

Some Words from Tolstoy on the Islam and the Prophet



Lev Nikolayevich Tolstoy was a famous Russian novelist and philosopher. Born to an aristocratic Russian family in 1828, Tolstoy's notable works include the novels *War and Peace* (1869) and *Anna Karenina* (1878).

He was impressed by the Islam and the Prophet Muhammad. That is, he said: “Anyone who wants to verify the tolerance in Islam should only read the Quran carefully. Its verses are indicative of the high spirit of Islam”.

He also said: “I am one of those who are very much impressed by Prophet Muhammad who was chosen by the One God to have His last message revealed through his soul, heart and mind. He chose him to be the last prophet; hence, no other prophets would come after him. His acknowledgement of the prophets who had been sent by God before him to produce the global social building for which Muhammad had been sent to complete, is indubitable evidence that he came with Islam to conclude the social building for the entire humanity everywhere”.

He added: “There has been no prophet who gained the respect of his enemies except the Prophet Muhammad. This is why a lot of them embraced Islam later on. It seems surprising that those who declared themselves enemies of him certainly knew that he was trustworthy and was calling them to the truth; they even respected him in the depth of their hearts, but they concealed this respect for they did not want to be accused of leaving their faiths”.