

**In The Name Of God**  
**The Beneficent, the Merciful**

“O, you who believe come, all of you, into submission”...

Baqara (The Cow), 208



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## **The Message of the Secretary of Conference**

The worthy concept in history were the means for achieving rights of human being and sometimes were utilized by profiteer groups.

Peace is one of these concepts that human being talk about it for years, and in recent century many pacifists and enemies human being's right have written about peace.

Statistic shows more than 170 millions of war and violence in recent century.

This question made us in this conference and gathering of honorable scholars from all over the world discuss about human being, who is in hand of his desires and instincts can create a way for his worthy concept like peace, the concept which rely on interest of individuals come true?!

The message of all the prophets is to regard the rights of people and mutual understanding to indulgence for preventing war and achieving peace.

This conference with the motto of the preparation of global peace intends to find a common message of peace in divine religions, and ask if peace without justice can comes true? And points to the role of women in establishing peace in family and society, in other words the women are the other parts of our conference triangle, and their important role is very obvious in all our seminar axis's.

### **Preferred areas of discussion for articles:**

- 1- Concept of peace in international treaties
- 2- Concept of peace in different cultures and civilizations
- 3- Concept of peace in western media
- 4- Concept of peace in western cinema
- 5- Concept of war and ceasefire dominating relationship between big powers and world nations
- 6- Concept and elements of peace in human nature from a religious point of view

- 7- Concept of peace and war in the holy books of Holy Quran, Torah, Avesta
  - 8- The role of peace institutions and centers in human communities including families, places of worship, schools, and prisons
  - 9- The role of peace in the development of human communities in various historical periods
  - 10- The relations between peace and human prosperity in philosophical schools of thought and divine religions
  - 11- The need for resorting to peaceful means in determining relations between people and their communities: common needs, common goals
  - 12- The principals of peace in terms of the kind of relations people develop with their respective communities
  - 13- The role of peace and justice in creating mutual trust and respect among people living in communities, and its role in fighting social problems (such as addiction, terrorism and etc)
  - 14- the role of peace in future destiny of humanity
  - 15- Defining elements of conflict in various schools of thought
  - 16- Concept of "jihad" in divine religions
- Peace lovers society annually according to The judgment of arbitrators candidate the person who attempt for establishing peace.
- In 2008 the special prize of peace lovers society has given to Mrs. Robabeh sadr from Lebanon.
- At the end I appreciate all the organizations, institutions and centers, specially women societies from divine religions which help us in holding this conference.

**Secretary of conference:** Sousan Safaverdi

## Dialogue of Religion and Peace

**Dr. Siamak Morsadegh\* : Iran**

In the Hebrew Language term “Shalom” has a meaning like peace Or even deeper than that.

In terminology of this word we can say that it has the same Stem as Shalom i.e being complete, being good, consonance and Appropriate success and usage of this word in the book of Genesis chapter 15 verse 16 and chapter 33 verse 18 Means being complete and especially to relation to the 32 chapter verse 18 in Shalom Isaac’s view means all of the Above and in Judaism's point of view is abase for evolving and reaching the almighty.

Even in some parts of the holy book “shalom” has come against evil. In the book of the kings and ISAIAH the term “dignity” has come twice. i.e. we can say that peace, evolution, dignity in relation with each other say one unique concept.

The importance of one concept in a culture has a direct relation with the frequency of using the terms related to that in that culture, the word “shalom” has been used for 273 times in the holy book(old testament). Moreover in the every day talk of Jews this term has got a lot of usage.

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\* The usage of “shalom” in the term “shalom Alekhem” means the hope for peace and health for addressing that between all the Jews of the world is usual and has a common Semitic stem with the Arabic term. «سلام عليكم»

## Peace and Religions

### **Moishe Ayre Freedman: Austria**

In the name of God and greeting towards divine prophets; and hazrat e Mohammad (peace upon him)

With regards to imam Khamenehei and the president of Islamic Republic of Iran and thanks to the holders of the conference.

The studies and researches on the Old Testament and teachings of Mosses and Jewish prophets shows all the crimes of Zionists in Palestinians territories with the reason of forming Israel government doesn't have any religious and Towrat basis specially to govern and enter to Jerusalem are the forbidden affairs of Jew religion until appearance of human being savior.

The crimes of Zionist destroy all the human being moral worth and family basis, which are holy in all the teachings of Divine prophets and effect of this return back to Jewish and all the believers and people.

I believe if we want to establish peace in the world talk about Peace it isn't enough, we should remove all the factors of crimes And violence's malicious and treacherous

The teachings of all the Divine prophets emphasize that Jerusalem, where, we pray on direction of it every day, should release from violence, bloodshed and Zionists which Govern on it. Jerusalem, is a center for gathering all Divine religions, and has become a place for bloodshed and crimes against Prophets teachings. As long as clean up this problem talking about peace is meaningless.

We feel that Islamic republic of Iran in direction of Iranian history has a great responsibility from divine prophets. The salvation of human being special divine religion followers is the responsibility of this country which formed by the name of God and Divine prophets. And just as the Shiites and the government of Iran are waiting for appearance of Mahdi, the savior of human being, this teaching is comprehensible for all the believers.

And we should help the government of Iran to release Jerusalem from wicked people.

I wish God to help all the holders and contributors of this conference and all the scholars from all over the world.

# Islamic Just War Pacifism

**Dr. Legenhousen\* : America**

It is common to contrast pacifism with just war theory. Pacifism holds that all wars are wrong, while just war theory holds that under certain conditions, war is just. However, pacifism has also been interpreted as a commitment to peace and a rejection of war except in some but not all cases of self-defense or humanitarian intervention. The term "just war pacifism" or "contingent pacifism" has been used to describe the view that under the conditions of modern warfare, it is morally wrong to engage in war. It is generally recognized that in Islamic traditions of legal, political, and moral thinking, something analogous to the Western just war theory is prominent. In this paper, a comparison is made between Western and Islamic just war conditions. It is then argued that under current conditions, the criteria needed to provide a moral justification for just war in Islam fail to obtain for an important range of armed conflicts, and that this conclusion may be considered an argument for a conditional Islamic just war pacifism. The extent and limitations of this kind of argument are also briefly discussed, and the example of Zaynab (a) is given for a realization of the attitude of Islamic just war pacifism.

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# Islam and Lasting Peace

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The subject of our discussion is lasting peace according to Islam's teachings. In order to expand peace in the world, the roots of war should be discovered and some solutions should be found to struggle against them. Two main factors of expansion of war are internal stimulus and external stimulant. If the two factors become known and clarified on the one hand and they be controlled on the other hand, war will not occur and peace will abide. But if we don't pay attention to the practical roots of war and draw all of our attention to theoretical discussions, the world will never reach a suitable state of settlement of peace and calmness.

One of the internal factors is human's attribute of being greedy and the tendency to achieve power and being the absolute ruler. Having such an internal background, if human beings get access to enough equipment for war and domination they might misuse them. This attribute is sometimes revealed in the form of racism and ethnocentrism and has formed various wars. Just by studying the First and Second World War, the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan by USA, the invasions of Palestine and Lebanon by Israel, the invasions of Iran and Kuwait by Iraq and finding the roots of these invasions, the subject will be clarified.

One of the roots of bringing about wars in the world is pessimism which is the result of ignorance or the sovereignty of mass media deceptions. World is like a family which its calmness depends on the correct cognition of the members from each other and the dominance of truth in their relations and reports. Whenever there is no truth among the members of a family, deception and trick will appear and the peace and agreement of the members will be threatened.

Fighting against ignorance and mass media deceptions is an essential step to achieve lasting peace in the world. Ignorance is condemned in Islamic

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teachings and the weakness of people's knowledge is considered as the root of the ruler's misuse. The present time is not the era of exposure of clear information rather it's the era of domination of lie and mass medial deceptions. The ones who are sympathetic towards peace and friendship across the world, to achieve this goal, should start a public effort to make people pessimist towards the lying mass media so they understand which systems hide realities and how they achieve this goal through their advertisements.

According to Islam's view ethics and faith should be internalized in the soul of individuals and society to achieve a lasting peace. And only the ones who have a proper faith for their political power should be chosen as government rulers. If the two aspects correspond with each other, or in other words if the rulers have a proper faith for their political position, they will not simply surrender their internal temptations of aggression. Therefore ethical and religious factors should be especially noted in electing political leaders.

# **Women in Bosnia**

## **Elma Saraeich\* : Bosnia**

I have come from Bosnia and Herzegovina. My country is the bridge between West and East. Bosnia is Jerusalem of Europe.

My subject is related to social problems of our women. These problems are the result of political changes that occurred in Bosnia. The religious affairs and our racial have very particular place in Bosnia and this place in our society is so much complex and suffering because of special political conditions. Serbia in eastern borders and Croatia in western borders have cultural influences in our country. Despite of this fact our women attempt to preserve their cultural and religious identity. Bosnia

Has been divided in two parts Federal government of Bosnia which consists of Muslims and Croats and Serbs part. This division reminds us the aggressors war which happened in 1992 to 1995 the enemy for weakening our combatants, raped our women and use this as a strategic war. It is important that our people accepted our Muslims women are the symbol of power and resistance. Despite of all problems our women attempt to struggle for achieving our rights.

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# **No Peace without justice.**

## **Peace, women and religions in a globalizing world**

**Irmgard Pinn\* : Germany**

### **A contribution to the international seminar on "Peace, women and divine religions"**

The question of peace is a main issue in international relationships. A lot of recent conflicts, civil wars and wars seem to be caused or promoted by religions, especially in the Middle East. Was Samuel Huntington right, when he predicted a "clash of civilizations" in the early 1990s and when he defined the frontiers of this clash between the (secularized) Christian West and the Islamic World? There are many indications which seem to confirm the view that religions as such are causing conflicts, wars and terrorism, whereas others are praising religions as sources of peace and understanding among human beings. In any case there are different points of view which have to be analyzed and discussed.

My thesis is that religions can be misused for aggressive and repressive goals – we find a lot of examples all over the world - as well as understood as enlightening advices for living in peace and in harmony. But how can we find

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Activities in several intercultural and interreligious associations.

out the just interpretation? No aggressor or oppressor will ever confess his misusing of a religion. Instead he will declare his actions as justified by the wealth of the society or of the family, by divine law etc. To answer this question, one of the key terms is “justice”, because there will be no peace and no harmony without justice – neither in a family nor in a society nor in the world. To discuss this, will be the first main point of my paper.

Then I will focus the discussion on women’s issues: From a traditional and sometimes also from a religious point of view women are seen as less aggressive than men, as born to harmonize and to comfort the victims of the male violence. But as we see in history and at present, women who came to power in politics and society are not at all per se more justice- and peace-loving than men. Obviously women like men need an advice, an education, an intellectual and spiritual guidance to recognize and to follow the path to justice, harmony and peace.

My second point in this chapter will be the fact that all over the world there are more women victims of violence, injustice and oppression than men. This well known fact is often seen as a grievance of secondary relevance which can be solved after other problems and conflicts. Especially when it comes to violence, to discrimination and to bad laws within a society or religious community, such questions often are played down and even denied.

Therefore we need a new culture of justice and openness where women are aware of their situation in society and religion, where they are able to participate in public affairs and – most important – to speak for themselves. There will be no peace – weather in the families nor in the society nor in the world – if women feel predominated by men and their interests and laws. This we find confirmed in the Holy Quran and in the Ahadis of the Prophet Mohammad (saws) and probably in other religions too.

My last point will be the situation of intercultural and inter-religious dialogues and the role of women within them (the state of women within different cultures and religions as well as the participation of women). Finally I will conclude with some remarks on my own experiences in Germany and with some proposals to improve the struggle for a better understanding, for justice and for peace.

## **The role of peace in human being destination**

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This study investigated the definite role of woman in / her special Position, and also her effects on different affairs of society and future Prosperity of human being. In one respect, the prosperity of human being involves maintaining peace, calm and authority in family, society, and universe in larger rate, in other respect woman with her representation in different meetings, science, and also with considering her Islamic – humane value without having flamboyance end can be more effective and useful, as an inseparable member of a society in maintaining the peace, calm and preparing the future prosperity. In this study information gathered with using different references' and note – taking papers. This study with considering this fact that, there are no differences between woman and man in humane position, rights, responsibility, and sample respects revealed that they had effective role in developing Islamic – humane values. these haven't any purpose but peace, calmness and improvement. how? These importance task can provide the future prosperity of human being involved the following principles : creating a sense of responsibility in educating competent children, having relationship and wifely relation, identifying the social- political destination and general cooperation, defending country and Islamic values and statement maintaining peace and a sense of responsibility from the behavior of Hazrat Zahra, maintaining shame to be safe against deplorable events, educating safe generation and / also acquiring insight for preaching culture and art. The main debate is that if woman realize her definite and actual role con direct humanity in trance dense peace, and calm way. while we can introduce the

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real and actual position of religion That is providing peace, calm, and transcendence, also This is the main message and task of all prophets, The peace, calm, and prosperity of human will be provided by These mentioned factors.

**Key words:** calm the role of woman in providing peace Accommodation.

# **"The Woman Who Fought To Save America's Soul"**

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The struggle for African-Americans to gain the right to vote in the United States was a crucial chapter in that nation's history. Without the fight of the civil rights movement, there would have been no Voting Rights Act of 1965, and no possibility for African-Americans to play a role in electing their leaders, much less, to run for political office themselves. Today a Black American is running for the Democratic Party presidential nomination.

Everyone has read about Dr. Martin Luther King, the national leader of the movement through the 1960s, who was martyred in his fight for freedom. But too few people have heard about the women who contributed to making Dr. King's mission successful. It was his wife, Coretta King, who provided her husband the moral support required in times of great tribulation, and who, after his assassination on April 4, 1968, went to Memphis, Tennessee to lead the sanitation workers' march in his place. It was Rosa Parks, who in December 1955, had the courage to refuse to give up a seat on a bus to a white man, in Montgomery, Alabama. Her action, which led to her arrest, sparked the non-violent campaign against racial discrimination and injustice. And, above all, it was Amelia Boynton Robinson, an African-American civil rights activist, who created the conditions in Selma, Alabama for Dr. King to launch his historic campaign. Mrs. Robinson, who is 97 years old today and still actively engaged in the fight to defend the rights of all human beings, was in Iran in 2002 on a lecture tour. She sends her warmest greetings to this conference.

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Amelia Boynton Robinson was born on August 18, 1911, as the offspring of many different ethnic groups: she has blood of native Americans of the Cherokee tribes, Germans and African slaves in her veins. Introduced to political organizing by her mother, Amelia began campaigning in the 1930s for African-Americans to register to vote, and continued until the 1965 law was passed. Her slogan was, "A voteless people is a hopeless people" -- a slogan she used in her election bid for the U.S. Congress in 1964. (She was the first African-American to run for Congress, and got 11% of the votes.) In order to become a registered voter, an American citizen, then over the age of 21, had to go to the local courthouse, pass an oral and written test, and sign his or her name. There also had to be a voucher, a registered voter who would vouch for the person's identity, age, place of residence, and how long the person had lived there. Amelia, who volunteered to be a voucher, witnessed the illegal actions taken to prevent registration: the courthouse doors were never opened to those lining up outside, citizens seeking voter status were often harassed, even physically beaten. The questionnaires used were changed periodically, and so on. Therefore, to gain their voting rights, the African-Americans "had to fight, with demonstrations, confrontations, sit-ins, stand-ins, and walk-ins, which led to the historic 50-mile march from Selma to Montgomery on March 21, 1965," Amelia wrote.

From 1963 to 1965, Amelia's home in Selma became the headquarters for the civil rights movement, as volunteers from the state, other parts of the country and even Europe streamed in to join the movement. Dr. Martin Luther King had arrived in Alabama, to take up a position as pastor of a church that had been vacated in 1954, and used Amelia's home as his headquarters. Amelia led the Dallas County boycott of white stores, when the owners refused to hire African-Americans.

The response to the civil rights movement was brutal repression; Dr. King, Amelia and others went to jail. This led to a Congressional delegation's visit to Selma, Alabama, and the first drafting of a bill for voting rights. The most brutal assault came on March 7, 1965, when 1,000 demonstrators started a march to the state capital to confront the governor and demand their rights. That Sunday was to go down in history as "Bloody Sunday." As they tried to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge across the Alabama river, they were attacked by the sheriff, his posse and police, armed with cans of gas, guns, sticks, cattle prods and other weapons. They charged the marchers; Amelia was struck down by one of the troopers, while another shot tear gas on her. When it was thought she was dead, the marchers were told to drag her off to the side of the road. When Sheriff Clark was told to call an ambulance for her, he said, "I am not going to call any ambulance for anybody! Let the buzzards eat them!" Amelia was hospitalized and saved, though she sustained permanent injuries. Pictures of her lying on the ground were flashed across the world on television, and the brutal reality of the civil rights struggle became a political issue for the entire world.

Bloody Sunday was the beginning of a national movement, which brought together young, old, black, white, rich and poor. Two weeks later, the march on Montgomery started again. Dr. King was hesitant, since the U.S. President said he thought the march should not take place. Amelia was insistent that it must go ahead, and King finally agreed. President Lyndon B. Johnson also shifted his view. He met with Alabama Governor George Wallace, and pressured him to accept the right to vote.

The march on Montgomery, on March 21, was a milestone. About 3,200 people gathered in Selma and walked to Montgomery, where their ranks swelled to 50,000 people. Amelia was chosen to present the petition of the marchers to the governor. That march, the culmination of a fight which Amelia had begun in the 1930s, changed history in America, and the world.

Amelia Boynton Robinson has conceived of her role in world history, as determined by God. A deeply religious person, she has always been motivated by the message of love. In a statement issued on January 18 this year, on the anniversary of Dr. King's death, she recalled, "When Dr. King was killed, we were all saddened. Many of us were angry. But like all of us, we are here for a purpose. We have a quota to fill, and when we have fulfilled that task, our Maker says, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things. Enter thou into the joy of the Lord.' God did not want King's enemies to destroy him. But before leaving us, Dr. King to a degree changed the course of the entire world."

Were it not for Amelia Boynton Robinson, hundreds or thousands of African-Americans would not have mustered the courage to register to vote; were it not for her work, Dr. King may not have gone to Selma, and led the movement that turned the tide of American history. Were it not for her continuing commitment to the cause of social justice and equality worldwide, many Americans would despair. She remains an inspiration today, especially for young people.

## **Women, Peace and friendship**

**Dr. nasrin safari\* : Iran**

During history the women have played the Important Role in social arena, specially in family institution.

This role is such meaningful in the process of social life that all the religions have particular attention to women.

In Iran's history this fact is very clear in Zoroastrians and Islam.

According to these religions women have effective role to establish and develop of peace, although woman herself is victim of violence.

The reality shows that women via education can overcome the violence and can develop Peace in the world wide.

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# Holy war

**Safiyeh Abdollah\* : china**

Human in Place of successor of Allah for Visiting Allah should move in right path of Allah with The light of guidance of Rasool Allah (The last prophet of God Hazrate Mohammad Peace upon him)

But human in his movement to the moral perfection faces with many obstacles and dangers like satanic temptation and sensual desires.

Which closes the path of spiritual ascension in his life therefore need of guidance is necessary in life. This essay uses library methods for studding about war (Jihad) in divine religions that means holly and reformatory war.

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# **The war for peace The concept of holy war (Jihad) In divine religions**

**Roya Majdi\* : Iran**

This essay studies the theoretical view of holy war with the influence of Jihad in order to make clear the place of just war in Ibrahim religions (Islam, Christianity, Judaism).

The findings of this essay shows in this period of time the absolute peace is an idealism phenomenon and far from the reality of human life.

As well as the pacifism exists in human's nature, the self defense and preservation of life exists in his nature and in it is necessary too.

War is the most terrible mistake of human or in other words the worst of his doings.

The human who is wise and conduct intellectually and is the successor of God on the Earth as well as is good is bad too.

According to life's method and behavior of divine prophets and the other faiths like Hindu, Buddhism and Sikh violence is hated phenomenon and is contrary to Will of God and creations purpose.

Although the views of religions are based on peace but in some cases war is holy and necessary, it differs from violence and conflicts for achieving powers.

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# **(Peace, Women and Religion)**

## **The Concept of Peace in the Western media**

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In a world contaminated with individual, social and international violence, there is a necessity of clarifying the concept of peace and the role of media in the development of it. Throughout these lines, we will explore the two main concepts of this topic: peace and media. Furthermore, we will demonstrate how media has been a tool to manipulate people's mind in order to sell products and brainwash individuals.

### **1. Definition Of Peace**

Peace, in a general perspective, is viewed as opposed to war. On the International Human Rights' view, peace means the establishment of relations between two states facing a specific conflict.

If we think of peace throughout history, man has always looked for peace, especially since the classic Greece period up to now. In further studies about the concept of peace throughout the history of civilization, it is concluded that the changes in the context and character of eras basically modify the various peace concepts. Later concepts of peace became increasingly secular. Kant synthesized the peace conceptions of his age. As wars started to mobilize the masses the idea of peace successively became of mass concern. In the early 19th century the first peace societies organized their first major international meetings and organizations.

#### **Concept of peace in Islam.**

**"But if the enemy incline towards peace, do thou (also) incline towards peace" (Quran 8:61)**

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Unfortunately, the concept of peace in Islam has been dangerously tergiversated, especially during the last few years, thanks to the negative propaganda that both Imperialists and Zionists have created against Islam. In order to talk about peace, it is best to understand the concept of peace in the Religion of God, in its general aspects. People who do not know about Islam usually say that this religion was spread through violence.

### **Peace and Jihad**

The root of the word Jihad is the Arab term Jihad which means "spend energy". The following aspects need some clarification concerning the concept of Jihad in Islam:

The acts of Jihad are limitless in Islam.

The highest stage of Jihad is fighting the enemy of Muslims and Islam.

## **2. Definition Of Media**

Media (the plural of medium) is a truncation of the term media of communication, referring to those organized means of dissemination of fact, opinion, entertainment, and other information, such as newspapers, magazines, cinema films, radio, television, the World Wide Web, billboards, books, CDs, DVDs, videocassettes, computer games and other forms of publishing.

Sometimes mass media (and the news media in particular) are referred to as the "corporate media". Other references include the "mainstream media" (MSM).

### **What is the Concept of Peace in the Mass-Media?**

"In our mediated society, a question worth asking is what influence the media has on our ability or interest in resolving conflict peacefully? Do news and entertainment programs on television and the films shown in theatres fairly represent the wide range of ways to resolve conflict? Is the emphasis on violence influencing children and adults to favor violence as the way to address conflict?"

Sadly enough, Islam has been the most injured religion, especially in the last few years. It is unfair how news agencies manipulate information in such a way that people think that Islam is a religion of violence... is that a way to find a solution to conflicts? Obviously this is not. But the worst part of this reality is that people believe in what they read, see or watch. This is so due to the fact that communication per se has a powerful effect on people; in other words, people believe in what they see or in what they are told.

As a matter of fact, the objective of media has been lost. All ways of information and entertainment are contaminated with violence and manipulation of information. Our kids have also lost their track; they are not interested in knowing about the world that surrounds them; they have occupied their minds with violent videogames and songs that blocks their great capacity of thinking and creating.

We must reflect upon the terrible consequences of this situation; we should not keep on letting things go, we should react immediately.

## **Indulgence and Negligence**

**Mohammad Ali khaledian\* : Iran**

There are three clane on verses in holy Quran indicating reconciliation.

There are the verses showing the human right to accept or reject an idea, and the ones inviting the addressees to live together peacefully. There are also the verses inviting human beings to the common point such as reason, peace and justice.

The present article studies Mowlawis altitude towards peace an the core of his thought.

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# **Justice, Peace and Coexistence in Christianity and the Role of Women**

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From the ancient times, and the previous polytheism till theism, the religion has dissolved in people way of thinking, passions and feelings, behavior as well as in their lives. Every people has formed the religion's principles according to his soul, history and circumstances. Therefore, the religion does not isolate and separate man from the others on the contrary; it encourages the people's mutual coexistence of different religious, cultural, and racial basis. Work together in order to anticipate injustice, to establish peace and to strengthen coexistence among peoples.

One of the important data of God's epiphany is justice, yet it is the God-man exact relationship. Consequently, the man is called to realize this Godly gift, especially when God's justice can not be compensate by human one (Romans 8.31).

On the other hand, justice is the headstone of peace. The Christianity rejects any division between justice and peace, when for the sake of salvation; both the world and men practically complete each other by biblical testimonies (Psalms 85.10).

Peace is the precondition of human life's development, improvement and of protecting incorruptible cultures.

A brief study of the rich bibliography related to the position of women at the different points in the historical course of Christianity, leads directly to the conclusion that women and men are equal inhabitants of the Kingdom of God. Moreover, the mission given to women to proclaim the word of God at the

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very beginning of the church sheds light over the woman's service. In contemporary history, several positive social and political transformations have been brought about in which religion, religious sentiment or appeal to religion as the rallying force of identity have played a significant role.

Finally, women have to sensitize individuals and institutions, for both the limits and possibilities within their own culture and religious contexts for movement, toward genuine global perspectives and engagements.

## "Peace in Holy books"

**Leila Zolfaghari\* : Iran**

All religions in the world have wished peace for human and desired to spread friendship and popularized it their instructions. Also they have invited human being to honesty, benevolence, beneficence, justice, peace and other good qualities. Peace has been defined as agreement, reconciliation and compromise. In fact it means leaving hostility and reaching agreement.

Islam has always emphasized this and stated several Muslims' holy book, it is stipulated that peace is a blessing and the spirit of Islam is peaceful. In addition it is expressing and that peace is very different from abjection and submission and supporting peace differs from accepting abjection. This is where Islam doesn't approve abjection but strongly supports peace.

In the Bible, Christians' holy book, there are many verses which recommend its followers to be friendly and peaceful and also there are similar verses in the Old Testament, Mikah. Peace in Christianity means living in tranquility without any wars and bloodshed. Jesus Christ's message is a message full of affection and this religion is against war.

Also, in Torah, Jew's holy book, it is perceived that peace means living in tranquility with no fight, since in Hebrew its equivalent is Shaloom which means being perfect and reaching God. It is frequently recommended in this religion that followers avoid fighting and war and try to establish peace and Jews consider it as their religion duty.

Avesta, Zoroastrians', holy book, begins with approving Ahoora and disapproves war and possessing weapons. Zoroastrians wished to Ahoora to be away from invasions and desired establishment of peace and quiet amongst all

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people. By researching in Zoroaster's instruction and Avesta's psalms, it is perceived how deep Zoroaster'd trainings were.

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# **The Philanthropy Interstate Laws**

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The Interstate laws is the one of the fields of laws and its activities arena is related to setting up the relationship among states.

One of the trends of the interstate laws is the philanthropy interstate laws, which it' duty is to setting up laws for preventing violence's of war. Unfortunately this branch of laws doesn't mind why the war starts or if the war is legal or illegal, but to decrease the damages of war, to support the victims of war and to limit the states from using of fatal weapons. Both human rights and philanthropy interstate laws complement each other, but in different ways and conditions.

The human rights attempt to support individuals in different conditions - peace or war and to bring under control despotic governments and the philanthropy interstate laws is used in international weapons conflicts.

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# **Peace in international conventions And Islam**

**Dr.Mehrshad Shababi\* : Iran**

The main objective of this essay is the study peace in the international conventions and Islam.

That clarifies the position of peace in international arena.

Peace and Justice are the principles that in all conventions refer to them.

Since holding wistfully congress which Approved the first Peace international convention many peace treaties have been signed but unfortunately most of them didn't last long, because of illegal powers of their members.

In contrary to these international conventions that their obligation is related to particular powers, the term of Peace in Islam is not related on any powers. Peace in Islam is a permanent affair.

In Islam individuals with returning to their divine nature can executes and proclaims Peace in the world.

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# Women and peace

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Mennonite Christianity has been committed to nonviolence and pacifism since its inception in the 1500's C.E. Mennonite thinking about peace has traditionally meant the refusal to fight in wars; the refusal to yield a weapon; the absolute refusal to kill another person even in times of self-defense or national defense. Since women are not subject to military conscription they have sought to expand the definition of pacifism to a more holistic peace practice; taking into consideration the local and global factors that diminish security in the lives of others and themselves. This presentation will briefly introduce the religious reasons for the pacifist convictions and then explore the specific ways that women are living out their commitment to peace. I will highlight examples of women peace makers and specific peace making programs that are being implemented both domestically and internationally, giving attention to the places where women are providing leadership. As we look at women's contribution to peace making, we will observe in their actions a more holistic and comprehensive definition of peace making, and consequently the substantial contribution women can bring to peace making.

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# **The future of human and Global Peace in the view of divine religions**

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The attempt of human for understanding his future and description of events that will happen is one of the scientific and effective fields of his attempt.

Generally divine religions and human schools of thought imaging a picture of future in different forms and evaluate in analytic and visionary views the factors and conditions of happening events in human's future.

All the concepts related on promised time like crisis, peace and security near the appearance time of savior have changed the religious views about the finish of political and social geography of the promised time; and also have changed many specifications and process of human life.

The main objectives of this essay are about promised period, peace, worldwide security and study the different religious views about human's future and his disturbance.

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## **Lecture about Islam and Peace**

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Thanks to God of two worlds and peace upon truth servant and the best creature Mohammad that he was himself just truth ;and has left it for us in his successors. He taught us that freedom and peace are the concepts that in the best conditions are related to each other.

Today when we study about these concepts in the West world we find out they are far from justice. the most important thing about the word of obedience which in Arabic says "TASLIM", has a relationship to peace and freedom.

For misusing of freedom, the concept of peace that derived from it completely is vice versa.

Marriage and family are the samples of this. the unrestrained freedom can be seen in all the field of life in the West world. Propaganda for homogeneous relations and other relations which are far from the frame of ideal marriage. The image of family which shows in mass media, films and novels in the West world, is the image of unlawful relationship which ends to apparent happiness. Usually in these images the wife is not lady love of his husband and a healthy relations between wife and husband seems is not possible, that children can learn them. The image of this relationship of family and our subject about peace and freedom propagate in mass media with this pattern, that marriage is captivity and the relationship out of marriage is freedom. Married person passes from the prison of me and releases to we. Unmarried person is in captivity conditions because he or she is searching for the other part of his soul. Let me before returning to the subject of freedom in marriage

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give some examples in this case. Because misunderstanding of freedom, causes person thinks he or she is free but in the frame of captivity, the way that some Muslims think so; and this is the great alteration of our time, for example who pray single is free and who pray with congregation is limited; a woman who works for earning is free and who secured by his husband is limited; imitation in religious affairs is limitation but who imitate own self is free. Many of concepts have such conditions, which come along with freedom but end to limitation and injustice. When human being recognizes himself and pass from "me" can recognizes his creator and the real freedom can be possible. In this view, submission and humility are the factors that make possible real freedom and human being can release from the captivity of his body .

Therefore the purpose of life is melting in the love of God . God doesn't need our worship, but let us to worship Him and this is our happiness. Human being with serving and worshipping God can reach to perfection. God create human being as a man and a woman and they are without each other they are not complete . For this reason in spite of Catholic religion, married person has higher place than unmarried. Please be careful that unmarried has no choice to complete own self even he cure his instincts cannot realize the enjoyment of two people (man and woman) that to become one. This happiness just bestow to married people. Man and woman who wants to prove humanity of own self cannot step forward until to recognizes the unity(of God). The real freedom grafts with justice e and peace and before all with love. In the unity (of God) peace, freedom and justice are not separate from each other but melt in. This is the strength point of view of unity and the weakness of view of the West world. The world that look at the worthy thing without considering the relationship of them. Muslims should recognize the specification of their faith in order to close the way of enemies.

## Meaning and Factors in Human's Nature

**Tahereh Mohseni\* : Iran**

Meaning and factors of peace in humans nature from celestial religions point of view:

Peace is a most important term for human to reach to perfection that done by the shade of religion.

Peace is the sign of human perfection and during the history of human life by coming up with peace, we reach to this result that the way of human history was a perfection way.

All prophets from the initial of human creation, emphasized on peace. justice, unity and world wide order.

All religious describe peace is one the main and principle aim of human life, no political tools for exploiting one person or specific persons. Religious in particular Islam, As the last religion and perfect religion, is supportive of friendship, peace and love.

Role of peace in Islam:

Allah said in Quran: فاتقوا الله و اصلحوا ذات بينكم

It means that: Be virtuous to Allah and make peace between yourselves.

We read in other paradigm that: لا تفسدوا في الارض بعد اصلحها, it means that: Never Excite sedition in land after peace and order.

In the view of Islam, the basic thing is peace and war for God is defensive in nature.

As said Holy Quran: "Ebrahim come on behalf of God for invitation of people. By pure and sane heart.

Religion the most important and mach tools and factor that reach human to perfection and lucky.

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As the result of studies from different societies, should that religious societies have less problem and depravity then other societies.

Whenever religion define as it's purity situation such as peace, justice and morality, provide human blesses, and whenever woman play her real role, contribute to humanity be in perfect and secure way.

Defense of peace like siding and defense of one shoulder or opposition to that shoulder is accompanied to political purposes.

Religions chief should try that religions believe recede from political domination and they are not instrument of any opinion and different political votes.

# **The principles of peace in Holy Quran**

**Ebtesam Alkanani\* : Iraq**

The global peace which West talks about it and introduce to people with gaudiness and it is nothing except a deceit.

But all the people know that global peace is the peace that Islam and Quran show to people, and all the divine prophets attempted to replace war with peace among people.

Quran emphasizes on peace, because more than 140 verses in Quran are about peace and it shows the importance of peace, in individual, social, economical and cultural life. Islam and peace are accompanied with each other, and as the history says the peace was a ladder for people to believe in Islam for this reason Islam recognizes with peace and peace recognizes with Islam.

Peace is one of the attributes of God, that in Quran God describes Him self. In the pagan state of the Arabs before Mohammad (peace upon him) people live tribally and who was powerful annihilated the rights of poor and defenseless people. Who was reach and cruel was honorable. Islam came and changed all the rules of the pagan state of Arabs.

Islam said who is virtuous who is better and emphasized on the behavior of people with each other and planted the fruit of peace in the heart of people. And the result was love among people and this love caused that the Muslims love not only each other but all the people with different religions and live peacefully beside each other. "O you who believe ! come all of you, into submission". Baqara (The Cow) 208

Obedience of God and His prophet causes all the people live peacefully in a country and it is the meaning of Global peace. each tribe and group has a motto, and the motto of Islam is peace, that begins in any cases with SALAM

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this motto is greeting for safety of world and world of futurity. When human being go to heaven will face with the word of SALAM, for this heaven is named Darussalam(the house of peace) the habitants of heaven say SALAM regularly.

The result of the essay:

1-Quran was the first sketcher of peace

2-the Divine prophets performed the view of Islam in its real meaning.

3-the last Divine prophet Hazrate Mohammad (peace upon him) introduced peace in a nice manner and the people learned it very well.

4-Hazrate Mohammad and the other Imams that the head of them was Imam Ali(peace upon him) taught the Muslims the principles of peace in order to behave peacefully with the people who were against them in opinion and religions.

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# **The concept of Peace in Scriptures**

**Fatemeh Khansari\* : Iran**

The concept of peace in scriptures could be known through research in general literature and having regard the various beliefs make to be more close of subjective beliefs of nations to each other and to be strengthened in social status.

And by observing the reasons of peaces in form of scriptures and commands of prophets which are of significant reality make them to be acceptable in different fields of social fields and towards the trend of social evolution. and it is of high important role in creating of relations among humans and it will covert them into humanistic desirable relations.

Although the sources of truth is one and the same for all and all Gnostics and scholars during past eras and even at the present era has invited human to love, beautifulness, goodness and peace., still we are thirsty for peace among relations of human being and why has been looking peace behind black cloud of war and unawareness for ?

Hence, we should remove mental eclipse (mental hindrance) from scriptures and by befitting from advices referred to them in scriptures and creates a new look to Avesta, Bible, the Testament and Qoran and make a bridge as wide as the humanity and pave the way towards peace in all fields.

No war, No Fight, but peace and no more

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# How can peace be Achieved? An Islamic Perspective.

**Hajar Hosseini\* : America**

Theories related to peace propose various paths to achieving.

Peace:

1. Peace by pieces-a liberal definition: Kant projected that if small pieces of peace are created this will bring about real peace.
2. Peace by policing-a totalitarian definition: peace by force imposed from top to bottom.
3. Peace by prosperity- the capitalist approach.
4. Peace through prayer- bringing humanity to revolt against self in a non violent way.
5. Become a true complete person, under the leadership of the Imam of the time, you will create a complete community and a holistic world.
6. Completion and perfection does not come from the top down, but from the bottom up. The community of individuals is called to form a perfect society ogre will not emerge and come forward.

Peace is an outcome of justice.

Islam means peace, this is not achieved through force or with the sword, but through individual and community perfection, meaning instituting completion at the individual, group and community levels. That is the meaning of jihad, it does not mean to wage war against infidels, it means wage war against faithlessness in your own self, your group and your community.

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The argument is that the world is predominated by egotism. Assalamun aleikum, in Arabic is a greeting as well as farewell, it means peace be upon you when you enter and also when you enter and also when you leave. The beginning and the end are salaam.

# **The world Justice is born by one by one The small Title for the Great subject**

**Masoumeh Asad\* : Argentina**

This essay begins with the justice and different comments about it and then about peace and common points between them.

Before of all justice is Divine Attribute. Justice in its public meaning is:

A) Put every thing in its place. The Great world stands on divine justice: the balance and equilibrium of all the galaxies, inside of Atom, the structure of mankind, all the plants and animals are based on justice: and the great prophet of Islam points that the skies and the Earth stand on justice.

B) The other meaning justice is: “respect to individual laws” and the against point of this is oppression: it means that the rights of some people taken from them and given to an other people: or to discriminate against some people. It means to give the rights of some people and not give the rights of some.

The Important point is that sometimes by mistake justice means equality.

Equality doesn't means justice. In other words, the rights and satiability's should be considered. Islam speaks about equality, equality means: give rights to people based on their attempts. Not to give all the people “alike”. Because the needs, knowledge and attempts of all is not similar to each other.

In Islam are 3 comments of peace:

1) The first comment which in Arabic say “selm” means Tranquility. And it is the Attribute of God. The Tranquility in the world reflects the Tranquility of God.

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2) The second comment of peace means: to have peaceful relationship with each other: and respect to individual rights.

3) And the third, This comment that in Arabic say “Taslim” means obedience, not God but the people.

Two other comments of peace are related to justice, but the third comment means peace without justice. The Religions and the reason of mankind don't confirm of this peace.

## **American apostolic and Orthodox Church pioneer of peace**

### **Armenian prelacy of Tehran Iran**

It is great honor and privilege to be with you at the very moment of this unique seminar and greet you all here in Tehran – Iran the cradle of dialogue, civilization and coexistence. Yes, dear participants, distinguished guests I greet you in the name of one God the we all worship, thought in different ways but the same spirit and spiritual meaning:

Please allow me first of all to thank the organizers of this authentic seminar and particularly Mrs. susan safaverdi, who kindly invited me to take part in this seminar, to share with you few thoughts and also to learn from you.

I was asked to speak about **“peace within the Armenian “or “peace in the life and ministry of the Armenian church”**.

The word peace is the most **“persecuted”, “crucified”** word in our midst. It has been misused and on the other side so many crimes happened in the name of peace. Our lord Jesus Christ teaches us saying **“Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the sons of God”** (mt.5.9): Establishing peace was the utmost desire of Jesus. Peace based on love, respect, self denial. Peace found on justice and respecting human right. We read in the Holy Bible that **“God created human kind in his image, in the image of God he**

**created them, male and female he created”** (Gen.1:2) God assigned human beings stewardship over the earth and its living creatures: Therefore every human being as God creature, manifesting the image of God, is to be respected as a whole: The preciousness of human being urges us to defend this very dignity in every human person, that is why Jesus says. **“I have come so that you may have life, and have it abundantly.”** Yes in the night when Jesus was born, the angels sang **“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and good will towards men.”**

Jesus came as the prince of peace. The peace that he was preaching was the peace based on love and self denial, because he knew, unless you deny yourself, you will never be able to love your neighbor genuinely.

In the sermon on the mount he said **“you have heard that it was said eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I tell you. Don’t resist an evil person, if some one strikes you on the right cheek turn to him the other also”**. At Gethsemane, while Jesus was praying with his disciples, the crowd lead by priests and Pharisees, came and seized Jesus, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him. **“Put your sword back in to its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels! But how then should the scriptures be fulfilled, later Jesus said” no more of this “ and he touched his ear and healed him”**(mt.26.50-54): Then at Calvary on the cross he prays forgiveness for those who crucified him. **“Father, said Jesus, while on the cross, forgive them, for they know not what they do(lk.23.34)”**: The first word of Jesus after his resurrection was. **“Peace be with you...”** again Jesus said **Peace be with you...** (Jn.20:19-21-27)

As we can see Jesus left us prayer and forgiveness, love and service and trusting always in God.(Rom.8:28-39)

The Armenian church established by the two apostles of Jesus saint Thaddeus and Partolemeos, from the very beginning of her history followed the teaching of Jesus. On the fifth century after the invention of the Armenian alphabet and the translation of the Holy Bible the people of Armenia claimed that, **“we have Known the Gospel as our father and the mother the Apostolic and universal church.”**

It is quit interesting to know that in all our prayers, songs the most dominant factor and idea is the longing for peace: Peace in our heart and mind, in our home and society, in our work and in the modest of our life. The whole liturgy of the Armenian church is a quest for peace, peaceful life as well as a demand for Justice and God’s mercy on us and whole universe:

According to the teaching of church fathers peace is not the absence of war, but it is an inner struggle against the evil in order to avoid his action, because the bible affirms the goodness of creation. Creation is good by its origin, therefore evil is not part of it. It is a non-being. As we know evil is due to the rebellion of humanity par excellence against the creator and as such it is a threat to creation: therefore our struggle is not and should not be against our fellow man but against the enemy of man and God namely against the Satan.

Peace is a gift of God. We are called first of all to accept this gift in order to build a peaceful world. Saint Paul the apostle says, Jesus is our peace.(Eph.2:14): Jesus came to destroy sin and hatred. The peace of Jesus speaks of wholeness, rest of heart, right relation with God: Jesus says. **“peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you”**(John.14:27): As we can see the peace of Jesus goes far beyond the absence of evil, war or conflict. His peace makes his people peacemakers.

That is why in his sermon on the mount he says **”blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called son’s of God”**(Mt.5:9)

Dear participants

I consider this seminar a moment full of faith, hope and love. I believe that we all are peace loving people, regardless to our religious or national identities, and therefore we all who are gathered here expect more than a declaration or a mere communiqué, published as manifestation of our desire and aim.

Surely we all are aware of the fact that religions generate trust and mutual understanding among the believers.

All religions particularly Christianity and Islam are called upon not only to face the challenges and provide their followers with the freedom of religions but they have to work together in order to achieve and develop sincere and fruitful relations. The religions should be the protector of those who have no voice on society and the poor and weak people. In other words the religions should struggle for the benefit of human being, for the establishment of peace. Let us be peacemakers in the school, at home, on the playground and to everyone in the world. Let us all understand and be an example of forgiveness, Justice, love and peace.

The world has undergone tremendous changes. A new period of common concerns and commitments is emerging in the history of humankind. Therefore we have to move and act according to that changes:

Today we should realize that there is a growing recognition that inter-religious dialogue must be used as a vehicle to the social stability and on the other side to lead human society to peace building society: we are called to

cultivate, to build a culture of peace, Justice love and forgiveness, a culture which will include every aspects of human being.

I would like to conclude my very brief comment by quoting a contemporary American writer. He says: "we have learned how to make a living, we have added years to life, not life to years, we have been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a neighbor. We conquered outer space, but not inner space. We have done larger things but not necessarily better things. We have cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul."

Yes, friends let this seminar be for all of us, a beginning of new understanding and mission in order to be a clean vehicle for manifesting the will of God within our life and within the society in which we live.

## **In the name of God**

### **The Final Manifest of Scientific Researching and International Seminar of Peace, Women and Divine Religions**

Peace upon all the messengers of peace, liberty and Justice, the divine prophet and their followers, in all the times specially this time of modern oppressions.

God with sending the prophets and messengers will to give Justly order to the world.

But some people with knowing the special mission of prophets attempt to disorder the roots and facts in order to find more opportunity for their oppressions.

So returning to the common roots of religions such as unification and Justice are the first step towards peace.

On the other hand, in all the societies women play a significant role in establishing peace because the worthy morality forms in safe family in the arms of kind and sympathetic mothers. All the great divine prophets, who were peace makers and defenders of Justice on the Earth trained in arms of great mothers and some times were under great women protection.

Like Hazrate Ibrahim (peace upon him) by the side of kind Hajar trained Ismaeil in order to build the house of God and the temple of single worshipping.

Mosses (peace upon him) even in the palace of Pharaoh and beside his kind wife Asiyeh, trained in arms of his compassionate mother so he became the leader of anti arrogance.

Jesus (peace upon him) the prophet of patience and perseverance grew up in arms of holy Maria.

And .....Mohammad (peace upon him) the last prophet, the prophet of mercy and justice grew up beside great and chaste women like Ameneh, Halimeh, Fatemeh Bente Asad and his first follower Khadijeh his kind wife.

But to day the enemies of humanity with misusing of mass media attempt to eliminate the worthy inheritance of the prophets and cause to disconnect the heartily and safe relationship of the members of society.

Some body should ask these enemies where they lead the human societies?

In such condition that threaten the humanity of human, who is to help the truth of human?

This question should be asked of the followers of divine prophets and righteous scholars.

At the end, regards and thanks towards distinguished guests from all over the world, different nations and different religions for your presence in scientific, researching and international conference.

We announce that with emphasizing on justly peace and providing assurance of peacefully relationship of people based on common teachings of divine prophets and the important role of women in family and society. We can imagine a hopefully view of future on the face of human being and his society.

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