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THE DEATH OF POPE JOHN PAUL II...ALSO A SAD DAY FOR THE MUSLIMS

I became aware of the great ideas, beliefs and fascinating statements of Pope John Paul II in 1994 when I attended the International UN Conference on Population and Development in Cairo/Egypt where I was introduced to the Delegates of the Holy See who represented the Pope and the Vatican.

As a Muslim believer, I was so much attracted to their views which amazingly were similar to my Islamic beliefs and views on many vital issues such as Abortion and the unborn child, sexuality, women, family, reproduction, morality etc. Since then, we worked together for the same Divine values which we believed in and shared. Following, we participated in ten International UN Conferences including: Beijing, Copenhagen, Istanbul, Rome and New York etc. As Muslims and Catholics (Holy See, Catholic NGOs) we campaigned and lobbied the attendees. We spoke the same language as Pro-life Pro-family NGOs.

We jointly Campaigned for:

The life of the unborn, chastity, femininity, marriage/family values reproduction, motherhood Natural family planning, parental responsibility, respect to religious beliefs and values, Sovereignty of each country etc.

We jointly Campaigned against:

Abortion, adultery/fornication, population control, homosexuality and lesbianism, prostitution, sex education, school based clinics, contraception, especially outside marriage, and against many of the dangerous harmful contraceptive techniques...

We enjoyed working together for the same GOD and for the same Divine values and concerns.

Because of the good work we have been doing together, I was honoured in 1995 to meet for the first time Pope John Paul II in the Vatican in Rome (See photo B). We spoke together and I presented to the Pope a copy of the Holy Book AL QUR'AN (English/Arabic). Then in 1996, I met the Pope again (see photo A) when I presented to him a book titled "Jesus and Mary in the QUR'AN" and a Muslim letter (in both: Polish and English languages)/(see copy) where I explained the Muslim beliefs regarding the many common Divine values, which we all share together: in Islam and Catholicism/Christianity. I APPEALED strongly to the Pope in this letter TO WORK TOGETHER for all humanity

Today, Muslims as myself are saddened by the LOSE of a great friend to us ,a Strong continuous Campaigner for God's MORAL PRO-LIFE PRO-FAMILY VALUES!

POPE JOHN PAUL II, was a great inspiration to all of us at all times especially at the dangerous International UN Conferences!

HE WAS GREAT AND VERY MUCH ADMIRED FOR:

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Speaking up on the TRUTH

-Persevering to God's values/TRADITIONS, without any compromise and without any change

-Educating and TRAINING great "AMBASSADORS": the Holy See in the UN.

-Being HUMANE and UNIVERSAL in his approach and attitudes

-Campaigning strongly for: SOCIAL JUSTICE, defending the poor everywhere, opposing all wars and spreading in every place on our planet: LOVE, JUSTICE, PEACE and the respect to HUMAN DIGNITY!

-Taking care of the YOUTH our future!

-Reminding mankind all the time of: SPIRITUALITY and PRAYER!
-Standing strongly against the culture of Death (abortion, Euthanasia, wars etc.)
Propagating the CULTURE OF LIFE and natural death (as he died natural death. Even with the feeding tube in ,accepting also: diseases and suffering)) and respecting every human life Created by GOD!!
-Opposing any sexual immorality and offering God's way of sexual health (Chastity and faithfulness in marriage) as the only safe way

Pope John Paul II was great in opening a Dialogue with the Muslims and showing respect to the religion of Islam and to the Muslims in the world! Furthermore support was shown when in 1996,I had a private meeting with the Cardinal Francis Arinze, who was in charge of the Interfaith in the Vatican. We discussed together the common values and concerns which we do share as Muslim believers and the importance of working together

The Pope supported the Palestinian refugees who are suffering under occupation and strongly opposed the dividing wall.

He strongly opposed president BUSH and the war in Iraq!

He was great to enter a mosque in Damascus/Syria in 2001 and to visit the grave of John the Baptist.

He even went to prison in order to meet the man, who shot him and tried to assassinate him and asked his forgiveness.

He even apologised to the Muslims for the bloody history of the Crusades (11th-13th centuries) and asked them to forgive the Christians!

POPE JOHN PAUL II, you have done a great job, on behalf of all of us and for all humanity, for 27 years!

No doubt we all are going to miss you (Christians, Muslims...)...and remember you... you were not only loved by the Catholics but by Muslims too and by every sensible caring human being on our planet!

We only pray that your successor/the new Pope, will follow your footsteps and propagate strongly the Divine values of GOD Almighty and we hope that he will open more dialogue with the 1.4 billion Muslims in the world to "WORKING TOGETHER" on the common shared values and concerns for all humanity;

GOD BLESS YOUR SOUL: Pope John Paul II, for all the good work and deeds you have done ,for all of us and for all mankind!

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