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"The language of the heart is distinct from other languages.... "

To our Dear lovers of Truth, London Queer Muslims...

Male and female are not questioned in the language of love. Everything created by God is placed in order. Women and men are not different according to us. Deficiencies and shortcomings are only views. (Hajj Bektash Veli [May Allah Bless his holy secret])

The Holy Bektashi order does not make any gender specifications when evaluating the

“human being”. The benchmark for Bektashism is “**LOVE**”. This love is exemplified by the lineage of Qur’an, the Prophet and Ahl al-Bayt.

Bektashis believe that people are a part of God on earth. So Bektashis act with the principle of

“even if somebody hurts you, do not hurt someone else”. Because we know that every one of us is part of Allah and returning will be only to Them.

Bektashism is understanding Allah and trying to make "unity" with Them, during our allotted life period.

Surah Maida 35 says:

اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَابْتَغُوا إِلَيْهِ الْوَسِيلَةَ

...ttaqū llāha wa-btaghū ’ilayhi l-wasīlata

"...and seek means of nearness to Them (Allah)“

Let's remember what our beloved Allah says in Qur’an, Surah Anfal 34

إِن أَوْلِيَاؤُهُ إِلَّا الْمُتَّقُونَ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

in 'awliyā'uhū 'illā l-muttaqūna wa-lākinna 'aktharahum lā ya'lamūn

"Friends of Allah are known by taqwa. But most of them who are remiss do not know"

The Holy Bektashi order is centred on the Qur'an, the Prophet and the Ahl al-Bayt as mentioned above, it is based on love and tolerance.

Many people who think that they are Muslims today say that our religion is "tolerance" but unfortunately they are not tolerant. This is because the holy religion is used by people who abuse it for personal benefits and misunderstanding. There is no doubt that a religion whose name is "Islam" and whose meaning is peace is not anything but a "letter of love."

Our Holy Pir Hajji Bektash Veli declares in the book which was called Makalat- i Gaybiyye:

"The Qur'an is a love letter from The Beloved"

That's what is written in this holy letter:

فَبِمَا رَحْمَةٍ مِنَ اللَّهِ لِنْتَ لَهُمْ

fa-bi-mā raḥmatin mina llāhi linta lahum

"Thus it is due to mercy from Allah that you deal with them gently" Surah Imran 159

Hajji Bektash Veli presents that "the life of the heart is love." We could count more words of love from Qur'an but do we understand and live them? This should be the main question. Because it is easy to read the Qur'an; but do we understand and live it?

The religion of love and tolerance, Islam, as understood in our Holy Bektashi order is welcoming of queer brothers and sisters to our Pir's holy rose garden.

Because for us *"Everything created by God is placed in order."*

Whether you are Queer or not, for us, it is only important whether you are in love with Allah.

Because the only organ that Bektashis care about is the heart.

According to our belief, every one of you are beautiful drops created by Holy Rabb Allah.

When the drops of love are united then we can meet in the ocean of "haqiqat (truth)". This is the ocean that destroys all hate and hatred is dropped in itself.

With this letter even though you are too far away from us I wish you Eid'ul Adha Mubarak and advise that Eid'ul Adha is more than sacrificing an animal, it is getting closer to Al-Haqq.

With peace and love... HUUU! (The Only Truth is Allah)

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