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Blasphemy (Response of Islam & Other Religion)

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Introduction

- ▶ The act or offense of speaking sacrilegiously about God or sacred things.
- ▶ Blasphemy is the act of insulting or showing contempt or lack of reverence for a religious deity or the irreverence towards religious or holy persons or things.
- ▶ Blasphemy in Islam is any irreverent behavior toward holy personages, religious artifacts, customs, and beliefs that Muslims revere.
- ▶ It is taken as a gigantic nature of crime with the capital punishment
- ▶ Blasphemy Causes destabilization of world peace
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Blasphemy in different religions

- ▶ All major religions such as Islam, Christianity, Judaism and Hinduism does not allow Blasphemy at all.
- ▶ Along with different religions different countries have made some Blasphemy laws to control it on some aspects.
- ▶ All the major religions books taught us not to go against any religious god, thing, holy personality or Prophet.
- ▶ But we face different cases of Blasphemy, not only inter-religious but even in intra-religiously.



Causes of Blasphemy

- ▶ Freedom of Expression
- ▶ Anti Islamic Sentiments
- ▶ Lack of Faith
- ▶ Lack of knowledge
- ▶ It becomes point to be famous and rich (Salman Rushdi)
- ▶ Inter-religious hegemony.



Religious Laws against Blasphemy

▶ **AS PER CHRISTIANITY & JUDAISM**

- ▶ The punishment for blasphemy in most of the major religions is death. It is stated in the Old Testament of the Bible, which is the authority for both the Jews and the Christians:
- ▶ And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: [Book of Leviticus 24:16]



Religious Laws against Blasphemy

▶ **AS PER HINDUISM**

- ▶ In the religious book of Manusmriti, the Law book of the Hindus, it says:
- ▶ “If a man born of a lower class intentionally bothers a priest, the king should punish him physically with various forms of corporal and capital punishment that make men shudder.” [Manusmriti 9:248]



Religious Laws against Blasphemy

▶ **AS PER ISLAM**

- ▶ Regarding the punishment for blasphemy in Islam, it is mentioned in the Glorious Qur'an:
- ▶ “The punishment of those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger, and strive with might for mischief through the land is: execution, or crucifixion, or the cutting off of hands and feet from opposite sides, or exile from the land: that is their disgrace in this world, and a heavy punishment is theirs in the Hereafter;” [Surah Al-Maidah 5:33].
- ▶ Hence, it is only Islam that gives 3 different options for blasphemy and apostasy punishment in addition to death.



States Laws against Blasphemy

▶ As Per USA

- ▶ A prosecution for blasphemy in the United States would fail as a violation of the U.S. Constitution. The First Amendment to the United States Constitution provides:
- ▶ "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or **abridging the freedom of speech**, or of the press ."
- ▶ ." While there are no federal laws which forbid "religious vilification" or "religious insult" or "hate speech", some states have blasphemy statutes.



States Laws against Blasphemy

▶ **Germany**

- ▶ In Germany, blasphemy is covered by Article 166 of the Strafgesetzbuch, the German criminal law. If a deed is capable of disturbing the public peace, blasphemy is actionable. In 2006, Manfred van H. (also known as "Mahavo") was prosecuted for blasphemy.

▶ **United Kingdom**

- ▶ Blasphemy laws in the United Kingdom were specific to blasphemy against Christianity. Blasphemy is Crime,



Pakistan Laws against Blasphemy

- ▶ Pakistan has the anti-blasphemy laws. Chapter XV of Pakistan Penal Code deals with **OFFENCES RELATING TO RELIGION:**
 - ▶ 295. Injuring or defiling place of worship, with intent to insult the religion of any class.
 - ▶ 295-A. Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs.
 - ▶ 295-B. Defiling, etc., of Holy Qur'an.
 - ▶ 295-C. Use of derogatory remarks, etc., in respect of the Holy Prophet.
 - ▶ 296. Disturbing religious assembly.
 - ▶ 297. Trespassing on burial places, etc.
 - ▶ 298. Uttering words, etc., with deliberate intent to wound religious feelings.
 - ▶ 298-A. Use of derogatory remarks, etc., in respect of holy personages.
 - ▶ 298-B. Misuse of epithets, descriptions and titles, etc., reserved for certain holy personages or places.
 - ▶ 298-C. Person of Qadiani group, etc., calling himself a Muslim or preaching or propagating his faith:
 - ▶ There is a Death Penalty for blasphemy in Pakistan.
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Need of Global Anti-Blasphemy Law?

- ▶ How Muslims Centuries can Help?
- ▶ How OIC can Help?
- ▶ What about Universal Anti-Blasphemy Law?
- ▶ Blasphemy Causes destabilization of world peace



Laws against Holocaust denial

- ▶ Austria, Belgium, Bosnia, Czech Republic, France Germany they all have Holocaust denial law.
- ▶ Then why Countries cannot have Anti-Blasphemy Law for all religions including Islam, Christianity and Judaism?



How Muslim Ummah Can Reply?

- ▶ 1. Replies via the Media
- ▶ 2. Peaceful Protests and Demonstrations
- ▶ 3. Filing a Legal Suit
- ▶ 4. Economic Embargo
- ▶ 5. Political Pressure
- ▶ 6. Moderate Force
- ▶ **7. Be More Muslim**

