

# **Punishment for disrespecting Allah, Prophet, Quran and Islam**

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There are two constraints that need to be taken care of.

A. Islam gives freedom of faith and freedom of thought. In general, there is no punishment in Islam for disrespecting or mocking of Islam or the Prophet or the Quran.

What we need to understand is that this life is a test and test comes with free will and free will comes with choice.

# Qur'an offers freedom-of-faith: Refer 10:108, 6:104, 10:99, 39:41, 11:121, 73:19, 43:88-89, 2:272, 76:29, 18:29, 42:48, 76:3, 3:20, 88:21-22.

# Quran offers Freedom-of-religion: 2:256, 109:6, 22:67-69, 42:15, 10:41, 2:139, 42:6.

# Quran offers Freedom-of-freethinking: 15:3, 17:84, 6:110, 10:11, 11:121, 52:45.

B. Also, Islam has to establish peace in the society and peace in the life of an individual without infringing rights.

If this peace is disturbed, then accordingly actions are to be taken by the Govt. to maintain peace in the society.

Quran perfectly makes balance between these two scenarios.

1. Prophet Muhammad was labeled and ridiculed by his opponents as:

- a. 'man affected by magic'. Quran 17:47, 25:8
- b. 'Poet'. Quran 21:5, 37:36, 52:30
- c. 'Mad'. Quran 15:6, 37:36, 44:14, 68:51

**Yet, not for once the Quran commanded that such blasphemous person should be punished or killed.**

Read it twice.

2. People attacked the Prophet, they attacked the Quran, calling it a book of 'confused dreams'.

Indeed, the Holy Quran itself points to the fact that opponents saw Quranic instructions as “mere stories of the ancients” Quran 16:24

Yet, Quran did not say to punish such people.

3. Quran says that the biggest abuse against God is to claim that God has begotten a son. Quran 19:88-92

Yet, Quran did not say to punish such people.

Quran teaches us utmost high morals.

**Emphasis of Quran is not on punishment, anarchy or fear but on explanation, reconciliation and deterrence.**

So much care does Quran take in dealing with other faiths that it teaches not to speak bad words even for the false gods. Quran 6:108

At the same time, objective of Islam is to establish peace.

**If someone engages in disturbance of the peace of land, then Govt should act accordingly in order to maintain the peace in the society. There is no room for mob vandalism or mob violence or anarchy.**

People take islamic history without looking at the principles of Quran and that results in confusion. The case of *Kaab bin Ashraf* is the best example to illustrate this point.

You leave teachings of Quran and you are bound to reach wrong conclusion.

At the end: *Akhrat* or hereafter is the place of accountability of our deeds.