half of us and the rest of the Muslims.

Answer:

All praise be to Allah, and may peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah, as well as his family, Companions, and all others who follow his guidance. To proceed:
It is not permissible to rejoice and feel joy about the likes of these bombings (such as the Peshawar bombings mentioned), and it is not permissible to show ones pleasure about the losses incurred by the merchants and others present in the market or living in the city. Rather, the obligation is that one objects to them and believes they are a form of corruption-spreading, falsehood, oppression, transgression, and contrary to the pure religion of Islam. One must believe that the likes of these bombings are not carried out by those who believe in Allah and the Last Day, let alone by a Mujahid in Allah's Cause. Rather, if there are any feelings and attitudes Islamicly legislated towards this event, it is that a Muslim must feel sadness and grief about it. In-deed we belong to Allah and to Him is our return.

Explanation:

The reason it is not allowed to rejoice and feel happy is that they are a form of corruption-spreading, falsehood, oppression, transgression and contrary to the pure religion of Islam as we mentioned, and it is a known fact in which there can be no doubt whatsoever that it is not allowed to rejoice and feel happy about anything which fits the religious descriptions mentioned above.

A Muslim loves what Allah and His Messenger (ﷺ) love, and he rejoices and feels happy in this. What Allah and His Messenger (ﷺ) love is goodness, righteousness, good works, justice, guidance and truth, and the opposite of this is corruption-spreading, oppression, transgression, misguidance, and falsehood. A person cannot be a Believer without this. This is a condition of belief as defined by the religion. If this condition is not met, he is a hypocrite and disbeliever in his heart, we seek refuge with Allah.

Some people may misinterpret what they are supposed to hate and love. An example of this is that he may feel that a certain Muslim deserves to be killed, rejoicing and feeling happy over his death, but this is something which cannot be imagined in regards to the Muslims masses whose religious state (whether they are righteous or sinful) is unknown, including their children, womenfolk, elders, and nobles. They are of varying levels of faith. It is not possible for a Believer to rejoice and feel happy with their collective death and annihilation! Allah informed us of the state of the hypocrites and how...

“If good befalls you, it grieves them, but if a calamity overtakes you, they say: ‘We took our precaution beforehand,’ and they turn away rejoicing.” (Aali Imran: 120)

“If a good befalls you, it grieves them, but if some evil overtakes you, they rejoice at it.” (At-Tawbah: 50)

This is the description of the hypocrites. They rejoice with the pain and hardships which befall the Prophet (ﷺ) and the Muslims, and they feel pain and worry with any good which befalls the Muslims.¹

The fact that the likes of these bombings in the markets of Muslim countries are acts of falsehood, evil, corruption, oppression, transgression and contrary to the pure religion of Islam is very clear. All scholars, rather all Muslims, know well that they target innocent Muslims and spill their blood which Allah has forbidden. As a result, there were tens of dead and injured and much Muslim property was devastated. The harm and evil which resulted is not hidden to any-one. It is a religious fact known to all that is forbidden to transgress against a Muslim’s life. The strictness of the religion in this regard is also something known. It has given much importance to this subject, It is considered one of the greatest of sins after shirk.

Allah (Y) has forbidden unlawful killing in various and numerous types of clear and explicit assertive texts.²

It is enough for the Muslim to refer to the book entitled “*Al-Targheeb wat-Tarheeb*” by Al-Mundhiri, in the chapter called, “Warning against unlawfully killing a soul which Allah has forbidden” to see things which instill fear in the hearts and raise the hair on one’s skin.

In the stories of Usama b. Zaid and Al-Miqdad b. Amr, may Allah be pleased with them both, there is a special lesson for those true Mujahidoon in the Cause of Allah who long for Allah and the Last Day, about whom Allah says:

“That home of the Hereafter (i.e. Paradise), We shall assign to those who rebel not against the truth out of pride and oppression in the land nor do mischief by committing crimes.” (Al-Qasas: 83)

He also said:

“O you who believe! Whoever from among you turns back from his religion (Islam), Allah will bring a people whom He will love and they will love Him; humble towards the Believers, stern towards the disbelievers, fighting in the Way of Allah, never fearing the blame of the blamers.” (Al-Ma’ida: 54)

I will mention the two stories here as a reminder, so that the reader can refer to them in the Hadeeth Expositions to see the wealth of lessons to be learned from them and what the scholars have written about them.

The Story of Usama b. Zaid

Al-Bukhari and Muslim mentioned a hadeeth narrated by Usama b. Zaid (τ), in which he said:

The Messenger of Allah (ρ) sent us on an expedition against the clan of Al-Huraqa from Juhainah. We attacked them at dawn and defeated them. A man from the Ansar and I chased after one of them. When we caught hold of him, he said, “*Laa ilaaha ill-Allah!*” The man from the Ansar with-held himself, but I stabbed him with my spear until he died. When we arrived back, this news reached the Prophet (ρ), and he said to me, “O Usama! You killed him after he said *Laa ilaaha ill-Allah!*?”

I said, “O Messenger of Allah! He was only saying it to save himself!”

He *again+ said, “O Usama! You killed him after he said *Laa ilaaha ill-Allah!*?” He kept repeating this until I wished that I had never accepted Islam before that day.

The Story of Al-Miqdad b. Amr

Al-Bukhari and Muslim mentioned a hadeeth narrated by Al-Miqdad b. Amr Al-Kindi, a person who had also witnessed the Battle of Badr with the Prophet (ρ), in which he said:

“O Messenger of Allah! If I meet an infidel and start to duel him, and he strikes my hand with his sword and cuts it off, and then runs away to a tree, seeking refuge, saying, ‘I have submitted to Allah!’ Shall I kill him even after he says this?”

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, “Don’t kill him.”

He said, “But Allah’s Messenger, he cut off one of my hands and then said it! Shouldn’t I kill him?”

He replied, “Don’t kill him. If you do, he will be the state you were in before you killed him (i.e. Is-lam), and you will be in his state before he said what he said.”

Allah (I) said:

“O you who believe! When you go (to fight) in the Cause of Allah, verify (the truth), and say not to anyone who greets you (by embracing Islam): ‘You are not a Believer;’ seeking the perishable goods of the worldly life. There are much more profits and booties with Allah. Even as he is now, so were you yourselves before till Allah conferred on you His Favors (i.e. guided you to Islam), therefore, be cautious in discrimination. Allah is Ever Well-Aware of what you do.” (Al-Nisaa: 94)

In a hadeeth of Al-Bukhari and Muslim, Ibn Abbas (ؓ) said in reference to the saying of Allah, “and say not to anyone who greets you: ‘You are not a Believer;’ he said:

A person had a few sheep. The Muslims caught up to him, and he said, “Salamun alaykum (Peace be upon you)” to them. They killed him and took his sheep, and so Allah revealed this verse up to the point he said, “seeking the perishable goods of the worldly life.”

The same ruling applies to the wealth and possessions of the Muslims. The fact that they are not to be transgressed against is something known by all Muslims. All these things are gathered together in one saying of the Prophet (ﷺ):

It is forbidden for a Muslim to transgress against other Muslims’ life, wealth and honor. (Narrated by Muslim and others)

It is forbidden to harm and annoy them. Rather it is forbidden to even scare them unlawfully, meaning without the permission of the pure religion.

The prohibition of all these things and the texts which forbid and warn against them are well-known in the religion, and all praise be to Allah, and thus we will not go into great length and mentioned their specific proofs.

You should know that in this matter, as others, people go to two extremes and the middle course. There are some who have disregarded this great prohibition and serious and threatening texts in its regard. They spill the blood of Muslims and give it no regard, they have no respect for it, nor do they fear Allah in its regard, hoping not for reward from Allah. Examples of these people are the tyrannical pharaohic leaders of *kufir* (disbelief), may Allah curse them, the various disbelieving sects who attribute themselves to Islam, tyrannical sinners, the degenerate sinners from the people of this worldly life, robbers, burglars and the ignorant tribal people of some countries and their likes. The Khawarij also fall into this category, as witnessed in some countries.

Others, due to these texts and strict warnings, refrain from fighting and killing those whose blood is permissible, or sometimes even obligatory to spill. They refrain from the obligatory forms of Jihad, such as Jihad against the apostates and their armies, and “Refusing Parties” who refuse to implement certain outward aspects of Islam, arguing that they fear that they will spill blood, destroy Muslim property, and cause them harm and fear!

From them are those with weak motivation who see death in war to be blameworthy, knowing nothing about war and battle. Their bodies are soft and delicate from living full lives, extravagance, and comfort in their homelands and their trouble-free Islamic projects based upon alleged “natural alliance”, showing importance to love of one’s homeland, choosing this worldly life and the love for peace and security, even if it be at the cost of the religion. How much they resemble those about whom Allah said:

“...or he who is brought up in adornments (wearing silk and gold ornaments), and who in dispute cannot make himself clear?” (Az-Zukhruf: 18)

One of these extremist deviants wrote on their website that peace and security takes preference over and is more important than Tawheed, giving evidence, may Allah destroy him, with the saying of Allah:

“And (remember) when Ibrahim (Abraham) said: ‘O my Lord! Make this city (Makkah) one of peace and security, and keep me and my sons away from worshipping idols’.” (Ibrahim: 35)
This liar claimed that the fact that Ibrahim asked Allah to make this city one of peace and security before asking Him to keep him and his children from worshipping idols is a proof for this!

The likes of these people and others are the likes of those described by Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ), when he said,

« If you see those who adhere to verses which are not entirely clear, be careful of them, for they are the ones Allah mentioned »

This was mentioned by Al-Bukhari and Muslim on the authority of Aishah (رضي الله عنها) in the explanation of the verse:

“So as for those in whose hearts there is a deviation (from the truth) they follow that which is not entirely clear thereof, seeking to test [people and spread confusion], and seeking its hid-den meanings...” (Aali Imran: 7)

There are also others from those who follow their desires who fall into this category of people. We seek refuge in Allah from all their poor state of affairs.

Allah guided the people of Jihad in His Cause with knowledge and understanding to the truth in those matters which people differed. They fulfilled what is correct, dealing with each issue with properly and accordingly. They fulfilled the concept of “Alliance and Enmity” (*Al-Walaa’ wal-Baraa*), they try to fulfill all aspects of the religion, as much as in their ability, seeking help from their Lord. They fulfill the obligation of the time, which is to confront the great tyrannical apostasy of today, as they fight the enemies of Allah from the infidels who have attacked Muslim

lands from the Jews, Christians, Hindus and others. They also do as much as they can to protect Muslim blood and property and respect its inviolability, while proceeding with the obligation of Jihad. Allah is their Lord and Protector, and it is He, Glory be to Him, who will reward them and help them.

From this we understand that these types of bombings are not carried out by the Mujahidoon. They are only done by those who do not believe in Allah and the Last Day. They are only done by the criminal enemies of Allah (I). We firmly believe that they are directly carried out by our infidel enemies, either through criminal security contractors such as Blackwater and their likes, or other filthy groups working under the Pakistani Intelligence (ISI) or some criminal impure Generals in the army. There has been a substantial increase of these contractors in Pakistan, and all people have seen and heard about them. We ask Allah to cause their plans to backfire.

This is something which is not unusual in warfare. It is to be expected. Our enemies have done many similar things in Afghanistan, Iraq, Algeria, and other places. Whoever seeks evidence for this may very well not find any, as the enemies are very good at covering their tracks, as they are usually special intelligence operations. However, their signs are clear to those who understand warfare and live it.

For this reason, Muslims must understand this, and the Mujahidoon must also clarify these issues, warn people and spread awareness. We must also understand that this is a type of trial from Allah (Y) "...that Allah may test who it is that will help Him and His Messengers in the Unseen," who will help His Religion, who will stand for the truth and its people, who will not be hindered by these trials from the true Jihad in the Cause of Allah to make the Word of Allah and His Laws supreme, from being with the Mujahidoon and aiding them as much as they can, and who it is that will not side with the enemies of Allah, we seek refuge in Him.

"It is only Your Trial by which You lead astray whom You will, and keep guided whom You will. You are our Wali (Protector), so forgive us and have Mercy on us: for You are the Best of those who forgive." (Al-A'raaf: 155)

The strong and intelligent Muslim Believer who understands the wideness of his Mujahid religion tries to ascertain the truth, gives each aspect its due right, knows goodness and supports it, and knows sin and prevents it as much as he can.

This issue is very clear to us. These bombings are planned and implemented by the infidel enemies of Allah through which they sought to blame the Mujahidoon to cause the Muslims to hate them, to disunite the Mujahidoon and the Muslim populace which supports and shelters them, to spoil the image of the Mujahidoon in Pakistan and all over the world, to scare the Muslim Ummah away from Jihad, to lower their morale through these mishaps, and to make them feel despair about the results of Jihad!

These are their goals, and they are not hidden from anyone who thinks.

And as Sheikh Mustafa Abul-Yazid, may Allah protect him and grant him success, said in a statement released by As-Sahab Media:

All Muslims must understand that it is impossible that the Mujahidoon carry out such vile acts, as it is they who have set out on the path of Jihad in the Cause of Allah in defense of Islam, land, honor and Muslim life which is spilt and desecrated by the Crusaders and apostates...

We believe that the likes of these bombings are carried out by the enemies of Allah – by the Crusaders and their aides from the government and intelligence. This is only one aspect of their debauched war. How can this not be the case when it is they who do not respect any ties, either of kinship or of covenant, with regard to Muslims? They pay no consideration to any form of sanctity, and Muslim blood is worth nothing to them.

Everyone today knows how Blackwater and other criminal organizations who freely operate in Pakistan support this corrupt regime of criminals and its security apparatus. They carry out these heinous acts, and then they use their mouthpieces in the media to accuse the Mujahidoon and spoil their image.

Some of the factors which clearly indicate their involvement in the bombings are as follows:

a) This was the policy they employed in Iraq and Afghanistan, and here we see today the debauched Americans implementing it in Pakistan. They themselves have stated that they will make use of their experience (they gained there), as you have seen.

b) The timing of these bombings coincided with the visit of some American officials to Pakistan. This is so that they can emphasize in their press conferences that it is the terrorists who are responsible for these acts, and it is only these terrorists who they are targeting in their hiding places in the tribal regions, claiming that they are only supporting the Pakistani government and people to finish them off.

c) Weapons and explosives were accidentally found with some Blackwater officials and other Western diplomats in Pakistan, a fact which even the media reported. However, this case was quickly closed. The hidden truth is much more evil, which is that they have plans, may Allah disgrace them, to kill off anyone who supports or sympathizes with the Mujahidoon, whether they be the scholars, preachers, or reputable intellectuals, writers, reporters and others.

d) These bombings are carried out by explosive laden (VB) IED's placed in marketplaces. These are well known methods employed by intelligence agencies all over the world, and there are so many examples of this in Iraq and other places.

My brother Muslims, indeed the true culprits behind the criminal bombings are those who strike Muslim villages, homes and mosques in the tribal areas and Afghanistan with bombs which weigh tons.

I add to this: Those who are behind these crimes are the same ones who demolished the Red Mosque over the heads of pure and chaste male and female students who prayed and recited the Quran. It is those who bomb weak innocents in both urban and rural areas, wiping out their villages in Swat and Waziristan, it is they who killed almost 200 innocent poor people who gathered around an oil truck gasoline in Qunduz, killing hundreds of others in Herat, Ghazni and other places.

Thus, the Mujahidoon in the various trustworthy and well-known Jihadi organizations do not do these types of things. Certainly not! We ask Allah to protect them and grant them success, and to grant us all refuge from misguiding trials.

We and the rest of the Mujahidoon believe that if some group did carry out the likes of these criminal acts, and may Allah not will this to happen, willingly and intentionally, it would no longer be called a Jihadi organization. Rather, it would be called a misguided and deviant group. We ask Allah forgiveness, well-being and security, and seek refuge in Him from things which incur His Wrath and Anger.

For this reason, if there is any probability that those who carried out these bombings were people who ascribe themselves to Islam and Jihad, we bear witness that if they intentionally and willingly did this, they are misguided, deviant and have acted in contradiction to the religion. They are not Mujahidoon, but rather havoc-wreaking criminals. They must be stopped and punished according to Islamic guidelines, otherwise, we will all come under the wrath, curse and punishment of Allah. But in reality, the probability of this is negligible, and all praise is due to Allah, the Mujahidoon can certainly not do this. I only mentioned this in order to explain its Islamic ruling and stance. We ask Allah to protect us and all the Mujahidoon from misguiding trials, and to protect the battlefields of Jihad from all these deviations... Ameen.

Note: If it is asked whether this could have happened due to a mistake of some Mujahidoon. I say that the probability of this happening due to the true upright, and Islam abiding Mujahidoon due to a mistake is also negligible. Something similar may occur in warfare and any other human work, but it rarely happens. An example could be that a vehicle filled with explosives sets off towards its destination but unintentionally explodes due to some human mistake. Something like this may happen in warfare and are considered calamities and trials like any others which affect people, either it directly occurring due to a human mistake or by pure Divine Decree (*Al-Qadr*). Either way, it is by Allah's Will (Y). And in everything that happens there is complete wisdom and reason.

With our knowledge of the Mujahidoon, we clear them from this, for we know their religiousness and precaution, and all praise be to Allah. As for those who are distant and are not familiar with the Mujahidoon, they must be just and also harbor good thoughts about the Mujahidoon in the Cause of Allah, the religious Muslims and preachers. They should understand that they are the targets of the infidel, tyrannical, lying, slandering enemies and their media. They must think about the previous points mentioned, the similarity between these repetitive events and the well-known politics and focused strategy of trying to separate their popular base which shelters them, as they repetitively state, and Allah is enough for us, and what a good Disposer of affairs. How can the Mujahidoon carry out such acts which drive people away and impede them from the Call of Islam, Jihad, and create hatred between them and the Mujahidoon? Against who were these acts perpetrated? Against their own people, tribes, and family who are their cradle and home. Can this be done by anyone who has a bit of intelligence? We seek refuge from Allah that we are deserted. Allah is the One who guides to the truth. Whoever seeks help in Allah, Allah helps him.

“And whoever holds firmly to Allah, (i.e. follows Islam - Allah's Religion, and obeys all that Allah has ordered, practically), then he is indeed guided to the Right Path.” (Aali Imran: 101)

The Mujahidoon have repetitively and continually claimed innocence from these bombings and others like it. They have released statements forbidding things less significant than this, even those things which sometimes hold some weight, such as striking the infidels, apostates, and the leaders of their armies and security agencies in public places, like markets, streets, mosques, and its likes, for this leads to the death of Muslims as well. Although we see the permissibility of striking them in some of these situations, as our scholars have also stated – the proofs of which can be found in their proper references³, there are certain clear guidelines and conditions for this, and all praise is for Allah, the Lord of all that exists.

All praise be to Allah, the Mujahidoon abide by the religion. They do not fight nor kill anyone other than those the religion has allowed. They base their work based about fiqh and their legislative proofs. They differentiate between permissible and impermissible blood, and they are strict and wise in this. They take precautions and are careful in this matter. The Mujahidoon of TTP, the Mujahidoon Shura Union, Al-Qaeda and others have stated many times that in Pakistan, they only target the security forces and the apostate government's army, their intelligence, police, and all other military forces and their likes which protect and guard it; those which directly form the base of the government. They also target the infidel government politicians who wage war against Allah, His religion and His laws, first taking all precautions and means of verification, leaving things in which there may be some doubt. The Mujahidoon realize what has be-fallen this Ummah and their societies being a mix of both good and evil people, the doubts people have, and how this requires strict precaution and care, that they make excuses for people, and that they show mercy, compassion and tolerance to people. They know that making a mistake in excusing someone is better than making a mistake in punishment, moreover that these people are their own people, family, and the ones who give them shelter. Glory be to Allah! We ask Allah to grant them success and guide their steps, and to help them with His Help, and to give them victory over the infidels.

Allah said:

“Permission to fight (against disbelievers) is given to those (Believers) who are fought against, because they have been wronged; and surely, Allah is Able to give them (Believers) victory. Those who have been expelled from their homes unjustly only because they said: ‘Our Lord is Allah.’ For had it not been that Allah checks one set of people by means of another, monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques, wherein the Name of Allah is mentioned much would surely have been pulled down. Verily, Allah will help those who help His (Cause). Truly, Allah is All-Strong, All-Mighty. Those who, if We give them power in the land, (they) enjoin the performing of Prayer, the paying of Zakat and they enjoin the good and forbid the evil. And with Allah rests the end of (all) matters (of creatures).” (Al-Hajj: 39-41)

And He (Y) said:

“Allah has promised those among you who believe and do righteous good deeds, that He will certainly grant them succession to them in the land, as He granted it to those before them, and

that He will grant their religion which He has chosen for them (i.e. Islam) authority. And He will surely give them in exchange a safe security after their fear (provided) they (Believers) worship Me and do not associate anything (in worship) with Me. But whoever disbelieves after this, they are the Fasiqun (rebellious, disobedient to Allah).” (Noor: 55)

And all praise be to Allah, the Lord of that exists

And may peace and blessings be upon His Prophet, Muhammad, and upon his family, companions and all others who follow him in goodness.

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