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On behalf of the *Dalit Voice* and its readers world-wide, I thank Brother Asifuddin for inviting me for this unique programme and giving me an opportunity to speak on the Dalit viewpoint on Islam and Muslims of India.

I am not new to Hyderabad. I have been visiting and addressing Muslims here for over 15 years.

Already a young Muslim scholar, Brother Asifuddin, has presented before you his thoughts but I am neither a Muslim nor a scholar on Islam. No doubt, I have read the English version of the Quran, and assisted by Muslim experts I had addressed many Muslim gatherings in different parts of India for the past over 20 years.

### Dalit-Muslim unity movement

Over 20 years ago, we in Bangalore had launched the Dalit-Muslim unity movement and it was inaugurated by the late Moulana Ali Miyan. We had an Urdu edition of *Dalit Voice* which has good readership among Muslims in India and outside.

Though I am an Ambedkarite and a Budhist, I am greatly attracted by the revolutionary socio-cultural aspects of Islam and particularly its emphasis on human rights. M.N. Roy (*The Historical Role of Islam*, 1981, Ajanta Publications), founder

of Indian Communist Party and a Bengali Brahmin, says the Dalits and other oppressed Indians got attracted to Islam because of this reason and also Islam's ability to counter Brahminism.

The Muslim population of India is about 15%. In certain states like Kerala, W. Bengal, Assam, Kashmir, the Muslim percentage is very high.

Did the Muslims of India come from Arab countries, Iran or Turkey? There may be a small 1 or 2% of foreign element among the Muslims but the overwhelming Muslim population here converted to Islam from Dalits and other oppressed—all victims of Brahminism. Hence Muslims like Dalits are also the natives of India.

### Kerala example

Why they got converted to Islam? According to historians this was for two reasons: (1) To escape from the tyranny of Brahminical oppressors and (2) attracted by the social side of Islam.

I will give just one example of Kerala. Islam came to India through the Kerala coast. When the Arabs came there, they were shocked to find even young women naked above the waist. When asked, they said the Hindu religion prohibited them for covering the upper portion of their bodies.

The Arabs said Islam would offer them full protection and also the right to cover their bodies. This one single factor attracted the whole lot of Dalits, Tribals, Backwards and even others and today the Muslim population of Kerala is as high as 25% — secure and powerful. The native people of this country are dark-skinned. But the invading Aryans were fair-skinned. It is the skin colour of the natives that was the chief cause of the Aryan oppression. Discrimination based on skin colour brought into existence the world's most obnoxious institution of *varna* system. *Varna* in Sanskrit means colour.

The Aryans are called *Savarna* and our people *Avarna*. (DV Nov.16, 2003 p. 7: "*Colour prejudice in racist Hindu India*").

But Islam does not discriminate people on the basis of skin colour. There is no racism under Islam. We have the famous example of Bilal, a lieutenant of Prophet Mohammed.

### No racism in Islam

Then we have the most famous example of the 20th century in Malcolm-X, America's most famous Black leader, who became a Muslim on visiting Mecca during the Haj and found people belonging to all parts of the world — White, Red, Black, Yellow — mixing, living, eating and sleeping together.

Islam is the one and the only religion in the world which not only does not believe in racism but hates racism. (*cheers*).

In Libya (1986), I was shocked to find White, Brown, Black Arabs freely mixing. Coloured people faced no discrimination.

The Blacks in America are being attracted to Islam in a big way because the White Christians, the ruling religion of USA, discriminates against them.

Hinduism, which is the modern name of the *Varnashrama Dharma*, is the world's worst racist religion. Its very name is racism. (V.T. Rajshekar, *Brahminism*, DSA-2002).

It is this great quality under Islam that attracted India's native people — Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Castes — to Islam. (*cheers*). This is the verdict of history (*more cheers*).

### Attraction of Islam

I have said this in many of my writings and speeches. And I am repeating this here tonight.

I have many writings on India's Muslim problem which today has become the country's greatest shame. What a pity that India's Muslims —forming 15 to 20% of its population and despite having such an attractive, gifted revolutionary religion

giving the highest importance to human rights — are facing such unprecedented persecution. (See back cover page)

### How Muslims became anti-national?

When you have with you such an appealing, attractive, such a valuable commodity like Islam — why are you not able to sell it?

Forget about selling it to others, forget about liberating the other oppressed people of India through Islam, forget about talking about the glories of Islam — today the very practitioners of Islam are dubbed anti-national, terrorist, ISI agents, security risks.

Forget about marketing the gold, pearls, diamond, rubies, emerald and such other precious metals and stones in the Islam, which in normal course should have been sold like hot cakes, how did the very sellers of these precious stones and metals are held guilty of selling some dangerous products?

How within 60 years of getting "independence", the Muslims of India are put on the defensive?

How is it that a community that ruled India for about 1,000 years has become slaves in their own land, that too within 60 years of "independence"?

How is it that the Brahminical ruling class propaganda typhoon against Islam has made many Muslim youths themselves to feel ashamed of their own religion?

### Spanish experiment

Will India follow Spain, which once was a glorious, world famous Islamic empire?

Did you examine such a possibility? Do you ever discuss the danger you are facing? Do your Muslim papers write on these life and death questions facing the Muslims and Islam?

I am sorry to say that there appears to be no concern on these questions. Nowhere in India (*cheers*).

I visit Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and other cities often and Muslims there tell me no such discussion takes place. They say that they are afraid to talk. What a tragedy that when the whole society of Muslims is facing such a dangerous situation, there is no concern inside the community itself.

### Duty forgotten

I have come all the way here to place before you the answer to these questions and force you to think.

Ideas lead to action. Action follows the moment you start thinking on these questions.

Today, if the Muslim community, which has given India its rich culture, language, painting, music, food, architecture, medicine — an entire civilisation — is itself suffering, it is because you Muslims have forgotten us — the *Mustadafeen*.

You have forgotten your basic, the most important duty entrusted to you by Allah. (*cheers*).

I will read out the relevant passages from the Quran - though a non-Muslim like me may be called impertinent to do so in a Muslim gathering like this:

And why should ye not  
Fight in the cause of Allah  
and of those, who being weak,  
Are **ill-treated** (and **oppressed**)?

Men, women, and Children,  
Whose cry is: "Our Lord!  
Rescue us from this town,  
Whose people are oppressors;

And raise for us from Thee

One who will protect (Surah 4, Al Nisa, p. 207)

(\* *Mustadh'af*= one reckoned weak and therefore ill-treated and oppressed.)

## Who are the oppressed in the context of India?

The answer is Dalits – the Untouchables. Nobody in India can be called *Mustadafeen* except we the Untouchables, the poorest of the poor, the lowest of the low.

Remember, once upon a time you Muslims were also *Mustadafeen*. You were our fellow Dalits before you embraced Islam. When Islam came, you embraced it and got liberated by embracing this rich religion.

### Curse of Allah

But after going into Islam, getting yourself liberated, what did you do? You coolly forgot us. (*loud cheers*)

Because you forgot us, because you forgot your duty to Allah, you have also become *Mustadafeen* today. (*Curse of Allah, DSA - 1997*).

Did you not commit a sin against the Quran and your Prophet who asked you to fight the oppressors of *Mustadafeen* in the cause of Allah, who loved the *Mustadafeen*?

**A great Muslim saint from Hyderabad during the pre-partition days had said all this. He was also a great revolutionary and founder of the Jamate-Islami. Moulana Moududi had said all these things in his Urdu writing: *Al-Jihad Fil Islam*.**

Moulana Moududi had not only identified the friends of Muslims but also your enemies.

### Failure to identify enemy

Another great man was living here. He was a Minister under the Nizam. Bhima Sena leader Shyam Sunder was a great leader of Dalits and a lieutenant of Dr. Ambedkar. He too had identified your friends as well as your enemies.

**Muslims of undivided Bengal had elected Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar to the Constituent Assembly. It was the Muslims**

of India who had told the British Govt. not to enrol Untouchables under the Hindu but as a separate category during the census enumeration. Dalit-Muslim unity was working well before the partition of India.

(DV Nov. 1, 2003 p.15: "Dr. Ambedkar's praise for yesterday's Muslims").

But what went wrong with the Muslims after "independence"? Forget about identifying and then supporting your younger brothers, the Dalits, the *Mustadafeen*, you have also failed to identify your enemies about which also clear directions have been given in the Quran.

Surah 60 - *Al Mumtahinah*:-

With men whose hearts are filled with rancour -  
Who hate both Allah and men of God?  
Surely you cannot offer love and Friendship  
To such as seek to destroy your Faith,  
And you. Seek protection for you and yours  
From Allah and not from Allah's sworn enemies.  
But deal kindly and justly with all: it may be  
That those who hate you now may love you:  
For Allah can order all things. But loot not  
For protection to those who are bent on driving You out.

Your enemies, these Hindu nazis, want to destroy your very faith. But what are you doing here?

**Dalits killed Muslims in Gujarat**

Instead of identifying the enemy and finishing the Enemy many of you have been fooled and duped by this very enemy  
Even now it is not too late. Better late than never. We will start an intensive education, awareness drive for Dalit-Muslim



unity through which we can strengthen the unity and integrity of India.

Your enemy and our enemy is the same. You may point out that in Gujarat it is we the Dalits and Tribals who killed Muslims. This may be true.

But the instigation to kill Muslims came from the Brahminical forces. SC/STs are innocent people. If money and some drink are given, they will faithfully complete the job. You Muslims give some money, they will go and finish the Hindu nazis also.

**Many Muslims are under the mistaken impression that Dalits are Hindu — just because our names are Hindu.**

I am quoting the highest authority on the subject, Dr. Ambedkar, who said: "The Untouchables are not Hindu and were never Hindu". We are victims of Hindu and their Hinduism. We are not victims of Islam or Muslims. You are our brothers (*cheers*).

Hyderabad city has a formidable Muslim population of over 30%. It was in fact the seat of a great Muslim kingdom. But within 60 years, the Muslims here are made slaves of Hindus.

### **Ramananda Tirtha of Hyderabad**

We will transform this situation in five years with intensive education drive, awareness-building - but quietly, silently without any publicity.

Both Muslims and Dalit are beef-eaters. We both live together. We both suffer together.

Remember, the Brahminical forces did not become rulers of India overnight.

They have done tremendous ground work, missionary work, for over 100 years. Remember Swami Ramanand Tirtha of Hyderabad? That is why they are in power today.

But these Brahminical forces (15%) have no justice on their side. They have no truth on their side. They have no majority on their side. We have all these on our side. (*cheers*).

We need not spend 100 years to become rulers of our land. In 10 years we can recover and liberate this land from the foreign Aryans. We need your cooperation and support.

No. I want you to pledge and promise that in our Dalit-Muslim unity movement you will support us. Thank you for your time and patience.

If you do not do it and help form this unity, your position will still worsen. What is going to happen?

The mere 15% Aryan upper castes, who today have become our rulers, have committed all their time, energy and money to *hinduise*, meaning enslave the Dalits. And then instigate the Dalits against Muslims.

Already the whole of urban India has become a violent battle ground.

This will further intensify and more and more Muslim life and property will be destroyed.

### Warning to Muslims

On one side they will go on violently tackling you. (Muslims). On another side they will also try to *hinduise* you. What I mean is they will destroy your Muslim identity. This happened in Spain.

I am warning you. Spain is repeating in India. I have predicted this about it 15 years back. The prediction is coming true. The future is very grim, very serious.

(V.T. Rajshekar, *India's Muslim Problem*, DSA-1998, Second updated edition).

It is in your hand to change your destiny. Islam is the only religion in the world which says you can change your future.

you can shape your future. You cannot blame somebody for your inaction.

Every soul draws the meed

Of its acts on none \*

But itself: no bearer

Of burdens can bear

The Burden of another (Surah 6 : Al Anam p. 343).

(We are fully responsible for our acts, ourselves, we cannot transfer the consequences to someone else).

Verily never

Will Allah change the condition

Of a people until they

Change it themselves

(With their own souls). (Surah 13: Al Ra'd p. 589).

The future can be changed. And if your future becomes gloomy, you are responsible for it. Not Allah. (*prolonged cheers*). ■

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