

An Open Letter To the Kurds [Parties]

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One day, while I was Muslim, I disowned the Islamization of those who betrayed their religion by becoming agents of the enemies of Islam and submitting to the enemies of Allah, the All-High, and to the enemies of His Muslim servants. So, how could I not disown, while I am a Kurd, the belongingness of those who betray their Kurdish nationality by the very same treachery !?

Please tell me, while I am not trying you save by the balance of your Kurdish nationality, which party of us is truthful to one's nationality, faithful to it and proud of it? Might he be the one who sees it being polluted by the impurity of betrayal when he submits to the power of the enemy so that he applauds for such pollution, not being moved by jealousy over it, or the one who rushes to patronize it stimulated by jealousy over it, and, consequently, he denies treachery and disowns the treacherous belongingness to it!?

Every human with reason undoubtedly knows the answer to this question.

Tell me, too - while I am a single individual and you represent the active community of the parties - which one of us was able to tear up the curtains of ignorance which were spread in front of the Arabs' sights concerning the Kurds' history, their cultural, literary and artistic privileges and their supreme moralities; is it you or I !?

As for me, in 1959, I produced the amazing Kurdish story of "Memo Zein" after I had translated it into Arabic and exerted as much rhetorical style and art of narration as I was able to realize. More important still is that I initiated it with a long introduction, in which I gave details about the Kurds' origin as well as their regions that were considered their possession and which were not separated from each other by any territorial divisions, about accurate information concerning their census, their literary, artistic and cultural history and their moral merits, self-magnanimity and human dignity and gentleness.

The above mentioned novel spread everywhere, crowned with such and introduction, in all the Arab states. People in Egypt, Morocco, the Arabian Gulf and the Arab Peninsula got acquaintance, for the first time, with the Kurdish nation and the characteristics that Allah singled it with. The print runs succeeded one another in a large number until Salah Jdid and his retinue held power in Syria. Then the introduction was prevented from being published with the story.

At that time, a group of the leaders of the Kurdish movement paid me a visit [among whom were 'Uthman Sabri, Dr. Nour al-Din, Kamran and Jakrakhon]. They expressed their gratitude toward the novel I had written and admitted that in spite of their dynamic activities and political works, they were unable to acquaint the Arab World with the history of their nation, which is unique in its merits and wronged as regards its rights, in a way that might in the least rise to the method I followed through publishing that novel which was crowned with its introduction.

Accordingly, I may say, "Such is what I realized for my Kurdish belongingness. But what have you realized through your hubbub that has continued for such a long time, and from which no fruit whatsoever could be sought"?

My vigilant concern in my Kurdish belongingness, represented in the above mentioned work that I was able to realize, is the stimulus that urges me nowadays to disown every treacherous action that might pollute that belongingness, and should the dress that I feel proud of be polluted, then I must take it off so as to purify it from the impurity that has stuck to it, which does not share such zeal and its requisites with me. It does not share any feeling of pride of the honor of that belongingness with me.

Nevertheless, I am not surprised when I hear the comments of those who are fed up with such zeal of mine, because there were, and there are still, among the Kurds those who are fed up even with Salah Al-Deen Al-Ayyubi and his Jihad!.. I heard some of them comment on him saying, "He devoted his life for serving the Arabs. He did not render any benefit whatsoever to his Kurdish

people. Were he among us today, we would try him and declare him criminal"...!!

It is a great honor - that I feel I am not worthy of - to find myself in the position of following the steps of Salah Al-Deen or to find myself accused with the same crime and for the same reason, with utterances of threat and warning.

However, those people have forgotten that the key of the gate of the departure to Allah is still in the hand of Allah alone. It is a truth that has become part and parcel of my entity since my tender age, and when the term of departure comes, I will advance to Him, All-High, naked of everything save my supplicating servitude to Him, and then all belongings and mundane relationships will abandon me, the feelings of those who loved me and the hatred of those who hated me will get away from me, and nothing but my pride of the truthfulness of my servitude to Him will be able to save me from the great agonies, for Allah is undoubtedly veracious when He says:

"There is no one in the heavens and earth but that he comes to the Most Merciful as a servant. He has enumerated them and counted them a [full] counting, and all of them are coming to Him on the Day of Resurrection individually".

With Warmest Greetings and Best wishes,

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