

HOW TO ALIENATE FRIENDS AND DISINCLINE MOST, RIGHT-MINDED PEOPLE

Fundamentalism is the scion of fanaticism.

Fundamentalism differs from fanaticism in that it is a movement or attitude, stressing strict and literal adherence to a set of basic principles, whereas fanaticism is marked by excessive enthusiasm and often intense and uncritical devotion to a belief or a set of basic principles, right or wrong.

Those who are fundamentalists must, inevitably, embrace fanaticism.

Followers of fundamentalistic religions or movements must follow – blindly.

Last Sunday, the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ayatollah Ali Hosseini Khamenei, labelled Israel as being ‘*an illegitimate and bastard regime*’.

He said, among other things:

‘The Americans have the highest indulgence toward the Zionists and they have to. But we (Iranians) do not share such indulgence.’

Last Sunday’s statements by the leader of the theocratic Iranian Government where the ultimate political authority is vested in a single religious (Islamic) scholar, who is commonly referred to as the Supreme Leader of the country, is, certainly, not helpful to that which President Hasan Fereidun Ruhani is trying to achieve with the West.

(Perhaps, that was the objective of the Supreme Leader?)

In Geneva, Switzerland, this Thursday, Iran will be engaged in a new initiative, led by Iran’s recently elected President Hasan Fereidun Ruhani, who took office on August 3, 2013.

This second round of negotiations is aimed, inter alia, at lifting the sanctions that have been imposed on the Islamic Republic over the years by the United Nations and in trying to mend political fences, especially those of the United States of America and its allies.

At the centre of these discussions will, undoubtedly, be Iran’s nuclear ambitions.

Iran has, always, maintained that it wants to master nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, such as building nuclear power stations, but many – if not most – countries believe that Iran, as with the Government of North Korea, wants the ability to master nuclear technology in order to build up a nuclear arsenal – for military purposes, alone.

Israel has gone on record as stating that it could not tolerate a nuclear-empowered Iran.

In a speech to the United Nations on September 30, 2013, Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated, in very definitive terms, that the Iranians have a history of uttering falsehoods and that they continue to tell one lie after another.

The Prime Minister said, as a first step to mending political fences, Iran should be forced to comply with the Resolutions of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the United Nations.

Iran has defied the Resolutions for decades.

The Israeli Prime Minister was, in fact, trying to set an agenda as a first step for a nuclear agreement between Iran and the US and most free countries of the West.

Israel fears that US President Barack Hussein Obama is not up to the task when dealing with the likes of President Hasan Fereidun Ruhani.

Diplomatic relations between the US and Iran were terminated in April of 1980, following the seizure of the US Embassy in Tehran in November of 1979. Following the attack on the US Embassy, US personnel were taken hostage and incarcerated in the country for a period of 14 months.

Last Monday, an anti-US rally was staged in Tehran, outside the former compound that once served as The Embassy of the United States of America. Tens of thousands of Iranians took part in this rally.

Chants of '*Death to Americans*' could be heard, loud and clear.

The anti-US rally must be considered as an effort to thwart President Hasan Fereidun Ruhani's stated objectives with regard to this Thursday's negotiations in Geneva.

While President Hasan Fereidun Ruhani makes the claim of being a peacemaker and a moderate, his history is clouded with anything but that of a peacemaker and a moderate.

Israel is not interested in sleeping in the same political bed as President Hasan Fereidun Ruhani due to his history as a willing '*puppet*' of the Iranian Regime for which, today, he is, ultimately, '*employed*'.

It is a matter of record that President Hasan Fereidun Ruhani is a fundamentalist and, at one time, he was Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council.

At that time, Iran was engaged in bolstering its nuclear programme with its centrifuges, enriching uranium – while Mr Hasan Fereidun Ruhani, as Secretary of The Supreme National Security Council, claimed that the opposite was the case.

According to Professor of History Jay Bergman at Central Connecticut State University, President Hasan Fereidun Ruhani planned the bombing of a Jewish Community Centre in Buenos Aires in 1994, causing the deaths of some 85 people.

In 1996, he was responsible, in part at least, for the Khobar Towers Massacre in Saudi Arabia where 19 US soldiers were killed.

He has gone on record, stating that Israel is '*a wound*' on the Middle East that must be removed.

His statement mirrors, to a great extent, those of another Iranian fundamentalist and fanatic, the former President of Iran, Mr Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Some of the most-controversial statements, made by President Ahmadinejad, during his term of office, was that Israel was not a legitimate state and that the Jewish people, who immigrated to that part of the world, now known as Israel, should return to their '*fatherlands*'.

He, also, said about Israel, paraphrasing a 2005 speech, made by his Supreme Leader:

'The regime that occupies Jerusalem must vanish from the pages of time ...'.

As President Ahmadinejad, he has stated that he doubted that the Holocaust really happened.

He, also, suggested that the State of Israel be moved to Europe.

At an October Conference in Tehran – called ‘*The World Without Zionism*’ – he made his most controversial comment: He called for Israel to be ‘*wiped off the map.*’

Today, President Hasan Fereidun Ruhani, another Iranian fundamentalist, has the podium from which he will be able to spread his propaganda.

Israel, among other countries, fears for the worst.

This country’s Jewish leaders do not suffer fools, fundamentalists or fanatics, gladly.

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