Jihad can only be a struggle for social justice. It can never be a partisan struggle for power. There is no Qur’anic verse that can be used to justify war in the contemporary world. Self-defense can be legitimate, but Muslims cannot kill civilians or other Muslims. All modern weapons kill civilians as a matter of course. Talk of collateral damage is nonsense. So the armed struggle of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) is no longer available to us. Now, jihad has to be unarmed struggle.

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