

Preface

The following pages present an attempt at showing the integral relationship between ʾIbrâhîm 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, ʾIbrâhîm still occupies the singular position of being Khalîl = an outstanding bondman of ʾAllâh, 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 ʾIsmâʿîl, The story of his being ordered to kill the same son, ʾIsmâʿîl, and the actual feat of dashing him upon his brow: an act of killing which was not fulfilled, since ʾAllâh 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 ʾIbrâhîm by a distinguished Italian statesman who delivered a speech in 1997, when he mentioned that Abraham is the father of the great Messengers: Mûsâ, ʿÎsâ and Muḥammad. He pointed out that mutual relationships should motivate Eastern and Western ʾIbrâhîm'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 ʿIbrâhîm (The Triple Family of Abraham)

Introduction

In ʿIslâm the Qurʾân presents the final comprehensive revelation from ʿAllâh “Extolled be He”, to Muḥammad Prayer and peace of ʿAllâh 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 ʿAllâh and whatever has been sent down to us, and whatever was sent down to ʿIbrâhîm (Abraham), and ʿIsmâʿîl (Ishmael) and Iṣḥâq (Isaac), and yaʿqûb (Jacob) and the Grandsons (The Tribes), and whatever was sent down to Mûsâ (Moses) and ʿÎsâ (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) “ʿAl Baqarah, the Cow, 36”.

Such a Message comprises these fundamentals:

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