

Netanyahu says the Holy Quran is correct

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President Trump says US recognises Israel's illegal occupation of Jerusalem

On Monday, 17th July, 2017, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, addressing a Christian evangelical audience in Washington, said: "When I say we have no greater friends than Christian supporters of Israel, I know you've always stood with us." He further said: "America has no better friend than Israel and Israel has no better friend than America", adding "And Israel has no better friend in America than you". (*The Times of Israel*, 18th July 2017)

The Holy Quran, addressing the beleaguered early Muslim community, advises the Muslims: "O you who believe, take not the Jews and the Christians for friends. They are friends of each other" (5:51). Many Christians quote this verse to try foster the false belief that Islam is a racist or bigoted religion. If this is true, then Netanyahu must also be a racist or bigot. In making this statement, the Holy Quran is making a simple statement of fact, which has been borne out throughout history.

In the case of Israel, it is borne out by the Balfour Declaration and Teresa May's statement that Britain should be proud of it. We suggest that Britain should be ashamed of the Balfour Declaration, which has led to the death and homelessness of millions of innocent Palestinians. From the Balfour Declaration to Trump's recognition of Jerusalem, each event has set the seal of truth on the above quoted Quranic verse. Jerusalem is lost to the Muslims because they did not heed the Quranic warning about the Jews and the Christians: "take not the Jews and the Christians for friends (i.e., in matters of national interest)".

There are, of course, some Christians and Jews to whom justice is more important than religious or national allegiance and they have condemned Trump's action, but until Muslims learn to look after their own interests and stop relying on others they will continue to be humiliated in this way.

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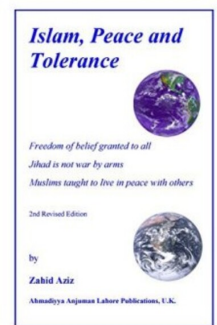
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Relations of friendship with others
It is sometimes asserted that the Quran forbids relations of friendship with the followers of other religions. How could a book which allows a man to have as his comrade in life a woman following another religion (5:51), say in the same breath that no friendly relations can be had with the followers of other religions? The loving relation of husband and wife is the friendliest of all relations and, when this is expressly permitted, there is not the least reason to suppose that other friendly relations are forbidden. The fact is that, wherever there is prohibition against making friends with other people, it relates only to the people who were at war with the Muslims, and this is plainly stated in the Quran:
"Allah does not forbid you, with regard to those who do not fight you for religion, nor drive you forth from your homes, that you show them kindness and deal with them justly. Surely Allah loves the doers of justice. Allah forbids you only with regard to those who fight you for religion, and drive you forth from your homes and help (others) in your expulsion, that you make friends of them; and whoever makes friends of them, these are the wrongdoers."
-60:8-9



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