

- **Close to 300 Christians celebrating their holiest day, Easter, were murdered by suicide terrorists, and about 500 were injured in Sri Lanka last week on Sunday.**
- **We stand in solidarity with Sri Lankan Christians and convey our deepest sorrow.**
- **May God give comfort to their loved ones and may He bless the injured with a quick and lasting recovery.**
- **May Sri Lanka, a lush, green, beautiful country, follow New Zealand's example by rising above hatred.**
- **Minorities throughout the world are under attack. We must work with each other and inform the world of**

**The Qur'anic Constitution Of Respect, Love, Tolerance  
And Coexistence**

• **ARTICLE 1 WE ARE ALL SEEKERS OF MEANING AND TRUTH**

وَقُلِ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ فَمَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُؤْمِنْ وَمَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُكْفُرْ

Say: the truth is from your Lord, so let whoever wills, believe; and let whoever wills, disbelieve (18:29)

• **ARTICLE 2 THE CREATOR HONOURED ALL HUMANS**

وَلَقَدْ كَرَّمْنَا بَنِي آدَمَ

We have indeed honoured the children of Adam (17:70)

وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنِّي جَاعِلٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ خَلِيفَةً

Behold, your Lord said to the angels, I will create a guardian upon earth

• **ARTICLE 3 DIVERSITY IS A MARVEL OF CREATION**

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ خَلْقُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَالاخْتِلَافُ أَلْسِنَتِكُمْ وَالْوَالِدَاتُ لِأَبَائِكُمْ لِلْعَالَمِينَ

And among His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the variations in your languages and your colours (30:22)

O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted. (49:13)

- **ARTICLE 4 INVITE TO GOD’S WAY WITH WISDOM**

ادْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ وَجَادِلْهُمْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ ضَلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ

Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching, and argue with them in ways that are best and most gracious: for your Lord knows best who has strayed from His Path, and who is guided (16:125)

- **ARTICLE 5 FAITH IS NOT MADE BY COMPULSION**

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ مِنَ الْغَيِّ

Let there be no compulsion in religion, truth stands out clear from error

وَلَوْ شَاءَ رَبُّكَ لَأَمَنَّ مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كُلَّهُمْ جَمِيعًا أَفَأَنْتَ تُكْرِهُ النَّاسَ حَتَّى يَكُونُوا مُؤْمِنِينَ

And had your Lord willed, everyone on earth would have believed, all together. Then, would you compel the people in order that they become believers? (10:99)

- **ARTICLE 6 BUILD ON COMMON GROUND**

Say: “O people of Scripture! Come to a common word between us and you: that we shall worship none but God, and that we shall ascribe no partner unto Him, and that we take not one another for lords beside God” (3:64)

وَلَكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْكِتَابِ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ وَآتَى الْمَالَ عَلَى حُبِّهِ ذَوِي الْقُرْبَىٰ  
وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسَاكِينَ وَابْنَ السَّبِيلِ وَالسَّائِلِينَ وَفِي الرِّقَابِ وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَى الزَّكَاةَ وَالْمُوفُونَ بِعَهْدِهِمْ إِذَا  
عَاهَدُوا وَالصَّابِرِينَ فِي الْبَأْسَاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ وَحِينَ الْبَأْسِ

**Righteous is he who believes in God ... and gives wealth, for love of Him, to kinsfolk, orphans, the needy and the wayfarer and those who ask, and to set slaves free; and observes proper worship and pays the poor-due. And those who keep their treaty when they make one, and the patient in tribulation and adversity and time of stress} (2:177)**

- ARTICLE 8 CONFLICT IS THE HATED EXCEPTION**

لَا يَنْهَاكُمُ اللَّهُ عَنِ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يُقَاتِلُوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ وَلَمْ يُخْرِجُوكُمْ مِّن دِيَارِكُمْ أَن تَبَرُّوهُمْ وَتُقْسِطُوا إِلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ  
اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ

**God forbids you not, with regard to those who fight you not for (your) faith nor drive you out of your homes, from dealing kindly and justly with them (60:8)**

- ARTICLE 9 YOUR PATH OF PEACE**

لَكُمْ دِينُكُمْ وَلِيَ دِينِ

**For you is your religion, and for me is my religion.” (109:6)**