

A Model for Peaceful Coexistence with Dissenters Based on Islamic Lifestyle

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Abstract

Today, in view of spreading human connections, the necessity of acquaintance with a model of peaceful coexistence with dissenters is more palpable. After researching into Islamic sources, we realize that the behavioral model of peaceful coexistence with religious dissenters is predicated on disobeying them and refusing to accept their dominance, and not deeming them confidantes as well as on proscription of behaving like them, not attending their ceremonies, and refusing to preempt them in greeting. Warlike infidels with their hostility towards Muslims have generated an obstacle such that it is impossible to have a peaceful coexistence with them. Nonetheless, from the Islamic viewpoint, in confrontation with them moral principles must be observed. For instance, even while fighting them water must not be withheld from them, and their children and elderly must not be assaulted. The behavioral model for peaceful coexistence with religious dissenters is based on the latter's apparent acceptance of Islam, conciliatory behavior towards them, and holding secrets from them. In this study, we have used the analytic-descriptive method and in collecting data we have benefited from library research methods.

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