

## Islamophobia in the USA, a case study of Pamela Gellar

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**Abstract:** *The word Islamophobia is a modern term that refers to Islam as a bigoted religion, but the word was commonly used after 9/11 in 2001. In this way, the fear of Islam is instilled in the hearts of new generations and it is Psychological fear has become a disease, so this psychological disease is called Islamophobia. After the terrible tragedy of 9/11 in 2001, the already established welfare institutions in the United States turned towards Islam, and people like Pamela Geller, a Jewish woman who was afraid of Islam, read the holy book with the intention of criticizing the teachings of the Holy Quran, the main source of Islam. Pamela Geller wants to save America from Islam. To achieve this goal, Pamela took practical steps to explain the wrong meaning of the teachings of Islam in America. Pamela Geller came to the world by opening up in the field of Islamophobia. She founded the fear and hateful organization (SIOA) stop Islamization of America under the formal anti-Islam cause. The purpose of SIOA is to link terrorism to Islam, close Islamic schools, to support the protection of the life of the apostates, and presenting the teachings of the Quran as a justification for terrorism and especially supporting Israel. Pamela held a Muhammad cartoon contest and raised objections by explaining the wrong meaning of a verse of the Holy Quran. In this paper, the performance of Pamela's organization is described and Pamela's objections to the Qur'an are refuted by the teachings of the Qur'an.*

**Key Words:** *Islamophobia, Islam, SIOA, Quran, Anti Muslim, America, terror*

### Introduction

Islam literally means peace and giving security to other people and protecting something so it is as if peace and security exist within the word Islam.

The Quran says

"يَهْدِي بِهِ اللَّهُ مَنِ اتَّبَعَ رِضْوَانَهُ سُبُلَ السَّلَامِ وَيُخْرِجُهُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ بِإِذْنِهِ , وَيَهْئُسُدِّيهِمُ الصِّرَاطِ تَقِيْمٍ "

"Through it ALLAH guides those who follow his will to the path of peace" <sup>1</sup>

Phobia is a Greek word. The literal meaning of phobia is fear, hatred, and panic. Its Arabic meaning al-Rehab, meaning fear of everything. This word is derived from (xenophobia) in fact it is a modern form of the ancient term (neologism) this is the mental illness, for example (acrophobia) fear of heights, (aquaphobia) fear of water, (astraphobia) fear of storm, (astraphobia) fear of noise. It is generally considered a disease; a person with any kind of phobia suffers from panic and is afraid to come across this particular thing. In English (xenophobia) is also used in the sense of hating; fearing the people of other countries. And fear of Islamic civilization and hatred is also a disease of phobia. The word Islamophobia has been used in the West for many years to imply that Islam is a bigoted religion. But the word Islamophobia was used in America after the 9/11 incident. After 9/11, Pamela Gellar, a Jewish woman, emerged as a prominent figure of Islamophobia. In 2004, he created the Atlas Shorgas blog and published hateful news against Islam. Pamela Geller founded the anti-Islam organization (SIOA) Stop Islamization of America with the goal of stopping Islam in America, closing Islamic schools, protecting atheists, fighting Islam, stopping jihad, using the Quran as justification for terrorism. The OIC declared this organization as an Islamophobes organization, while Pamela Geller strongly opposed the Ground Zero Mosque to be built in the United States. In addition, anti-Islamic advertisements were hidden in the streets of New York against Islam. In 2015, Pamela Geller hosted a Muhammad cartoon contest mocking Islam's holy figure and misinterpreting the injunctions of Islam's holy Quran.

### What is Islamophobia?

This term is made of two words that is, Islam and phobia, the English word "O" is extended between the two words to create a meaning between these two words. The word Islamophobia has been used in the West for many years in clear terms, meaning that Islam is a fanatical religion and its attitude is more violent than in the West. The term Runnymede Trust, introduced in 1997 by the first Runnymede Trust Report (Islamophobia: A Challenge for All Us), describes itself as a think tank. Challenging Racial Discrimination and Influencing Any Legislation. The report defines Islam phobia as: "An outlook or world-views involving an unfounded fear and dislike of Muslims which result in practices of exclusion and discrimination" <sup>2</sup>

Runnymede Trust has stated that it is against the open and closed views of Islam and the following "closed" views have been termed as Islam phobia:

1. Islam is a united nomadic group that does not accept development and change.
2. Islam is a separate and foreign religion. There are no common values and goals between Islam and other requirements. That is why Islam does not affect them but affects them.
3. Islam is a religion inferior to the West which is extremist, talkative and harsh towards women.

4. Islam is considered violent, aggressive, threatening, and supportive of terrorism and involved in the clash of civilizations.
5. Islam is a political ideology which is used for political and military gain.
6. Criticism of the "West" by Muslims is rejected outright.
7. Enmity against Islam is used to present anti-Muslim and to exclude Muslims from the national mainstream.
8. Muslim hostility is seen as natural and normal

In fact Islamophobia is a fear that does not really exist and is a psychological way to create Islam as an enemy. The OIC prepared a report on Islam phobia from 2016 to 2017 and defined Islamophobia as follows: "Islamophobia is a phenomenon related to nation of fear, hate and anger, which one sequentially following another. Within such a cycle, fear was the initial reason of Islamophobia, and in this case of fear was against Islam and anything associated with this religion i.e. .Muslims, mosques Islamic directed towards certain practice like Halal foods standard, men with bread, type of dress and clothes that simply towards names that sound Arabic .all those things made the Islamophobia to hate the all above-mentioned"<sup>3</sup>

Stephen Schwartz, an American author, described Islam phobia in the following words: "The condemnation of the entirety of Islam and its history as extremist ,denying the existence of a moderate Muslim majority ,regarded Islam as a problem for a world ,treating conflicts involving Muslims as necessary their own fault ,insisting that Muslims makes change to their religious ,and inciting war against Islam as a whole"<sup>4</sup>

#### **Examples of Islam phobia:**

1. Misinterpreting the verses and teachings of the Quran while suffering from hatred and fear
- 2 Making SUBMISSION (film against Islamic verses) in USA
3. Attempts to ban Islamic Hijab in various western countries
4. Presenting the image of the Blessed Prophet in the form of a cartoon.
5. Ayan Hirsi Ali's attempt to reform Islam by declaring the laws of Islam wrong and forming an organization against Islam (AHA) in the United States.
6. Pamela Geller's advertisement of Qur'an verses in the United States justifies the Qur'an for terrorism
7. Murder of a Muslim girl wearing a scarf in a German court
8. Demolition of 148 Muslim graves and desecration of mosques in France
- 9 Attacks on Islamic institutions and conspiracy to destroy their valuable assets
10. Attempt to injure prominent Muslim celebrities
11. Making a film submission (film against Islamic verses) by distorting the Muslim image in films, novels and cultural programs.
12. Declaring taking oath from Quran as a threat to America

- I3. Declaring political figures and Western civilization superior to Islam in public speech
- I4. Incidents of discrimination against Muslims at airports and on planes
- I5. Banning Muslim schools in western countries
- I6. Introducing Muslims to a terrorist group in video games
- I7. Banning of minarets in Switzerland through referrals
- I8. The burning of a mosque in Spain.<sup>5</sup>
- I9. Quran was burned in Sweden.

### **History of Islamophobia:**

Now the question arises whether this term is ancient or modern? The term Islam phobia is not an old term but a modern term. Islamophobia is a term used by non-Muslims and not by Muslims. With regard to the background, if the facts are highlighted, the fear and hatred of Islam had started from the very beginning of Islam, but this hatred was not given any regular name like Islam phobia when the Holy Prophet (PBUH) visited Mecca. The polytheists of Makah and Medina joined forces to oppose the Jews, various measures were taken, and every effort was made to frighten the people of other tribes from Islam.<sup>6</sup> They said that he have turned our women and children away from us through Islamic teachings. A three-year social boycott was imposed on him in the ghatti of shoiab abi talib. In addition, the people of Taif, out of fear, threw stones at him .Even the infidel Quraysh wanted to kill him. Fearing and hating the teachings of Islam, the people of Makah inflicted various mental and physical atrocities on him. Islamophobia has been around since the time of Prophet Muhammad. The hypocrites used to spread rumors, especially the chief of the hypocrites, Abdullah bin Abe bin Salul, used to spread false rumors Culture and the economic and political teachings of Islam did their best to distort the face, so the hidden roots of Islam phobia started from the beginning of Islam.<sup>7</sup> After the beginning of Islam, when the Muslims carried the banner of Islam and at the same time fought against the great empires of Rome and Iran, the enemies of Islam (Jews and Christians) were still in a state of intense fear and hatred of Islam<sup>8</sup>. Due to the hatred of Islam in the past, the gulf of bitter differences was created and this hatred took a regular form. The Crusades were also a link of the same intense hatred. And the unreasonable fear and hatred of Islam took shape but despite the appearance of war the word Islamophobia was not used. The word (Islamophobia) was never used in ancient times and no term was coined for it, although Europe had to face its failure in the Crusades. Millions of people were killed in the Crusades but their dream did not come true. After the defeat in the field, the West took Islam seriously and hated it at the same time; they began to consider ways to make Islam a vile religion, especially in Europe, where Christianity has been at the forefront of hatred, fear, and malice.<sup>9</sup> Overwhelmed by the madness of hatred studied, Islam and the Prophet of Islam were criticized and thus Islam was selected on the basis of hatred in the field of thought. Orient lists such as Lewis, Schacht, Goldziher, who distorted the basic texts of Islam with their fabricated objections, are considered to be the primary source in the West, now that the youth

of the West reads books that cause hatred to grow in the hearts of new generations and he seems to consider Islam as a vile religion in the young western world.<sup>10</sup> The work of spreading suspicions is only a matter of hatred. In fact, *Orient* lists presented it in a very clear manner.<sup>11</sup> In fact, their aim was to make the liberated people know that Islam was spread by the sword and Islam is a religion of violence, narrow-mindedness and bigotry. Therefore, anti-Islamic *Orient* lists have played a significant role in maintaining a strong hatred of Islam in the West. The modern term Islamophobia was first introduced in a Runnymede trust report which describes itself in the age of a think tank. In this report, Islam was declared as a vile religion, but this word was used after 9/11, 2001. When the world attack took place in New York, anti-Islamic groups came to the front. Due to the growing hatred of people against Islam in the west, western people called it Islamophobia, and it was rapidly spread all over the world through the media. Now when someone attacks a Muslim in a big way or insults the religion while hating the Islamic rites of Islam, he is either abandoned or ignored as a patient of Islamophobia.<sup>12</sup>

### **Islamophobia in America:**

A terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in the United States on Tuesday morning, September 6, shook the world, killed thousands of people and spread fear throughout the world. Named after 9/11, because the attack was linked to al-Qaeda (terrorist group); the tragedy resulted in Muslims around the world, especially in the United States and Europe, becoming a symbol of terrorism. Jewish Conspiracy Realized The attack was condemned by all the countries and organizations of the world. Hateful reports against Muslims were presented in the newspapers, thus depicting Islam in a very horrible and barbaric manner, which resulted in the Western youth becoming skeptical of the teachings of Islam and turning away from Islam.<sup>13</sup> This is just one side of the picture. In fact, the Western press is on a special agenda against Islam there is a paragraph in which they are looking for people who are involved in terrorism. The Western press only portrays Islam as a terrorist, even though Muslims themselves are victims of inhumane acts like terrorism. By keeping secret, they are presenting anti-Islamic activities only for special agendas. Besides, the opinion of Muslim intellectuals has been ignored in all the opinions taken by media persons from various individuals and organizations to shed light on inhumane incidents. Muslims were detained.<sup>14</sup>

President Bush's announcement after the 9/11 attacks that we would start a war, and immediately linking this inhumane act to the Muslims, was to put the anti-Islamic conspiracy into practice, as it has been for decades. <sup>15</sup>Hateful *Orient* list fabricated books were inciting Americans and Westerners against Islam and constantly intimidating them with Islam. The result of more than half a century of hard work was that if the term is presented to Muslims all over the world as bloodthirsty, fanatics, murderers, terrorists, extremists, fundamentalists, enemies of humanity and a threat to the people of the world, then lava against the teachings of Islam will boil in the hearts of the western people. And through newspapers and magazines, TV channels, Muslims were linked to terrorist incidents and anti-Islamic fears were spread

and jihad was targeted and thus a new war started with jihad as Jews already existed in the United States. They were very systematically active against Islam because they believed that these inhumane acts were linked to Islam Muslims can only be suppressed. So Pamela Geller, a Jew who is afraid of Islam in the United States, Robert Spencer, Ayan Hirsi Ali, a Kurdish apostate (atheist) activist and many people entered the arena of hatred and protested against the teachings of Islam. Come out openly. Hate against Islam spread rapidly in the United States through the following sources:

1. through the media
2. through the ideological people
3. through think tanks
4. Through anti Islamic organization<sup>16</sup>

#### **Major Islamophobes groups in America:**

The following groups are spreading hatred and fear in the United States by creating hateful blogs against Islam.

1. Frank Gaffney founded (CSP) the center for security policy in 1988.
2. Daniel Pipes founded (MEF) the Middle East forum in 1990.
3. Robert Spencer founded "the Jihad Watch" anti-Islamic blog in 2003.
4. David Yerushalmi founded (SANE) the American society for national existence in 2007.
5. Ayan Hirsi Ali founded (AHA) in 2007.
6. Pamela Geller founded (SIOA) stop Islamization of America in 2009.
7. Brigitte Gabriel founded (ACT) act for America in 2008.

#### **Introduction of (SIOA):**

In 2009, Pamela Geller a Jewish Islamophobe founded (SIOA) the Stop Islamization of America. This organization introduced the United States with as special conspiratorial Muslim agenda. Robert Spencer is a co-founder of this organization, which, together with Pamela Geller, challenged Islam through blogs, books, campaigns, and public events. They also misrepresent Qur'an injunctions.<sup>17</sup> In January 2012, Robert, Pamela and Gravers Pederson started a branch of the SIOA and thus, three years after the SIOA, formed the Stop Islamization of the Nation (SION), one of the "Stop Islamization" groups. This is an international network, mostly from Europe.

#### **Founder's introduction:**

Pamela Geller was born in New York in 1958 in a Jewish family, which strongly hates the laws of Islam. She considered the most dangerous women in America. She seeks to reform the laws of Islam and encouraged Americans people to leave Islam. Pamela Geller started her career with a news channel in 1980. She is the founder of Stop Islamization of America. She is also the executive director of Freedom Defense Initiative (FDI) in America and author and regular columnist for American Thinker, Human Events, and other publications. She is one of the most active activists for human rights and freedom in

America and against the spread of oppressive elements of Islamic law in America. It offers assistance to apostates who leave Islam and provides protection to apostates by taking action against death threats. She won the 2005 Jewish and Israeli Blog Award for Best New Blog, and has won an award for leading anti-Islam activism in the United States.<sup>18</sup> Pamela Geller says I was a typical New York girl who only watched the Fashion Channel. Then one day, on September 11, 2001, on Tuesday morning, the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in the United States shook Pamela. Pamela Geller took to the Western press and portrayed Islam as a terrorist. She said "Destroying American values are a Muslim conspiracy"<sup>19</sup>. Pamela Gellar chants "we are at war" after 9/11. Pamela Geller said this is our war and we will definitely fight against Islam<sup>20</sup>. Pamela Geller wrote "fatwa hunted in America", "Freedom or submission", "The post American presidency: the Obama administrations war on America". Robert is a co founder of SIOA. Robert has written numerous books against the religion of Islam, among which "Did Muhammad Exists", "The Truth about Muhammad", and "A History of Jihad Muhammad to ISI" are some of the most popular. In 2003; Christian Robert Spencer founded Jihad Watch, an anti-Muslim blog and anti-Muslim conspiracy. The jihad watch organization's goals are to address popular misunderstandings about modern-day conflicts and jihad and the role of religion and to prevent the teachings of Islam. Robert said "In today's world, Islam is the greatest threat to freedom and to every free person"<sup>21</sup>. Robert Spencer stated that one day the incident of 9/11 happened, Muslims blew up the World Trade Center, and 3,000 people were killed. And the inspiration for this Jihad was given to the Muslims by Muhammad (PBUH). He said long ago, "I have been made victorious through terrorism"<sup>22</sup>. Robert also said, "Islam is the religion of the sword"<sup>23</sup>. Pamela Geller formed an enduring partnership with Mr. Robert Spencer.

#### **Atlas Shorgas Blog:**

After 9/11 in 2004, Pamela Geller created Atlas Shorgas anti-Islamic propaganda. In it, Pamela Geller published fake news linked to Islam and exaggerating Islam. The blog was later named "The Geller Report". Atlas Shorgas, who receives about 200,000 unique visitors a month. The blog helped bring thousands of people to attention against 9/11 and Ground Zero Park. Gellar supported the blog's ads and expressed hatred against Islam.<sup>24</sup>

#### **SIOA performance:**

##### **I. Aggressive advertising campaign:**

In 2009, Geller and Spencer created a paid advertising campaign to expose Americans to Islam. Pamela Geller said: "One day I was on my way to the courthouse and I saw a bus advertisement inviting people. So naturally the thought came to my mind that what will happen to those people who are leaving Islam. And just like that, Pamela Geller started doing commercials."<sup>25</sup> In 2010, a set of bus ads called "Refuge Islam" claimed that Muslim Americans who "wanted to be free" of their religion were at risk of being killed.<sup>26</sup> The ad offered safe houses for these people. That same year, an ad for New York City taxis

called the “Honor Name Awareness Campaign”. In which young Muslim women face threats from their families for rejecting Muslim values or “becoming too American”. In 2012, Pamela Geller spearheaded and placed advertisements in the public transit system: “In any war between the civilized man and the barbarian, support the civilized man, defeat Jihad and support Israel”<sup>27</sup>. In early 2013, SIOA placed advertisements on New York City stations featuring images of the September 11, 2001 attacks, interspersed with a quote from Sarah Al-Imran of the Holy Qur'an: “Soon shall we cast terror into the hearts of the unbelievers”<sup>28</sup>. In 2015, a new advertising campaign was launched in which these advertisements were written: “Killing Jews is worship that draws us close to Allah”<sup>29</sup>.

## **2. Campaign to end Islamic teachings in schools:**

Pamela Geller made it her mission through her organization SIOA to warn America against Islam, the greatest enemy of freedom in her time. Through this organization, he spread the news in the United States that teaching Islam to children in schools would lead to the growth of Islam in our own free society, which is very dangerous for Americans. It should be removed from the curriculum. As a result, a large number of Islamic schools will be closed completely. And Arabic education was completely stopped in the rest of the schools. Abandoning Arabic education is the worst example of Islamophobia<sup>30</sup>

## **3. Raising voice against Jihad:**

Pamela explained the wrong meaning of Islamic Jihad to American people. She said that the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad (PBUH) said, “War is a deception” and his followers take this into account. She said, Muslims feel that global jihad proceeds not only through terrorist attacks but can use jihadist methods to further their cause of enforcing Islamic law through anything. Pamela also said that Muslims want to subjugate non-Muslims under their rule in the world and this is also happening in America. She also said that we have to continue fighting against Islamic Jihad so that it can be completely eradicated.<sup>31</sup>

## **4. Opposition to Ground Zero Cultural Center and other mosques:**

After founding Stop Islamization of America in 2010, she drew national attention to SIOA's ground zero mosque controversy during a campaign against a proposed Islamic center near the site of the World Trade Center attacks. The project was known by Pamela Geller as the "Ground Zero Mosque". It is actually a three-story Muslim community center. It is called the Qurtaba House. It is widely and controversially called the "Ground Zero Mosque" due to its unique location two blocks from the World Trade Center site. After 9/11, a huge political conflict started to stop the construction of this mosque. In 2010, Pamela Geller posted a blog piece that read: “Making a mosque of monsters” means a stab in America's eye”. Geller and Spencer became the main voices against the project, sparking a public debate in 2010 between the project's supporters and opponents. Pamela Geller gained national exposure for her conspiracy theories, including her theory that the mosque construction project was an extension of the sabotage operations. Pamela Geller announced that the Islamic Center would be a "Faith Mosque", built on the site of an Islamic victory; it is no less than the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque, On

the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, which claims the victory of Islam over Judaism.<sup>32</sup>

### **5. Provocation through the media:**

In 2011, Geller and Robert Spencer had the most media interaction about Islam. Pamela said that in the beginning, people did not know that I was going to tell the truth of Islam through the media, people did not even know that I was going to shock people through the media. Pamela said “it's a war; it's a different kind of holy war. And this Muslim is a barbaric type of enemy, the more I got information from the enemy from these barbaric Muslims, the more I faced a brick wall”. She added that Islam taught that “Muslims should fight against the infidels in all circumstances”. He said “9/11 was a strike in this war that had been going on for 1,400 years; it was an attempt to deal a devastating blow to our strong self-esteem by attacking the World Trade Center to weaken America economically. So Pamela Geller quickly decided that what the media is leaving out of the world is “Islam and Jihad”. Pamela Geller said, “The media coverage of the Islamophobia industry is like an obscenely fat man begging a starving man for bread” As I was and there are many people like me. This is because my anti-Islamic work, ad campaigns, lawsuits, conferences, protests and websites have worked so effectively that I have been painted horribly by anti-Islam media<sup>33</sup>.”

### **6. Muhammad cartoons contest:**

The first Muhammad cartoons were first printed in Denmark in September 2005, before a Muhammad cartoon contest organized by Pamela Geller. The controversy began when a Danish newspaper reported that an author named Keri Bludgeon was looking for artists to illustrate his book on Muhammad. But at the time, no one could be found who dared to draw the Prophet of Islam. In response to what Muslims perceived as an erosion of free speech in the face of violent threats, and published twelve of his drawings, so the cartoons ran in Denmark without incident in September 2005.<sup>34</sup> They also ran in an Egyptian newspaper the following month without incident. Pamela Geller covered the cartoons at the time, as the idea that “the Danish people were afraid to produce or publish cartoons”. It was shocking and unforgivable for Pamela Geller, but Pamela didn't stand a chance at the time and the cartoon caused an international uproar. Pamela Geller said Muhammad cartoons only became a problem after the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the OIC cracked down on it. She said, “It seems that only the OIC thinks that “Islamophobia” is the biggest problem in the world”<sup>35</sup>. Pamela Geller was looking for an opportunity to participate in the Mohammad Cartoon Contest. In 2015, Pamela Geller exhibited Muhammad Art in the United States, in which SIOA offered a \$10,000 prize for the best cartoon. In this exhibition, cartoons with the face of Thor were shown in America. Pamela said that there was a great controversy over this. Pamela Geller also said, “The presence of Islam in our American societies no longer has a place for free speech”. Expressing his hatred for Islam, she said, all that Islam and its followers want is that, “Throw gays out of apartment buildings, Kill the Jews, Slaughter the infidels, destroy Israel, and wage Jihad against the West”<sup>36</sup>.

## 7. Accusation of promoting terrorism on the holly Quran teachings:

Pamela under her Islamophobia agenda, has also tried to use the teachings of the holy Quran as a source of terrorism, here are two examples:

### A. Objection on concept of Moderation:

Pamela said, "The concept of moderation does not exist in Islam because the Quran said so and Muhammad (PBUH) said so"<sup>37</sup>

Answer: Quran says:

قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لَا تَغْلُوا فِي دِينِكُمْ غَيْرَ الْحَقِّ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا أَهْوَاءَ قَوْمٍ قَدْ ضَلُّوا مِنْ قَبْلُ وَأَضَلُّوا كَثِيرًا وَضَلُّوا عَنْ سَوَاءِ السَّبِيلِ  
 "You say O people of the book! Do not exaggerate in your religion, and do not follow the desires of those who have gone astray before and have led many astray and have strayed from the straight path"<sup>38</sup>

Quran also says:

وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ أُمَّةً وَسَطًا لِتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَيَكُونَ الرَّسُولُ عَلَيْكُمْ شَهِيدًا

"And thus we have made you a nation of moderation so that you may be witnesses over the people and the Messenger may be witnesses over you"<sup>39</sup>

Quran also says:

وَأَقْصِدْ فِي مَشْيِكَ

"Be moderate in your pace"<sup>40</sup>

In the verse above Allah has testified in the Qur'an that, O Muhammad (PBUH), we have made you a party that is moderate. And the Qur'an has ordered to adopt a balanced path in the affairs of life. On the contrary, those who call themselves Muslims and spread terrorism are not the favored people of Allah and they are mischief-makers, and mischief-makers have nothing to do with Islam.

It is said in the Hadith:

، قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم غداة العقبة وهو على ناقته: "القط لي حصي فلقطت له سبع حصيات، هن حصي الخذف، فجعل ينفذهن في كفه، ويقول: " امثال هؤلاء فارموا"، ثم قال: يا ايها الناس إياكم والغلو في الدين، فإنه اهلك من كان قبلكم الغلو في الدين

The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said on the morning of Jumrah Uqaba, while he was riding his camel: "Pick and bring me some pebbles". He used to shake them in his palm and say: "Hit them like pebbles", then he said: "People! Beware of hypocrisy in religion, because it was this hypocrisy that killed people before you"<sup>41</sup>

It is also said in the Hadith:

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: " لن ينجي احدا منكم عمله"، قالوا: ولا انت يا رسول الله؟ قال: " ولا انا، إلا ان يتغمدني الله برحمة فسدوا، وقاربوا واغدوا، وروحوا وشيء من الدلجة والقصد القصد تبغوا

"The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "No one of you will be saved by his actions. The Companions asked and not you or the Messenger of Allah? He said, "Yes, neither does me. Except that Allah takes me under the shadow of His mercy. So you should act righteously and

be moderate. In the morning and in the evening, in the same way, walk a little at night and walk with moderation and you will reach your destination”<sup>42</sup>

It has been proved from the above sayings that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) forbade sedition and mischief in religion and exceeding the limit. In fact, Islam is based on balance and moderation.

### **B. Accusations of terrorism:**

After 9/11, Pamela Geller also published advertisements in the United States in which Qur’anic verses were written, explaining the wrong meaning of Qur’anic verses. Muslims were accused of deliberately committing inhumane acts to terrorize the world. This quote was written:

سَنُلْقِي فِي قُلُوبِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا الرُّعْبَ

“Soon we will strike terror into the hearts of the disbelievers”<sup>43</sup>

**Answer:** Pamela Geller explains the wrong meaning of the verse of Sarah Al-Imran of the Quran. This verse is as follows:

سَنُلْقِي فِي قُلُوبِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا الرُّعْبَ بِمَا أَشْرَكُوا بِاللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُنَزَّلْ بِهِ سُلْطَانٌ وَمَأْوَاهُمُ النَّارُ وَبِئْسَ مَثْوَى الظَّالِمِينَ

“Now we will strike terror into the hearts of the disbelievers, because they associate partners with Allah for which, he has not sent down any proof, and their abode is Hell, and that is the worst abode of the wrongdoers”<sup>44</sup>

The first part of the verse, "Soon, We will strike terror into the hearts of the disbelievers, in it the promise to strike fear into the disbelievers was revealed in the way that the Muslims were defeated on the occasion of the Battle of Uhud. Uhud is a holy war fought against the enemy of truth. It is important to note here that the order of terror from Allah is for the true group who fight a holy war like Jihad in defense of the truth. And the true path of truth is only Islam.

On the contrary, if any disbelieving group or person tries to impose terror and pressure, then such people will have nothing to do with Islam, and these disbelievers will not receive any help from Allah. Now it has become clear that one is the group of truth and peace and the other is the mischief-making satanic group. And, this verse of the Qur'an is for the true people who fight for the religion of Allah and call people to the path of peace. And Islam calls for peace so much that it is said in the Qur'an that whoever kills one person has killed the entire humanity.

Quran says:

مَنْ أَجَلَ ذَلِكَ كَتَبْنَا عَلَى بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ أَنَّهُ مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا

“For this reason, we have written on bane Israel that whoever kills a life without exchanging it or wreaks havoc in the land, it is as if he has killed all the people in the world, and who saves the life of one person has saved the life of humanity of the whole world”<sup>45</sup>.

In this verse of the Qur'an, it was not ordered to people just because they were unbelievers, but it was

ordered to terrorize only those unbelievers who spread mischief in the land and hinder the spread of religion and come down to fight. Quran says:

وَقَاتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ الَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ وَلَا تَعْتَدُوا ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُعْتَدِينَ

“So if they fight you, then fight them, and do not overdo it. Allah does not like the overdoes”<sup>46</sup>

In fact, it is important to know what terrorism is and who they are. Any kind of persecution, inhumane act based on bullying and rigging, in which there may be loss of life, is called terrorism. Now a mischief-making group calls itself Muslim and creates mischief against the religion of Allah against the path of truth and peace, then it will be called a Kafir despite its name being Muslim, and this group has nothing to do with Islam.

### **Conclusion:**

The SIOA organization was founded with the motto “We are at war”. This slogan was used to make people of America afraid of Islam. This war of hers started for terrorists and she calls terrorists Muslims. The most important thing is that a Muslim cannot be a terrorist. If anyone says his name is Muslim and in doing so causes mischief in the world, then he will not be a Muslim, but will be completely free from the circle of Islam, because there is no place for those who spread mischief in Islam. The special purpose of this organization is to protect the apostates and save them from the oppression of Islam. They want to show atheists as an experiment that they are runaways from Islamic society, so people of America should not turn to Islam. Geller hates Islam and runs a Muhammad cartoon contest. When the Mohammed cartoon contest was held in Denmark in 2005, Pamela was very sad to see that people were nervous about doing the contest. And at that time, Pamela was not so strong politically. Then he strengthened himself and held a massive 2015 cartoon contest. He offered a \$10,000 reward and exhibited the pig's face on a cartoon. It is a great crime to make a Muhammad cartoon on the basis of making fun of ego. In addition Pamela is a strong supporter of Israel, which proves that Israel provides all kinds of support to the organization. In addition, Pamela is so afraid of Islamic teachings that she strongly opposes the subject of Islam in America. He criticized the Quran and justified terrorism. Pamela criticized the Quran and called the Quran a justification for terrorism. It is important here that those who object to the verses of the Qur'an need to understand the verses of the Qur'an themselves well. It is foolish to pick up a part of the verse to spread corruption and explain the wrong meaning and justify terrorism. Islam commands us to fight those who spread mischief and for those who want to live in peace with the disbelievers, Islam is peace and security for them. At the end Research on the teachings of the Holy Qur'an has proven that the objections Pamela Geller has made to the Holy Qur'an are completely baseless and false.

### **Recommendations:**

Islamophobia is melting like poison in the world. There is an urgent need to act in a planned way to eradicate Islamophobia.

1. Muslim youths should be encouraged to pursue media careers in order to counter hate-mongering media.
2. The conspiracies of Islamophobes organizations like SIOA will be exposed.
3. Those who object to the Qur'an and those who distort the face of Islam and those who present Islam as a justification for terrorism should be answered as Sir Syed Ahmad Khan came out to answer William Mayor for the defense of the truth.

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