

Factors of Muslims' Weakness: Part ????

Concern for missionary invasion in the name of religion and education was not confined to USA, France and Britain but included Tzarist Russia which sent its missions to Syria through a Prussian group of nuns (German) who participated with the missions in religious and political activities. And in spite of the difference, between missions in political viewpoints and international interests, they were yet agreed on the goal, that is, the revival of Western culture in the East, making Muslims have doubts about their religion and urging them to hate it, and making them despise their history and glorify Western civilization. all this was due to the Western attitude toward Muslims, for the West not only hated Islam and Muslims but also despised them to a degree of scorn that is bitter. It considered them uncivilized, backward, barbarian peoples. This is, in fact, the image of the West about Muslims, and it is itself the cause of the present concentration of cultural, economic, and political imperialism in the Islamic countries.

Following are statements of some European scholars who confirm this fact:

The French Scholar Count Henry Du Castry wrote in his book 'Islam' in the year 1896,

"I don't know what Muslims would say if they knew the tales of the Middle Ages, and understood the content of Christian song, for all our songs, even those which appeared before the twelfth century, originate from one notion which was the cause of the Crusade wars."

This notion was overloaded with a feeling of resentment against Muslims due to Christian total ignorance of Islam. As a result of these songs, Christian minds absorbed all mistakes against Islam and had them implanted in their deep selves until now, for every singer used to consider Muslims infidels, idolater pagans and heretics.

This inherited enmity which still enkindles the flames of hatred in the Western spirit against Muslims, and it is well-known to every one that Britain backed Israel since it has planted it in Palestine until its rise, which on the ruins of thousands of Muslims achieved international support. The Western hatred to Muslims came to the fore in June 1967 when all European governments and states supported Israel not only out of their love for Israel and the Jews, but rather for their feeling of disgust at Islam and Muslims.

In the same way when a Western discusses Mazdaism, Hinduism and Communism, he does not show fanaticism against, or hatred to these doctrines. But one can sense that the Western manifests these feelings overtly when he discusses Islam. Contrary to these Westerns, however, are Arab Christians who in Islamic countries carry on their religion, yet draw near to Islam, study it profoundly come close to the Arabic language and contribute to its revival.

Professor Leopold Vice says in his book 'Islam on the Cross Road':

"Renaissance or the resurrection of European Sciences and arts during their wide adaptation of Islamic and Arab sources confess that such efforts are due to the materialistic contact between the West and the Orient. Europe won more than the Islamic world but with no gratitude and no minimizing of its hatred towards Islam. The case was vice versa. This hatred enlarged by time and was changed into a habit. Such hatred was at the mouth of their peoples especially when the word 'Muslim' was uttered. It entered into their popular sayings and into the heart of every European man or woman. the strangest of all is that this hatred lasted all through the steps of cultural change which took place in Europe."

When religious reform came and Europe was divided into different sects and each sect faced in arms other sects; hatred to Islam was a common concern. Even after the religious feeling the hatred continued. One of the outstanding facts of it was that the French philosopher and poet Voltaire who was considered the bitterest enemy of Christianity and its church in the 18th century was at the same time a bitter 'hater' of Islam and of the Prophet of Islam. After so many decades Western scientists began to study foreign cultures and adopt themselves to them. The scientist's look at Islam changed from traditional scorn into unbelievable selfishness of their own scientific research. This

gap which history excavated between Europe and the Islamic World remained untrodden and the European scorn of Islam became an essential part of their thoughts.

Vice also says:

"The Orientalist Pioneers during modern times were Christian missionaries engaged and active in the Muslim countries. The false picture they had already fabricated about Islam and its history was originally organized to guarantee the effect on the European attitude towards the heretics (he means the Muslims). Such false pretension continued through the orientalist science and after it freed itself from missionary influence and had no more excuse for continuing such false practice. And what is seen of such is an inherited instinct since the crusades."

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