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# Part One

# Jihad

WAR AND DEFENSE  
OF ISLAM

## Chapter One

### Introducing Jihad in Quran

Defense, a Natural Law

« وَ قَاتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ الَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ...! » (بقره / ١٩٠ )

**" And fight in the Way of Allah against those who fight you...!" (Holy Quran, Baqareh:190)**

**The Right to Defense, which human being, through his Nature believes in,** convinces him to use this right in all cases that the human community considers to be important, and to fight or defend against the person or other community wants to destroy his right.

He also realized in his social life that his fellowmen needed interests like him, so he had to compromise with his fellow citizens in order to preserve civilization and social justice, that is to say, he would ask the amount of service from them that he served to them.

In any of the cases and wars that he set up, man did not mention his reason as employment or exploitation or absolute enslave, which was the *first judgment of his nature*, but did mention his reason as the *right to defend*, because he can defend himself and defend his interests. In short, he assumes a right for himself, and then he sees that others are losing it, so he comes up and defends from his right.

Therefore, every fighting is, in fact, a defense, even the pretext of the

conquerors and the oppressors is the same defense; first, they assume a certain right, such as the sovereignty or prestige of others, or the poverty and shortage of livelihoods or lack of land and the like, and then they began to defend this assumed right. When they are asked: Why are you attacking people, killing them and spoiling the Earth? Why do you ruin the Cultivation and Generation? In response they say that we defend our legitimate right!

It became clear then, that the defense of human rights is a legitimate and Natural Right. The Nature assumes it a legitimate Right for human being to Defend it.

The Holy Quran has proved that the most important human rights are Monotheism and the Religious Laws based on Monotheism, as the rational scholars of the human society have also considered that the most important of human rights is his Right to Live under the laws governing the human society, the laws that protect the interests of individuals in their lives.

(Almizan: V.2, P.103)

Introducing the Jihad  
that Quran has Commanded!

Did the Quran invite mankind to bloodshed and oppression? Or is there another purpose for Jihad? In the Holy Quran we find the Verses that have invited Muslims to abandon the Fighting and tolerate any harassment and pressure in the cause of God, including:

***" Say: O, you ringleaders of disbelief!  
I do not worship what you worship!  
And you do not worship Allah  
the One Whom I worship...!"  
(Holy Quran, Kaferon: 1-3 )***

1 And he said:

***" So, be patient with what they say...!" (Taha: 130 )***

2 And he said:

***" Have you not regarded those to whom it was said:  
- Restrain your hands from war  
and perform prayers And pay alms,  
but they insisted on Fighting?  
Then, as soon as fighting was ordained for them...!"  
(Nessa: 77 )***

And it seems that this Verse refers to the Verse:

***" Many of the people of the Scripture[Mainly the Jews,] after the Truth has  
become clear to them, wish that they, out of their inner envy, could turn  
you Muslims back to disbelief after you have believed.  
Yet, forgive them and overlook their ignorance  
till Allah brings His Command;  
verily, Allah is Powerful over all things....***

***So establish prayers regularly, and pay alms...!"***

*(Baqareh: 109-110 )*

After a long time that God ordered the Muslims to patiently enjoy the unbelievers, and persevere in their persecution, some other Verses were sent down and the Muslims were ordered to fight with them. Some of this kind of Verses are being mentioned hereunder:

***" Permission to fight is issued for those Believers who were wronged and oppressed by the disbelievers***

***And Certainly Allah is Powerful to aid the oppressed Believers! The Believers who were expelled***

***from their homes only because they said:***

***Allah is Our Creator and Nurturer...!"*** *(Hajj: 39-40 )*

We may say that the Holy Verse has been revealed about the defenses made in the Badr events and the like.

Also the following Verse:

***" And fight them until there is no more disbelief or tumult and the Religion of Allah prevails entirely throughout the earth, but if they desist, then certainly Allah is The Seer of what they do!***

***"And if they turn away, then know that Allah is your Guardian: The Supreme-Guardian***

***and The Supreme-Aider!"*** *(Anfal: 39-40 )*

Also the Following Verse:

***" And fight in the Way of Allah against those who fight you, but do not exceed the limits; for verily, Allah does not like the transgressors!"***

*(Baqareh: 190 )*

The other category is the Verses that have been revealed about fighting with the People of the Book, such as the Holy Verse:

***"Fight those who do not believe in Allah, nor in the Latter Day, nor do they***

***prohibit what Allah and His Messenger have prohibited, nor follow the religion of truth, out of those who have been given the Book, until they pay the tax in acknowledgment of superiority and they are in a state of subjection!" (Toubeh: 29 )***

The other category of the Verses are about fighting with the common Idolaters, which are other than the People of the Book, like the Verse:

***"... Kill the polytheists wherever you find them...!" ( Toubeh: 5)***

And:

***"... Fight all the polytheists, just as they fight you all...!"  
( Toubeh: 36)***

The other category are the Verses that order to fight both the pagans and the People of the Book, such as the Holy Verse:

***" O, you who believe!  
Fight those of the unbelievers who are near to you  
and let them find in you hardness...!" ( Toubeh: 123 )***

In short, the Holy Quran points out that Islam and the Religion of Monotheism has its foundation in the Human Nature, and, therefore, it can help humanity in its life towards the blessedness and salvation:

***" So set your heart on the religion as a people of pure faith, the origination of Allah according to which He originated mankind! There is no altering Allah's creation;  
that is the upright religion,  
but most people do not know!" (Rom: 30 )***

And for this reason, **establishing the religion and guarding it is the most important human Legitimate Right**, as elsewhere Said:

***" Allah Has Determined for you the same Religion  
which He Enjoined on Nuh, And what We Revealed to you, is that which  
We Enjoined on Ibrahim, Mussa and Issa;  
and We have emphatically Enjoined that You should all be steadfast in***

*establishing the Religion of Monotheism; and do not cause any Division therein...!" (Rom: 30 )*

The Holy Quran then ruled that **the Defense of this rightful and legitimate Right is also another Right**, which is a Natural Right, too:

*" Had not Allah repelled the aggression of the disbelievers by the believers they would have destroyed*

*Monasteries, Synagogues, Churches and the Mosques where Allah's Remembrance is Commemorated abundantly. Allah will Surely bestow Aid to those who aidt The Religion of Allah. Verily, Allah is The Invincible Powerful!" (Hajj: 40 )*

According to the principle of this Verse, **the upstanding of the Religion of Monotheism, and the survival of God's Remembrance on the earth, is due to the fact that God repels His enemies by the hand of the Believers**, as mentioned in this Holy Verse:

*"... Had God not driven back the people, some by the means of others, the earth had surely corrupted...!" (Baqareh:251 )*

And also in the Fighting Verses in Surah Anfal, God brought the following statement:

*" That He may manifest the truth of what was True, and show the falsehood of what was false, even if the criminals dislike it !" (Anfal: 8 )*

And then after a few Verses He Says:

*" O, you who believe!  
Give your Response to Allah and His Messenger  
when you are invited to that  
which will **Give you Life...!"**  
(Anfal: 24 )*

In this Verse, God Almighty considered the Jihad and fighting that He invited the believers towards it, a **Reviving the Believers!**

It means that the Fighting in the way of God, both as a defense of Muslims and of the entity of Islam, or as the primary fighting, in fact, is the defense of the Right of Humanity, the right that one has in his own life, polytheism, therefore, is the destruction of humanity, the death of human nature, the extinction of the light within the human hearts. Fighting, which is the defense of the Right of Humanity, **restores this Life**, and brings back that vanished Right again!

Thus, any intellectual man realizes that Islam must have a Defense Decree to wipe the earth from the absolute impurity of the polytheism and to purify the Faith to Allah Almighty.

(Almizan: V.2, P.97)

The Command of Jihad, and Concept of  
" No Compulsion in Religion...!"

« لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ مِنَ الْغَيِّ فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ لَا انفِصَامَ لَهَا وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ! » (بقره / ٢٥٦)

***" There is no compulsion in accepting Religion,  
since Truth has verily become distinct from Falsehood,  
whoever rejects satan and believes in Allah,  
then indeed he has grasped the firmest Handle  
that will never break off.  
And Allah is the Knowing Hearer!"***

*(Holy Quran, Baqareh:256)*

God Almighty has mentioned immediately after the Phrase: "***There is no compulsion in Religion...***," the Phrase: "***Since the Truth has verily***

*become distinct from Falsehood...,"* to clear the first Phrase, and to explain why there is **"No Compulsion in Religion!"**

And the result of this explanation is that the compulsion - which is usually enforced by stronger to the weaker - comes when a senior or superior (provided that he is a wise and learned one wishes to educate the weaker one,) having an important purpose in mind, but could not make the inferior to understand its philosophy (whether it may be incomprehensible to inferior or there is another reason,) then the senior inevitably resorts to force, or he orders his subordinate to blindly imitate him and ...!

But the important things that their good or bad are clear, even the effects of them, good or bad, are clear, it is obvious that, in such a cases there is no need to resort to the compulsion, but the man himself chooses one of the two sides of good or evil, and eventually accepts its results, too, (both good or evil!)

The Religion is such a matter, because its Truth is clear, and its Path is plain with the Divine Statements, that the Prophet's Tradition has made those Statements clearer. So, the meaning of Truth and Falsehood has become distinct, it turns out that Growth is in the pursuit of Religion, and the Falsehood is in egress of the Religion and rejection of it, therefore, there is no reason for anyone to compel another one to the Religion.

This Verse is one of the Verses which indicates that **the foundation of the Religion of Islam is not on the Sword or Blood, it did not prescribe compulsion or force**, therefore, the looseness of the words of a group becomes clear, who considered themselves as scholars, either of other religions, or even had no religion at all, have said that Islam is the religion of sword and criticized the Jihad, which is one of the Pillars of this Religion.

**The Jihad which Islam has decreed to Muslims is not a fighting on**

**basis of bullying criterion, but on basis of Justice!** Islam did not want to expend the religion with force and penetrate it to the hearts of more people. Islam has considered Jihad as a Pillar of Religion in order to revive the Right and defend the most exalted asset of human nature, namely, the Monotheism. After expansion of Monotheism among the people, when all people believed in it, even though that religion is not the religion of Islam, but it is the religion of the Jews or the Christians, then Islam does not allow Muslims to strive against other Monotheists!

**(Almizan: V.2, P.524)**

The Translation is to be continued !