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For example, several verses of the Quran praise Jews, such as: "Those who believe and those who are Jews, Sabaeans and Christians – anyone who believes in God and the Last Day, and acts honorably, should have no fear nor will they be saddened" (Quran 5:69).

All Muslims should remember that God clearly warns in the Quran against coming up with rules that are not in the Quran: "What is the matter with you? How do you reach your judgment? Will you not pay heed? Or do you have some clear authority? Bring your Book, then, if you are telling the truth!" (Quran, 37:154-157).

In the Quran, God requires believers to treat the People of the Book with love and respect in a spirit of unity.

But the Islamic world has witnessed the rise of anti-Christian and anti-Jewish sentiments.

These communities, which coexisted in harmony and trusted Muslims with their lives and possessions in our prophet's era, have now become unable to live in the Muslim world.

This stems from the fact that the Islam practiced by some segments is not in compliance with the Islam in the Quran.

According to the Quran, a Muslim does not have the right to attack another person or start a war. All of the wars mentioned in the Quran are defensive (Quran, 2:191, 4:89-91, 9:5, 9:13, 5:33, 6:57, 47:4, 4:89). Muslims are granted

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Today, however, certain Muslims who abide by superstitious philosophies seek to distort the real meaning behind the use of war defined in the Quran and present those distortions as appropriate acts of worship. Terrorism, which is never mentioned anywhere in the Quran and is at complete odds with its spirit, has become associated with Muslims.

No matter how terrifying the deeds of the communities who have abandoned the Quran are, the response should not be impulsive, but rational and faith-based. The biggest mistake would be to associate and label all Muslims with these communities and create enemies based on the behavior of a few groups. Islam that is practiced according to the Quran is the only solution for the communities that have adopted hatred as their religion.

Our decades-long efforts to promote the true Islam as described in the Quran, and the traditional iftar banquets we hold every Ramadan in particular, help to spread the beautiful message of Islam, in addition to encouraging all Muslims to turn to the Quran.

It is in these iftar dinners that the fact that Ramadan is a month of peace reveals itself most clearly. People of all religions, beliefs and views come together and embrace one another. The iftar banquets demonstrate respect, reverence, friendship, solidarity and sincerity to the whole world.

Ramadan is about striving to be "the person God expects." Such behavior and attitudes should extend beyond Ramadan and be prevalent throughout one's life.

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