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Even though all religions teach people to be good persons - which have long been perceived - why people always have a negative perspective towards Islam? Islam is one of the most important religions in the world. Accordingly, Islam should clearly be the moral religion as well. Conversely, from many terrors and tragedies such as the September Eleventh and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, almost all people around the world think that Islam, or Muslims, is the main cause. The September Eleventh was stirred up by the political conflict between the United States and Middle East. Although Muslims were the agitators, Islam should not be looked negatively. Like the September 11, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict came from different religious views. However, as time passes, there are other factors such as natural resources underneath land, which might be one of the most considerable determinants for them. Islam itself, excluding respecters, is not inherently violent and radical but people both in and out religion bring the troublesome historical-political aspects to religion.

In the global view, Islam and Muslim are always imaged as chaos and violence. Many forms of factors whether gender, social status, religion, unjust power, and advantages have led to the conflict of mankind for a long time. All religions teach their believers not to oppose others. Nevertheless, their doctrine itself cannot completely forbid human cruelty. In Islamic part, the disagreement that can lead to be troublesome absolutely exists in every society; thus, Islam does not prohibit whereas it does not support as well. Nonetheless, there are some conditions to do such as

“when they are invaded”. Looking at the occurrences fairly, Muslims almost never start attacking others; still war and disorder are the results of assaulting by the others. Islam is not radicalism neither a problem to the world at all.

Obviously, the most infamous terrifying incident that led the whole world to look at Islam and Muslim negatively is the September Eleventh attack¹. From the real occurrence of the September 11th, all of the terrorists, who terrorized by means of intentionally controlled planes to collide with the two important business towers, the World Trade Center, and another is the significant public security building, the Pentagon, are Muslim². This tragedy extremely offends American, also almost all the people around the world. In addition, the attack utterly broke American spirit, life and property security of American and American economic security. On the one hand, these Muslim are the terrorists. Also the wirepuller might be Islamite, Osama Bin Laden – the group’s leader of Al-Qaeda³. Moreover, this suicidal attack must be looked relatively to the religious fighting. On the other hand, Should Muslim often seems to be radicalism, and may be also troublemaker?

In my opinion, the feud of the Middle East is based on wrath and dissatisfaction of the US behavior and foreign policies, which are hostile for them, instead of the Islamic reason. Reasonably, people seriously ought to analyze the real root cause of this global-shocking incident. Firstly, it is easy to bring religious issue in order to conceal the real cause. Even if it is a result of the other furiousness, Islamic people gradually accumulate a lot of anger. Finally, those fires broke out. There are

¹ Tamim Ansary. “After 9/11: A Global World View.” Levantine Cultural Center. 4 Sep 2012.<<http://www.levantinecenter.org/arts/cultures/central-asia/afghan/after-911-global-world-view>>

² Wikipedia contributors.” September 11 attacks.” Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. 4 Sep 2012.<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/September_11_attacks>

³ The global militant Islamist organization coordinates as network comprising a stateless, multinational army and a radical Sunni Muslim movement.

many causes of this terrorism; some of them are penetration and antagonistic endorsement.

Firstly, the US has impinged and penetrated into the Middle East in order to gain a great advantage⁴. In the cold war period, two powerful countries, the United States and the Union of Soviet, impinged on the Middle East⁵ by diplomacy, political, economic and militaristic forms. Both of them not only direct to this crucial stronghold but also a great amount of petroleum resources. As the time has passed, America still needs an advantage; a large number of American investors from many petroleum industrial companies have invested in the Middle East countries. These trespassers led the Middle East Islamite to be discontent and are some part of Islamic people's antipathy

Especially, the United States obviously endorsed Israeli government in the case of Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Particularly, America's foreign policies⁶ for the Middle East support Israel in consequence of advantages⁷. Since Israel has yielded America a lot of benefits such as natural resources and arms distributors. Like the economy of Thailand – it almost propelled by Chinese people in Thailand, almost all capitalists in America is Jews, including some of the bank owners. Moreover, Jews are very important for America's economy⁸ such as in financial market,

⁴ N.p. "Multinational Oil Corporations and US Foreign Policy Source." Berkeley. 4 Sep 2012. <<http://bev.berkeley.edu/fp/readings/MultinationalOilCorporations.txt>>

⁵ COL MICHAEL J. HOFF. "THE AMERICAN-ISRAELI RELATIONSHIP:RELEVANCE IN A POST-COLD WAR ENVIRONMENT." DTIC online information for the defense community. 5 Sep 2012. <<http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/tr/fulltext/u2/a420168.pdf>>

⁶ Wikipedia contributors. "Foreign policy of the United States." Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. 5 Sep 2012. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_policy_of_the_United_States>

⁷ Robert D. Blackwill and Walter B. Slocombe. "Israel: A true ally in the Middle East." Los Angeles Times. 5 Sep 2012. <<http://articles.latimes.com/2011/oct/31/opinion/la-oe-blackwill-israel-20111031>>

⁸ Mark Weber. "A Look At The Powerful Jewish Lobby In America." Rense.com. 5 Sep 2012. <<http://rense.com/general27/jlobby.htm>>

communication, entertainment, movable and unmovable properties and jewel circle. Therefore, they would have financial power for political support. Nowadays, America provides subsidy to Israel, just for militaristic support only, more than 2 billion dollars per year, while Palestine gains just 600 million dollars per year for economic and social subsidy from United States. Jews seem to be the controller of America economy

The other historical, prolonged and radical conflict, which has long been related to Islam, is Israeli-Palestinian conflict⁹. In order to understand Israel's motive to snatch Palestinian's land, people ought to earnestly learn their ancient historical cause. A proper history, which people would research, must be the historical fact.

The Jew's strong enthusiasm come from two causes; one is a firm belief that god promised them to give this troublesome territory, the another is that Jews have to scatter to around the world¹⁰; a lot of them must settle in slum and might be inconvenience. These reasons have become the political movement and ideology called Zionism¹¹. According to the historical reality, nomad called Hebrew¹², or Jew, want to own Palestinian land. Then they attacked Philistines. As the time has flown, Hebrews lost their power on land in 586 B.C. Until a Hebrew called Jesus tried to harmonize among Palestinian tribe. In other words, he unintentionally challenges the Roman authority. When he was binned with Cross, Hebrew became minority of Palestinian territory. Besides, many Jews emigrated from Palestine since harassed by Roman.

⁹ Rev Colin Chapman. "EVANGELICALS, ISLAM AND THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT." Christ at the Check-Point: Theology in the Service of Peace and Justice. 5 Sep 2012. <<http://www.christatthecheckpoint.com/lectures/Colin-Chapman.pdf>>

¹⁰ Ami Isseroff. "Israel and Palestine: A Brief History." Mideastweb : Middle East. 5 Sep 2012. <<http://www.mideastweb.org/briefhistory.htmart>>

¹¹ The national movement for the Jews to return to their homeland and the renewal of Jewish supremacy in the Land of Israel, Palestine.

¹² The bindle in the Arabian Desserts and the establisher of the Israeli nation.

From the history above, Jews held Palestinian land just for a few periods. On the contrary, Palestinians have inhabited in this land for many thousand years. Accordingly, to claim that all Jews should have right in Palestinian appears to be unreasonable.

In fact, this problem is the result of looking to the past adversely. In addition, Arab and Jew are both relatives and have the same prophet¹³. This does not seem to be a religious conflict, but it is the issue that required religions to be discordant. Conditions which make the religious difference are all created by the external group. Sarcastically, they told that each Middle East war caused by religious conflict. Even though, it is actually the war from land occupation, resource usurp and inappropriate advantage conflict. As considering to religious teaching, there would be found that religions teach people to love and respect to each other.

Without religious angle in all conflict, the world is still full of bloody conflict. Whether religious aspect is not referred, the troublemaker will use other aspect that can spread nationalism. However, conflictions are still caused by historical and political points, especially including nation, greed, interference, trespasser, leader, resource, financial advantage and authority. On a ground of those original factors, people easily have been led to think that religion is one of them. Religion is the most effective issue as it can be the instrument to claim fairness with a movement. All religions also can motivate racial and nationalistic conscious. All in all, Islam is just a tool, also an excuse.

¹³ Ehteshaam Gulam . “Arabs/Jewish/Prophet Muhammad's Connection to Abraham.” Answering For Islam A Muslim Christian Dialogue. 5 Sep 2012.< <http://www.answering-christian-claims.com/arabsandjews.html>>