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As a result of its efforts to forcibly impose its own sectarian and highly dogmatic beliefs and lifestyles and its use of repression and violence, which are forbidden in Islam, millions more are in a state of panic. People of different faiths in newly conquered areas, who have lived there for hundreds of years, are told to "Become Muslims, or die" whereas God's command in the Quran is quite explicit - "There is no compulsion in religion." Yet a bigoted and misinformed philosophy literally has created a hell on earth.

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Qur'anic sources filled with nonsense, employs policies of the severest repression based on this erroneous philosophy of life in the areas it takes over. However, by abandoning the essence of the faith for false information, they have adopted a style of politics totally divorced from human love, that is ignorant of compassion and affection and that cannot live by peace, compromise, tolerance, brotherhood and friendship inherent in Islam. The more they depart from the essence of Islam, the more an inhumane, repressive despotic and violent lifestyle emerges.

So how can such radical organizations that are trying to reshape Iraq, Syria and the entire Middle East and that resort to violence to that end, be stopped?

Muslims failing to unite around their commonalities delays in forming an alliance of the good while people following teachers of violence, rather than of love, are inflicting needless pain and suffering.

If these people who have been left ignorant and loveless in the region were educated individually, rather than everyone arming themselves, those people could be won over because fanaticism is a treatable illness.

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Violence cannot be the way to put an end to violence, because violence simply begets violence. And as violence begets violence, more people learn violence. Many Islamic countries, especially Syria and Iraq, have become schools of violence in this way. The time has now come to build schools of love instead.

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