



The Effective Factors That
Influence the Taqarub
(Rapprochement and
Mutual Proximity) among
the Muslims

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No doubt, in my opinion making unity is an impossible action or deed, but the taqarub (that is, getting together for rapprochement) is possible. But, I believe that, if you mean by the Islamic unity the taqarub between the Islamic schools of thought, this taqarub is certainly possible and commendable. And the Muslims all over the Islamic world have formed organizations for this taqarub

such as the Organization of the Islamic World and "Majma'ut-Taqrib baina Al-Madhahib Al-'Islamiyyah" (The World Assembly of the Proximity among the Islamic Schools of Thought). These organizations until today are working successfully. That is to say, they have not committed big mistakes, and the Islamic world till now does not suffer from conflicting or clashing between its groups or states. But anyhow, it suffers from terrorism which is working in the name of Islam. In actual fact, terrorism is corroding and eating into the Islamic body in the name of severe strictness.

This phenomenon is now invading all the Islamic world. And I believe that it may overwhelm all the world. The terrorists raise the slogans and mottos that this religion is not fitting like its final part. Actually these slogans could deceive the youth who kill themselves for gaining nothing.

The Taqrib (rapprochement) may solve the problem of

terrorism in the Islamic world, and this means the agreement at the least extent. Moreover, making a political programme has a great degree of importance. In fact there is ability of making political programme on which the Muslims, Islamic elite, or the prominent people agree, Then they can start calling for Islam in their societies. This preaching of Islamic values and precepts is a possible task or action, when every Muslim leave out his sectarian background and fanaticism if any.

Of course, one of the most dangerous impediments or obstacles is the foreign intervention, for the Christian Western world which tries to impose its domination and hegemony on the world, particularly the Islamic world, never wish or want the Islamic solidarity and unity, and surely this is a self-evident fact. For they believe that if this Islamic world has made solidarity and unity, it will overcome them as it did so in the past when it was powerful and strong. The Muslims were weak at first, and

when the Prophet (S.A) was sent by Almighty Allah for his Islamic Mission, and constituted his Great Islamic State, and then Islam has spread and extended into the grand states, the large Islamic State started to threaten Europe. And it is a well-known principle which shows that the more powerful state tries to overcome the weaker one.