

CONTESTS



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TO BE AN ADAM

And We have certainly created you, [O Mankind], and given you [human] form. Then We said to the angels, "Prostrate to Adam"; so they prostrated, except for Iblees. He was not of those who prostrated. [Allah] said, "What prevented you from prostrating when I commanded you?" [Satan] said, "I am better than him. You created me from fire and created him from clay." A'RAF 7:11-12

Allah created and blew life into Adam
Satan became arrogant and drowned into mourning
'I'm from fire' he said and mixed racism into the world
Come to be like an Adam and stay away from Satan

Grudge drops from Satan and tranquillity from faith
'Fire and Light' they are tow roads for us
The fire burns the human and the light patting you
Come to the light of compassion and stay away from the fire

Diamond and coal their materials are the same
One of them a line next to fire rather the other a line next to light
Your contact should be never to the fire
Come to the diamond and stay away from fire

Division, jealousy is the act of Satan
His goal and act are to deceives you
The foundation of a community is with the bond of love
Come to the bond of unity and stay away from separation

The whole existence world is in different colours
Painted, engraved and put together in adjustment
This balance belongs to the Almighty Allah
Come to be coloured and stay away from the fade

If you want to get an exemplary come and have a look at the history
Division always come out of racism and secession
At least do not hold a candle for this darkness
Come to wards the light and stay away from the darkness

Either become an Asian, or European
Either become rich, or with thousands patch
The fate is apparent, do not become the world porter
Come to the beautiful fate and stay away from ugliness

Our heart to be fill with love and spread compassion
Even the Satan to become jealous and run away
May Allah open bosom of mercy to us
Come near to love and stay away from hatred

Noise and Voice

It is often so noisy
in our world
of shrill and high gloss media
of conflicts and misunderstanding
of anger
of loss of orientation
of war.
If I perceived the noise as a relationship offer
recognised it as higher value
than my voice
what's in me
which leads me to
my ideas
wishes
needs
dreams
sorrow
I will than fail
my own value
self-esteem
inner depth
feeling fulfilled.
Because
the ideas for change already exist
to be born
in moments
when I wonder
ask
understand
come together with others.
Peace is possible
I listen to the inner voice
and perceive
the other
the face of the other
which is given as
the dignity



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RACISM AND SOUL

Racism is therefore the embezzlement of the soul,
When someone believes more, not knowing that it is nothing.
One being is not superior to another, nor to be more intelligent,
Neither is it because of its color, or because it believes more than people.
Today I write for love, for love of life, for my equals,
To ask that we end the lies, hierarchy and racism,
That colors distinguish us, but do not make us superior or inferior
May goodness be born in all hearts, be of a thousand colors.
White, black, blue or yellow, every being has heart, hands, feet and navel,
We all come from a mother, and the love of a father.
No one can think, that being black is inferior,
For although his skin disproves, his white bones are also.
Let the only color that is worth, that of our soul.



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TO MAKE EFFECTIVE OF LATENT LEARNING AT ISLAMIC SUFİZİM ON
PREVENTİNG VİOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION

ABSTRACT

The eyes which do not look at the seventy two nations from the same side
Whether he is a wisdom for the public or not, he is rebellious in reality

Yunus EMRE

The human is an entity that comes to the world with learning ability. The human shows a tendency to both what is good and what is bad. You teach the good one on purpose in your schools, but the human does not only learn in schools. He learns with every stage of life. The most of these are implicit, latent, and by another name unaware learning. Sometimes you learn something from a movie, sometimes from a piece of news, sometimes from a game without being aware. It could be seen on especially children and high school youths that learning more effectively without being aware by means of implicit learning as a feature of development ages'. Negative samples could be a reason for a negative behavior because of the implicit learning. These behavior forms could be show itself as a discrimination or violence. Educational politics which will be applied according to the necessities of the time should be able to find national and universal solution for current problems. Especially children and youths must have a decent readiness to take a stand against the negative. To reduce the negative effects of the implicit learning to the minimum conscious, planned and programmed training processes should be established with latent learning. Thereby this will lead to an early warning mechanism which fights with the negative maps and images that were formed by implicit learning in the mind. In other words, the effects of hidden learning will be reacted again by the latent learning provided in a programmatic way. A cognitive map which will be consist of the information about the lives and worldviews of sufis such as Yunus Emre, Hz. Mevlana, Ahmet Yesevî, Hacı Bektaş- 1 Veli and other special personalities will bring with the tendency to the right, good and nice one. The youth who internalizes Yunus Emre loves all of the humanity. Violence and discrimination will not appear in behavior because they will not be in their cognitive map.

DIALOGUE IN THE M6

In January. On a dull wet cold morning. At the stop Michendorfer Straße I get into the M 6, the tram in the direction of Alex. In the well-occupied tramcar I find a window place. My *isa-vis* is an older lady, maybe in the beginning of 50, in a red-brown leather jacket. She is wearing a dressy beret. Her greying hair is so short that she could be confused with a man.

After I took a seat, she immediately looks at me with a piercing glance. When I look up to her, she begins at once with a slightly mocking expression:

“You are not from here, are you?”

„Why, yes“, I replied,

„I am a Berliner“.

Remarkably astonished, she says with great eyes:

“But you are not from here?”

„But whereby you recognise that?“ I ask.

„Your eyes, the lines of your face, they are somehow different“, she replies.

„You know“, she continues,

„I do not really like foreigners, except you, of course, but above all the black-haired and at the same time full-bearded and the women with their skirts reaching to the ground and the scarves almost covering their faces – for heaven’s sake, not them!“

„But have you ever spoken to such a creepy foreigner as you perceive him?“, I interject.

Whereupon she is indignant, clasping her hands, saying:

„No, thank God, that has been spared to me.“

„But you were certainly already abroad“, I interposed.

„She nods, of course, last year, in Turkey, near Antalya“, she replies. „And did you like it there“ I would like to know. „Apart from the people there, yes, of course: splendid beach, wonderful blue sea and good food“, she judges.

„But why“, I ask,

„didn’t you like the people?“

„Oh, I do not know, they are so different, so strange in their behavior“, she explains. After that, she stands up, bends to me, and says again with a mocking smile:

“No harm meant, dear Berliner, but you do not consider me after our chatting for a right-wing radical, for a foreigner’s enemy, right?”

CAN RELIGION INFLUENCE OPINIONS IN THE SOCIETY?

Xenophobia.

Nowadays, the problem with xenophobia is getting more acute and almost all of us know what this word means. There are many definitions explaining the term. Simplified, it means the fear of something foreign be it a person of a different nationality, religion or the colour of skin. There are in the world groups that believe in one religion, carry out war or terrorist attacks against different religion and defend themselves by saying that it is right and that their god wants and they have the duty to do so.

My opinion is that this is not true. When you read excerpts from for example Bible, Tora, Koran, you will not find there encouragement for radical behavior against people of different faith. Each religion has different values and rules on which it is build. In some areas they are different, of course, but there is one thing they have in common. They do not want to raise hatred among the people, or arguments or war. They care about the good, peace, and sound and orderly life of an individual. If there is anybody who is willing to kill people of his own religion and claim that the god ordered him to do so, he is not a true believer because, obviously, the person did not understand the basic substance of his religion.

Religion has, however, always been a cause for struggles and war. I think that it will not change because the humankind will unfortunately not learn from its mistakes. History is here for the people to look back and avoid doing the same mistakes. This does not happen often and some mistakes will be repeated again and again. I just said how important influence can religion have on the opinion, behavior and situation in the society.

In my opinion, we have realize how big influence this can have on a smaller scale than in society and the world. Just take a primary school sixth grade. In this age, the children can be very cruel and they do not realize how their behavior can hurt other people. A Muslim boy comes to such a classroom, how do you think the class responds? In a good case, they do nothing. They take it as a fact because what we believe in should be a matter of every individual, and everybody should respect it. In a worse case, he becomes a target of bullying because he is "different" and because people who claim to believe in the same religion as he does carry out the terrorist attacks. This opinion is completely meaningless because we cannot compare members of the radical Islam movements with the people believing in Islam as it is.

I think that religion always had, and will always have, a strong influence on the society and only the people themselves decide if it will be positive or negative.



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HOW TO GET RID OF RACISM

Racism is something that has been talked about a lot in the last decades. And while there has been a great improvement in the relationships between people from different races, it is still not completely gone. In my opinion religion is one thing that has a rather negative than positive effect in this case. Sport, on the other hand, is where you will probably find little to no racism.

Religion and racism are often talked about together since it is a commonly known fact that the one usually leads to the other. While the Bible teaches us, Christians, to love and respect each other some people misinterpret “each other” as only fellow Christians and believe they are superior to others. The same goes for other religions, of course, and because of this way of thinking true believers will never get along with someone who is of a different religion. This usually develops into bullying and discrimination.

In the past, this was a great problem as a lot of people were chased and killed because of their religion. Nowadays, religion is not taken too seriously by most people but there are still some groups that are brainwashed into believing what they are told. Exactly those groups are what make religion dangerous. An actual example is the situation right now. Certain Muslims are being brainwashed into believing that if they commit suicide (while killing other innocent people as well) they will find peace. This leads to many Christians and others being wary of all Muslims and bullying them even though most are simply normal people just like us.

There are a lot of other examples of how religion and racism are strongly connected and this is why, in my opinion, there are still hardcore believers who refuse to use their brains and just listen to what they are told. So the problem with racism will never be completely gone.

On the bright side, there is one place where you will most likely not find people being harassed because of their race or religion-sport. Even in the past during the Olympics people stopped fighting and cheered on the best athletes and this tradition has been preserved. In sport, athletes are divided mostly into good and bad. You will hardly ever hear a sports fan complaining that the gold medalist is black or Jew or something like that. So why is it possible all those factors to be ignored while competing? The answer is pretty simple actually- because people are concentrated on more important things, such as their team or their favorite athlete winning. No one cares what their religion or skin color is as long as they are good. The only question is why can't this way of thinking be introduced in every aspect of life?

Racism will only be completely gone when people start thinking about everyone the same way they think about their favorite athletes and start using their own brains instead of repeating what they have been told as if they are brainless.



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RACISM AND XENOPHOBIA

SUMMARY

The perception that Spanish citizens have of foreigners who are arriving is becoming negative, due to various factors, such as the treatment that the media are making of the issue. The continuing changes in the legislation applicable to migrants, which are increasingly discriminatory in recent years, are favoring this poor image and social exclusion in many of them. Defending equality between people, regardless of their origin, is a mission every day is more complicated, and are multiplying the situations in which the foreigner perceives and suffers discrimination in their daily life, looking for housing, in the education of their Children, in a health center, etc ...

The foreign population already represents in many Spanish places more than 10%, when not 5 years ago it was not even 2%, its presence is no longer an anecdote but, nonetheless, the refusal to recognize them as important rights as the political rights.

Nor can we forget that Spain is border with Africa, and that is one of the gateways to Europe from the south of the world. A border in which our African neighbors are violating human rights with Spanish and European money, without worrying about the rights of the African population. The same happens with the Moroccan citizens who die every day drowned in the sea, by their bad luck to have been born 12 kilometers from the dreamed Europe.

Our work is focused on Racism and Xenophobia, and the Spanish point of view towards this growing phenomenon. Both are very complex phenomena, multifaceted and painful. They are complex because we can not study them based solely on current events, we have to base ourselves also in previous times; but not only belongs to the past, and it is every day.

Today, not only have they gained more relevance in the world, but also more violence.

Racism is a very important social movement that has evolved over the years and takes place in any country and / or human race, regardless of age, social status, religion and other aspects of society.

This doctrine can be found in sports, school, the streets and places less thought.

The choice of topic is based on the situations we observe day by day, both in local news and international news.

We respect the opinions of people, but we can not support the fact that someone is discriminated only by their skin color, religion, beliefs or culture. Respecting a person means respect for oneself.

Our aim with the work is to show that despite our religion, skin color, our languages and / or country of residence are the same, people, with different goals of life, but with the same feelings.

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
وَلَقَدْ كَرَّمْنَا بَنِي آدَمَ وَخَمَلْنَاهُمْ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَرَزَقْنَاهُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ
وَفَضَّلْنَاهُمْ عَلَى كَثِيرٍ مِمَّنْ خَلَقْنَا تَفْضِيلًا
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
... وَالَّذِي نَفْسُ مُحَمَّدٍ بِيَدِهِ لَخُرْمَةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ أَعْظَمُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ خُرْمَةً مِنْكَ...

SUPERIORITY IS ONLY IN PIETY AND SUBMISSION!

Dear brothers!

God Almighty commands in the verse I recited from Sura al-Isra: "We have honored the children of Adam (with many distinctions): We have sustained their traveling on the land and the sea, and provided for them (their sustenance) out of pure, wholesome things, and preferred them with particular preferment above many of those whom We have created." (1)

The Prophet (pbuh) was circumambulating the Kaaba, and he turned toward the Kaaba and said:

"O the Kaaba! How beautiful you are. How good you smell. I admire your majesty and sanctity. But I swear by God that a believer is more dignified than you in the eyes of God." (2)

Dear brothers!

People are entitled to the same rights by nature. We, as human beings, all come from the same parents. When we look around, we see people with diverse colors and appearances. All of them come from the same essence as a work of God: from Adam and Eve.

We are equal in the eyes of God like the teeth of a comb. Rich or poor and black or white, people are the same in the eyes of God. Our difference can be attributable only to our behaviors toward the Creator.

Islam abolished artificial measures of supremacy in human relations. Islam recognizes no supremacy based on race, lineage or color. Rather, knowledge and piety (taqwa) is promoted as the sole measure of superiority. No other criterion is acceptable to God.

In this regard, the Messenger of God (pbuh) said:

"Those whom Allah value most are the one who fear Allah most. No Arab holds greater esteem over a non-Arab; nor a non-Arab person over an Arab person. No person with a black skin has greater esteem over a person with white skin; nor a person with white skin over a person with black skin. Superiority is only in piety and submission." (3)

In another hadith, he said:

"Anyone who champions racism is not one of us. Anyone who fights for any racist cause is not one of us. Anyone who dies for any racist cause is not one of us (Muslims)." (4)

Dear brothers!

Self-awareness of individual responsibilities is one of the rules of collective life. Every person is responsible for his/her own actions. Believers are responsible both for the entire humanity and their sisters and brothers in faith. Accordingly, they are responsible for preventing injustice around the world, contributing to the implementation of freedom of religion and conscience and fundamental

rights and freedoms, and, in addition, for resolving the disputes among believers in an equitable manner and lending support to the right against the unfair.

Dear brothers!

Life, property, honor and dignity of every human being is sacred and inviolable in our religion. After migrating to Medina, our Prophet (pbuh) signed an agreement with non-Muslims, which is referred to as the Charter of Medina. With this agreement, our Prophet showed how diverse religions and cultures can coexist peacefully. Thus, he laid the moral and legal foundations of peace and coexistence among diverse religions and cultures, which is referred to as *ulfah* (harmony) in the Qur'an as God's blessing for humanity.

In this context, Muslims I fear only Allah. They adopt a compassionate approach to all creatures with principle of "loving the creatures, due to the Creator." They love their sisters and brothers in the name of God, and they share their problems and joys. They want for their sisters and brothers what they want for themselves. Muslims do not harm other people physically or with their words. They do not reprove or despise their sisters or brothers. They do not treat them unfairly; they do not support injustice. They protect them to death and give them safe haven. They try to help them in all states.

Dear brothers!

The Prophet (pbuh) said: "People are the children of Adam, and Adam is created from soil."

(5)

We, as the sisters and brothers from the same parents, have to come together and promote tolerance instead of otherification and coexistence instead of division. Therefore, we should be exemplary manner with our acts and attitudes in the family and society. Let us work toward the promotion of brotherhood, friendship, fairness, justice, compassion, clemency, morality and virtue in this geography. In this way, let us build civilizations once again with knowledge and wisdom. I would like to end my sermon with a hadith from the Prophet (pbuh).

"The Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand the Muslims are safe. Whereas the believer is the one who is trusted with the lives and wealth of the people." (6)

1. Isra, 17: 70.
2. Ibn Majah, Fitan, 2.
3. Jam'u Al-Fawaid, 1: 510.
4. Muslim, Imara, 53, 57
5. Tirmidhi, Manakib, 74, Abu Dawud, Adab, 111
6. Nesai, Iman, 9.