

In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Kind



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Moderate Approach should be Valued

Human beings, in their quest to understand the world and different phenomena in it, have gained knowledge and developed ideologies. These ideologies have, without any doubt, assisted them in understanding the challenging questions to a certain extent and similarly provided them an understanding of the happenings, incidents and changes. Nonetheless, these ideologies, on certain occasions, have also divided human beings. Some consider the difference in ideologies among different nations and groups of people as necessary, as they see it as the factor which would ultimately define the identity of the social and political groups and the development of different cultures and traditions. Others even claim this to be inevitable and the arguments they have are quite convincing as they consider the human natures to be different and even contradicting.

However, the point of consideration is, "Where have the distinction and differentiation in ideologies led human beings?" Has it brought them to more bliss and contentment or more conflicts and wars?

It is important to note that it is determined by social and political circumstances that the ideologies formed in different societies by different groups should be different. The problem is not at all to be different; even every individual human being is different from others. The difference in ideologies, in fact, may give rise to a variety of social groups with variety of social and cultural practices. Nevertheless, the problem arises when the ideologies turn extreme; when only one's or a group's own ideology becomes true and all the other ideologies become false; and when it becomes the responsibility of the follower of one ideology to change ideas of the followers of other ideologies, forcefully. At that point, such a follower becomes an extremist.

Extremism even convinces people to adopt hostility in the defense of their ideology or the defeat of the others. The circumstances show that it has persuaded its holders to take the responsibility of correcting others for they are absurd and must be led to the right direction.

It is important to note that extremism cannot be related to a single ideology, as is mostly depicted in modern times. Currently it has become a fad to link extremism with Islam and Muslims. However, it would be better to note that extremism itself is not an ideology; rather it is the frame of reference through which any religion or ideology is perceived that generates extremism.

If Muslims are extremists, there are certain Hindus, Jews, Sikhs and Christians as well, who are extremist. In addition it is not very strange to experience extremist atheists in today's society. Even atheists, who do not believe in any religion, can turn belligerent and even fierce in defense of their ideology. Then there are many believers in modern political ideologies who are extremists. Hence, it can be safely said that extremism is not the content of an ideology rather it is the conception of the content and its impacts over human psychology and behavior and eventually his responses.

It can be easily observed in today's world that how extremism has turned people violent and even terrorist. The example of our own country Afghanistan can be discussed here without any hesitation. The terrorists who have been fighting in Afghanistan are mostly the extremists who believe their religious beliefs to be final and the best, while believe others' as meaningless and worth destruction. Therefore, what they have been doing is evident from the series of their tyrannies wherein they kill innocent people through indiscriminate bombings and shootings.

Now realize the concept of suicide attack. A suicide attacker is basically a person who believes extremely in a particular ideology and in the falseness of others so much that he becomes ready to blow up himself in order to kill others. This is what extremism can teach people; therefore, it is necessary that human beings must stop being extremists and adopt moderation before it is too late.

Moderate approach, in fact, is the best approach to adopt in pursuance of an ideology. Moderation teaches tolerance and cooperation. People with moderate ideology tend to accept others with all their differences and respect them as well. It does not mean to forget one's own identity and mix up with others in order to lose oneself. It basically means valuing the heterogeneity and honoring the basic law of nature that people and groups of people are different and they have different perceptions, beliefs and practices.

The modern world is a world that has shrunk because of the advancement of science and technology. People are now closer to each other - as the distances have shrunk because of different means of communication and transportation, different religions and cultures have come closer to one another. It is the time when they have fully come to know about their differences and in certain cases that knowledge has led to conflicts and wars. Therefore, it is better for all the human beings to adopt a moderate approach and try to understand each other instead of abhorring without any reason. Moderation would definitely lead them to find out the similarities among one another instead of finding out the differences and politicizing them. They would be able afterwards to make further developments on the same line and at the end can bind into a single chain of humanity.

Why is Europe Attracting Migrants?

By Asmatyari

He seemed a child of around three years old shown lying on the beach facing down in the surf. It appeared as if he was to revitalize the partial water current passing against his body. Prior to going through the headlines, "AylanKurdi drowned off while sailing from Turkey to Greece" everybody aspired to have great often visited a beach, identically. Subsequently to learning the insight a shock impulse was sent over my spine. I recollected the degree of desperation, loathsomeness and homelessness associated with unending wretchedness, the conflict-ridden masses went across is beyond description. Certainly the bloody conflicts in Afghanistan Syria, Iraq and elsewhere have caused large number of immigrate.

The stream of blood is flowing down the streets of Middle East where a group of fellowman tries to subjugate the other in the quest for dominance of the ideals superior, divine and inimitable to them. Following the principles of might is right each rival group relies to very extreme means that could more effectively serve their vested interests. The militants groups resort to every deed that could wreak great losses to their confronting opponents. The ongoing ill-defined intra-Muslims conflict has caused lots of life losses and forced others to flee the warzones.

The bloody conflict underway in Syria alone has engulfed great number of non-combatant and unarmed masses. As the war continues attracting many more partners the miseries continue likewise. According to credible statistics more than 330,000 people die and over 13 million people injure in the ongoing war in Syria. To escape the violence, more than four million Syrian refugees have fled the country to neighboring Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Caucasus, the Persian Gulf, North Africa from where they take perilous rout to Europe.

Who should be accounted for this endless turmoil in Syria and elsewhere that coerced numerous people adopts such dangerous course to flee warzones? The striking feature of unending bloody conflict is -the persecutors and the killed are Muslims however, the manufacturing labels on antiaircraft and military arsenal indicates the direct and indirect support of other partner countries. Factually, the quest for power gain left the Yemen, Iraq and Syria politically unstable and case-hardened to live in the local population is either left to bear the brunt of violence or flee persecution by seeking refuge in some of neighboring countries. According to the latest figures Europe continues to cope with one of its biggest stream of migrants since World War II. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) records more than 350,000 migrants have made the perilous journey across the Mediterranean this year, fleeing turmoil and poverty in the Mideast and Africa in search of a better life in Europe. The intergovernmental agency unearths more than 234,000 of them landed on the shores of Greece, with another 114,000 migrants arriving in Italy, and much smaller numbers in Spain and Malta. The rout to Europe is not danger free it keeps on claiming

lives has turned solid the melt away the commitment those fleeing. It is said that about 2,600 have died, often drowning when wobbly, overcrowded boats operated by human traffickers have sunk.

Already wary of greater influx of migrants, the European countries were thinking of restraining the inflow, nonetheless, the heart wrenching death of AylanKurdi made the US, UK and EU take significant number of migrants. Finland's Prime Minister, Juha Sipilä, has promised to give up his home to accommodate refugees, part of a growing trend of politicians making personal gestures to help those fleeing war and persecution. Germany has accepted more refugees than any other European country, a total that could reach 800,000 by the end of the year. The U.S. announced to admit at least 10,000 Syrian refugees in the next year and UK to take in 20,000 refugees. The act of generosity displayed by the said countries is worth following.

It was greatly expected the oil rich Gulf States would come forth extending every possible aid to war-hit masses. Seeing the disposition of western world, the prevalent silence of Muslim world in general and rich Gulf States and Saudi Arabia in particular came to question. Responding to a query, earlier the Saudi Foreign ministry clarified its position to have received nearly 2.5 million Syrians since 2011. It is true there is large number of people harbored in the Gulf States. They are provided with shelter, work permit and basic amenities but their fundamental rights gravely go suspended. There are large numbers of people living in the said states for decades but still the right to free movement and independent pursuit of happiness is greatly restricted. Undeniably, the war torn Middle Eastern countries possess rich holy sites. Both Iraq and Syria has been the birth place of too many Prophets and shrines of historic religious figures. The said lands are sacred -one certainly draws forgiveness from these religiously high hold lands. On the other hand the Holy land of Makkah and Madina are few miles apart. Staying close to these lands would grant privileges of paying regular visits to Kabah Shareef and other sacred places. The presence of too many religious sites mosques enriches everyone with deepening virtue and exoneration. In spite of such assurances numerous people prefer to reach to Europe than staying in those countries.

Despite such assurances the great number of people rushing to Western countries is worth pondering. The underlying reason the behind could the denial of fundamental right. It is to be learnt that everybody by birth owes right to independent pursuit of happiness, right to life and security, right to free association etc. In modern democratic countries, every individual is treated equal before the law, whether the person is Muslim or atheist; black or white; man or woman. Unlike to some Muslim states a person here is not beheaded being accused of breaching the repressive law. Western countries impart due values to every man being. They even embrace the hapless death foreign migrant Aylan without being know to his origin.

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The Climate is Changing Faster

By Edriss Naseri

It took more than 20 years to broadly accept that mankind is causing global warming with the emission of greenhouse gases. The drastic increase in the emission of CO2 (carbon dioxide) within the last 30 years caused by burning fossil fuels has been identified as the major reason for the change of temperature in the atmosphere. "The main cause of global warming is our treatment of Nature".

We believe to be able to control Nature instead of trying to arrange ourselves with Nature. This haughtiness is the true main cause of global warming. As a matter of fact, some people still believe that technical solutions alone would be sufficient to fight global warming.

"In our technology and scientific minded world, we seem to have forgotten that mankind is only a relatively minor part of Nature. We ignore being part of a larger whole".

'The main questions is that can technology help us to change our climate' ?

There is no single solution to global warming, which is primarily a problem of too much heat-trapping carbon dioxide (CO2), methane and nitrous oxide in the atmosphere. The technologies and approaches outlined below are all needed to bring down the emissions of these gases by at least 80 percent by mid-century.

1. Boosting energy efficiency 2. Greening transportation 3. Revving up renewables 4. Phasing out fossil fuel electricity 5. Managing forests and agriculture 6. Exploring nuclear 7. Developing and deploying new low-carbon and zero-carbon technologies 8. Ensuring sustainable development.

As the Climate Hot Map demonstrates, the impacts of a warming world are already being felt by people around the globe. If climate change continues unchecked, these impacts are almost certain to get worse. From sea level rise to heat waves, from extreme weather to disease outbreaks, each unique challenge requires locally-suitable solutions to prepare for and respond to the impacts of global warming. Unfortunately, those who will be hit hardest and first by the impacts of a changing climate are likely to be the poor and vulnerable, especially those in the least developed countries. Developed countries must take a leadership role in providing financial and technical help for adaptation.

To be sure, powerful new market forces are at work: Governments beyond Europe are set to impose limits on greenhouse gases, and companies in a range of sectors are searching hard for ways to curb emissions. But technology deployment always takes time. If inventions turned out not to be scalable in a short enough period of time, then businesses and policy makers could shift resources into alternatives, such as adaptation efforts or strategies for taking greenhouse gases out of the atmosphere. The technology can help us in case of the climate change but it is require a lot of time, which per calculations by scientists we will lose many things from our planet so we must take action beside the technology. and we must remember one more thing "the number one solution to climate change is not a technology at all; it is political will".

Will it be Zero Emission on 2050?

Many people between 20 and 65 years seem to live for the one and only purpose of earning as much money as possible in order to be able to buy as many things as possible. In this light, it is not surprising that discussions about potential solutions to fight global warming concentrate on technical measures instead of a fundamental change of our attitude to life in general and to Nature in particular.

Although we are guests on Earth, we behave as if no further visitors would arrive after us. It's like having a wild party where we destroy beds, the kitchen as well as the living room of a hotel without ever thinking about our future staying in the hotel nor about other guests arriving later. Will we understand this hint

of Nature to follow the true meaning of life or will we continue to let us manipulate by media and advertisement as sheer and willing consumers in the economic cycle? Will we continue to strive for power, prestige and possessions following the concept "the more the better"? Shall economic growth and an ever increasing personal income continue to be the reason for being here, beyond everything else?

Let's emphasize it again: Not the others need to change, we must change ourselves. There are no international treaties or additional national laws required to start changing. We can start to change our consciousness immediately. It is really only about our personal behavior - independent of what others do or don't do. Given the evidence that continued emissions of greenhouse gases will cause increasingly serious climate effects, it is necessary to consider how, and at what level, to constrain emissions.

To achieve these climate targets requires a global reduction in emissions. And in deciding how much reduction is necessary it is important to understand that the temperature increase by 2100 is primarily a function of the total emissions over time, rather than the level of emissions in 2050 alone.

The Committee gave consideration to a range of potential emissions scenarios. These varied according to the period in which it is assumed that global emissions peak; the pace of emissions reduction which follows that; and the ultimate emissions floor. The CCC's conclusion was that to meet the climate objective, global emissions should peak by 2020 and be halved (or more) by 2050. This means that following the peak, global CO2 emissions will need to fall by a rate of 3-4% a year.

Five tips about emission reduction across the globe .

1. Travel

Cars are the highest source of greenhouse gases from households and account for 34% of the total emissions. To reduce your greenhouse gas emissions, aim to leave your car at home once a week.

2. Water Heating

Hot water is the second highest source of greenhouse gases generated by households.

3. Electronic Appliances

Turn electrical appliances off at the wall.

4. Heating and Cooling

Don't over-heat or over-cool your home. A difference of one degree can reduce energy consumption and greenhouse pollution by up to 10%.

5. Refrigeration

The fridge uses a lot of energy and the older your fridge is, the higher the probability that it will be a big polluter. Simple actions you can make that will save you up to half a tonne of greenhouse gases.

Why to Act Now

Substantial scientific evidence indicates that an increase in the global average temperature of more than 2°F above where we are today poses severe risks to natural systems and human health. To avoid this level of warming, the U.S. needs to reduce heat-trapping emissions by at least 80 percent below 2000 levels by 2050. Delay in taking such action today will mean facing the need for much steeper cuts later, which will likely be more difficult and costly.

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