

Preface

The following pages present an attempt at showing the integral relationship between ʔIbrâhîm and his Progeny, only three of whom, besides himself, have been called the Messengers of Resolve. As the father of the most eminent leaders of humanity, ʔIbrâhîm still occupies the singular position of being Khalîl = an outstanding bondman of ʔAllâh, most forbearing, most admiring, most penitent. Thus his life has shown a long history of search for truth, migration from Arabia to Syria, and finally rebuilding the Mosque in Makkah, together with his son ʔIsmâʕîl, The story of his being ordered to kill the same son, ʔIsmâʕîl, and the actual feat of dashing him upon his brow: an act of killing which was not fulfilled, since ʔAllâh ransomed him with a magnificent sacrifice. The memory of this ordeal is still remembered and effected today by millions of Muslims who perform the pilgrimage once in life at least, and consecrate their slaughtering there.

I was reminded of the eminent life of ʔIbrâhîm by a distinguished Italian statesman who delivered a speech in 1997, when he mentioned that Abraham is the father of the great Messengers: Mûsâ, ʕÎsâ and Muḥammad. He pointed out that mutual relationships should motivate Eastern and Western ʔIbrâhîm's countries to co-operate for adopting

policies of Peace instead of going to war with each other. Today, we do seek for more earnest endeavor for peace, definitely more than we needed peace in the Final decades of the last century.

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The Family Of ʔIbrâhîm (The Triple Family of Abraham)

Introduction

In ʔIslâm the Qurʔân presents the final comprehensive revelation from ʔAllâh “Extolled be He”, to Muḥammad Prayer and peace of ʔAllâh be upon him”. As the last of the revealed Books, this Divine Message to all humanity has never suffered interpolation or corruption.

Thus all Muslims have been addressed with the Divine Words: (Say “O Muslims”, we have believed in ʔAllâh and whatever has been sent down to us, and whatever was sent down to ʔIbrâhîm (Abraham), and ʔIsmâʕîl (Ishmael) and Ishâq (Isaac), and yaʕqûb (Jacob) and the Grandsons (The Tribes), and whatever was sent down to Mûsâ (Moses) and ʔIsâ (Jesus), and whatever was sent down to the Prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and to Him we are Muslims) “ʔAl Baqarah, the Cow, 36”.

Such a Message comprises these fundamentals:

- 1- Oneness of ʔAllâh.
- 2- Unity of the Message.
- 3- Messengers of Resolve.