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The Ruling System endorsed by Allah(swt) will provide prosperity for Muslims worldwide.

Tony Blair is a Christian and endorses the Democratic system, Muslim's follow Islam and they endorse the Khilafah Islamic Ruling system. But do they?



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Islamic System Part 3

The Khilafah Social System - approved by Allah(swt) and Muhammad(saaw)

The Social System in Islam (Nizam al Ijtima'a) organizes all the relationships and interactions between men and women in the public and private sectors of life. Because of Islam's interconnectivity, the Social System depends upon the intrinsic interaction among all the other systems of Islam. The implementation of the Social System in isolation would have disastrous consequences, such as those currently prevalent in Pakistan and countries in the Gulf Region. The implementation of the verse that states,

"And those who accuse honorable women but do not bring four witnesses, flog them with eighty stripes and never again accept their testimony. They are indeed evil-doers..." [An-Nur: 4-5]

has a profound effect on the functioning of the Social System. This verse builds the value of women's honor (Ird) in society by prescribing the punishment for those who falsely accuse women of unchastity (al-qadhfi). The "liberated" societies have no concept of protecting the honor of women, and strip women of all value, save their commercial worth, as the dignity of women is bought and sold on the screens of the Western media.

Although some aspects of the Social System still remain in Muslim countries despite the demise of the Khilafah, they have failed because of their existence in a Non-Islamic framework. In such a mutated context, Islam's call for the honor of women (Ird) is drowned out by the exploitation of women beamed into the houses of Muslims through the satellite media monster, leading to either sexual frustration or excesses of liberation as the Muslim mentality is blotched with the corrupted values of the West.

Society today has a corrupt social system that stems from the absence, or fragmented implementation, of Islam. What has resulted is the disorganization of male-female relationships. "Social ills" in most sociology text books refers to the decaying social fabric precipitated by the diseases of Freedom, Individualism, and other man-made ideals. Because of the limited nature of human beings, man-made systems and ideologies that attempt to organize social relations fall miserably short of addressing humanity in the correct context and providing a comprehensive system that would effectively ensure the progress and procreation of the human race. The Islamic Social System addresses gender relationships in the correct framework and provides the correct means for men and women to organize their lives according to the laws of the Creator who alone correctly and comprehensively understands human beings and the needs of humanity.

Today's societies have created a state of confusion and turmoil by generating a distorted social structure through TV soaps, films, magazines, and literature. In the absence of the correct ideology to provide a correct foundation to address the social issues facing the world, the contemporary systems rely on the frailties, contradictions, and imperfections of the human intellect. The failed attempts by the current world order to provide a correct social system for humanity have led to conflicting values that degenerate to ever lower standards, skyrocketing crime rates, and social aberrations that wreak havoc on the rapidly deteriorating social fabric.

The Status and Role of Women and Men

Throughout history, the world has scorned women as subhuman and, at best, second-class citizens. Under today's secular societies, the status of women has degenerated to the level of merchandise that is manufactured by the sensationalist tide of beauty, fitness, and everlasting youth, and plastered onto magazines and screens in the name of profit. Islam sees women as an honor and elevates their status to one of respect and dignity that no other social structure can attain. The Islamic Society functions to protect a woman's honor from all slander, exploitation and attack and ensure the elevated status of women.

The main role of a woman as a wife and mother obligates her to look after the children and provide comfort for her husband. But by no means do the woman's responsibilities at home negate the role of the man in taking care of the children or prevent the woman from pursuing a societal role and having a career. When Europe was busy debating whether or not women had souls, Islam encouraged women to have careers, establish their businesses, engage in commerce, and participate in the political spheres of society. Though the woman looks after the family and can finance herself, the actual obligation of providing food, shelter, and clothing for the wife and children is on the husband and father.

Women and Men in Political Life

Islam has mandated upon women and men the responsibility of participating in the political arena, in order to hold accountable those responsible for running the affairs of the state. In the current absence of the Islamic State, the Muslim Woman is obliged to work to re-establish the Deen and to participate in the Islamic Call (Da'wah) by inviting Non-Muslims to Islam and bringing the Muslims to a resumption of Islamic personalities and characters. Throughout Islamic history, many women served as prominent scholars, judges, and advisors to the rulers, and the Pledge of War (Bayat al-Aqaba Athaany) that Muhammad (saaw) took from the Ansar in Medina witnessed the presence of two women. Aside from their enormous responsibilities as politicians, Islam has forbidden women from assuming a ruling position because of the hadith narrated by Bukhari on the authority of Abi Bakra: "When the news reached the Prophet (saaw) about the Persians electing the daughter of the King (Kisra) as their ruler, He (saaw) said, 'Any people who are ruled by a woman will never prosper.'"

Women and Men are not the Same

Islam's prohibition of women in the affairs of ruling and certain other positions have led many shortsighted observers to use this aspect as a confirmation to themselves of Islam's sexist nature. Such attacks perpetuated by the West demonstrate the ignorance of the Orientalists and Western intellectuals as they preach the fallacy of equality. Islam reserves neither an inferior or derogatory status for women, that exists in religions such as Christianity, nor does it place a low price tag on their dignity and honor as do the ideologies emanating from the West.

Allah (swt) created men and women as clearly distinct in their physiology, and such a distinction has mandated certain responsibilities specific to each. Any person can clearly perceive such a distinction, and only a fool would attempt to design a system under the facade of equality that ignores such a reality. In Islam, both the man and the woman have some obligations and roles that are similar and other obligations that are specific to each, legislated as such by the Creator. For instance, Islam obliges the man to fight in Jihad and finance the family but excuses the woman from these responsibilities. In Islam, both men and women conduct their lives according to the Commandments of Allah (swt) in their general and specific responsibilities, and the equality stems from the reward and punishment that they will receive from Allah (swt) for fulfilling or neglecting their responsibilities.

The Laws of Gathering (Private and Public Space)

Unlike the unrestricted and chaotic mixing that the West champions, Islam ensures modesty between men and women. Men and women (unless they are Mahrem, or unable to marry each other) are forbidden to gather in both public and private life, unless the Shariah has stipulated and permitted otherwise. Islam permitted mixed gathering for educational purposes, business, trading, and Hajj, but socializing, and gathering for entertainment purposes, whether in schools or at work, are completely forbidden. Also, both men and women are obliged to lower their gaze (Ref: Qur'an, Al-Nur, 30-31), and a man and woman cannot be alone without a Mahrem because Muhammad (saaw) said: "A woman should not meet and mix with a man alone unless she has a mahrem with her."

Such values would dramatically alter the face of society. Within the Islamic State, the public transportation system, the workplace, and the educational institutions would manifest the segregation of men and women to ensure the protection and dignity of the social fabric. The West has endeavored with all of its financial and political avenues to curtail the emergence of Islam because the tranquility and stability that the Islamic Social System provides would seal the fate of the billion-dollar industries that thrive on the vices and corruption of the prevailing decadence in Islam's absence.

Marriage

Allah (swt) has endowed human beings with the instincts of love and procreation. But unlike the perverted corruption of the West that puts no restrictions on the manifestations of these instincts, Islam has given mankind a system to control and express them through the institution of marriage. Allah (swt) says in the Qur'an:

And among His signs is this: that He created mates for you from yourselves, that you may find rest and peace of mind in them, and he ordained between you love and mercy. Verily, in that are signs for those who reflect. [Ar-Rum: 21]

Contrary to the slanderous image portrayed by the West, the woman cannot be forced into a marriage. Islam does give the man a degree over the woman, but solely to protect the woman and not as a liaison for the man to have a master-servant relationship. Obeying the husband constitutes part of obeying the laws of Allah (swt), and Islam emphasizes the principle of having good relationships, as Muhammad (saaw) said, "The best amongst you is the one who is best to his wife."

In Islam, the husband has the role of pleasing, caring for, and respecting the wife. If the husband commands the wife to go against Allah (swt) and one of her obligations, the wife must disobey the husband. By establishing specific responsibilities and laws to govern married life, Islam ensures that both husband and wife remain as slaves to Allah (swt) and it protects them from slavery to one another.

Islamic and the Western Perspective on Love

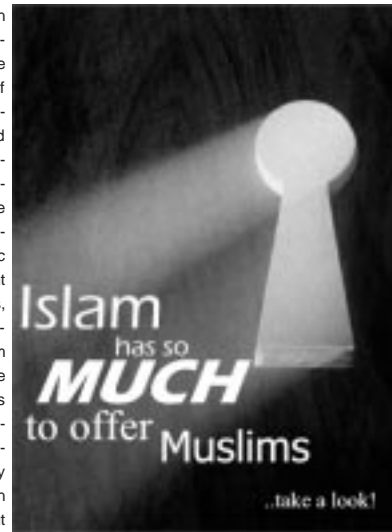
The current society has defined love on purely physical and emotional dimensions. Love has become the most popular word in all languages, but no one has a clear understanding of its meaning. The result of establishing relationships on this central concept, while it is only vaguely and ambiguously defined, is clear in the rising statistics on broken relationships, failed marriages, and widespread social misery.

Islam recognizes the importance of this relationship, and unlike the West, gives clear guidelines of the duties and responsibilities of spouses towards each other, thus removing confusion and allowing both to work in harmony and love to flourish between them.

Conclusion

The Islamic Social System contains many laws that clearly define the various social relationships and issues arising from the interaction of men and woman. The Ummah must begin acquiring the Islamic culture to protect itself from the erroneous and corrupted practices that exist in the West and the regional cultures and traditions that prevail in the Muslim lands.

The contemporary social order has no future for humanity, and the establishment provides the sustenance for the proliferation of degenerate ideas and values only to safeguard the multi-billion dollar businesses that derive their existence from the ailments of society. Islam provides the only solution to the problems and plights generated by man-made systems mottled with the frailties and contradictions that reflect the limited minds that engineered them. The responsibility for guiding humanity towards the justice of Islam and the Pleasure of Allah (swt) falls upon the Muslim Ummah, and the fulfillment of such a responsibility cannot materialize without the establishment of Islam as a complete system.



Listen Muslims!

Friday 21 January 2000, 15 Shawwal 1420

And soon will the unjust assailants know what diversity their affairs will take!

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

Praise be to Allah, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds, and may peace be upon Prophet Muhammad, his family and companions. Allah says, "And soon will the unjust assailants know what diversity their affairs will take!" al'Shu'ara'a (26:227).

The current ordeal that the Muslims are undergoing is the most severe in their long history.

- We have to look deeply into the situation of the Muslims today in order to diagnose the cause of this ordeal. We see Muslims being ruled by corrupt traitorous mercenaries.
- We see an Islamic Ummah that is misled.
- We see the situation of the Muslims being turned upside down - where the sincere sons of the Ummah are being persecuted, jailed and killed by the unjust rulers. The imperialist disbelievers, using military force appointed these rulers upon the Islamic Ummah.
- These rulers are hypocrites in the sense that they say what they do not do, and they do what they do not say. Over seventy-five years have passed since the destruction of the Islamic Khilafah state.
- Seventy-five years of divisions, corruption, and alienation within the Islamic world.
- Seventy-five years without the rule of Allah in their lives.

The Islamic Khilafah State existed for more than 1300 years - from the first Khalifah, Abu Bakr Al-Siddique, until it was destroyed by the Turkish Jewish agent Mustafa Kamal Ataturk in 1924.

The rulers of Muslims today consider the political statements of the Americans and the Jews as holy whereas they have no consideration as to the importance of the Muslim's' holy places like Al-Aqsa mosque. Their work is to please the Jews and the U.S.

Dear brothers,

Don't you feel moved by all the ordeals that the Muslims are living through?

Don't you see what the Syrian regime is doing to the Islamic activists? The regime there is killing, torturing, frightening, and jailing Muslim men, women and children because of what they have to say against the regime. The Syrian regime does not pay any consideration to the hadeeth of Prophet Muhammad when he said, " Do not frighten the Muslim. Frightening him is a great injustice".

Even when the rulers of the Muslims are willing to accept the Jewish occupation of an Islamic land we see leaders of Jews giving statements like: "We should claim Damascus because it was taken from us at the time of King David", or like "We should kneel down crying because some of us are willing to give up parts of the Golan Heights to the enemies" or like "We should fight the government that is willing to surrender lands".

Dear Muslims,

We need to start evaluating the situation of the Muslims in order to understand the way out.

Our rulers have planted hatred amongst us. Their rule is based on illegal intelligence and spying that makes one of us willing to arrest his brother, his cousin, his friend or his neighbour for the sake of the rulers.

The rulers are wasting the Ummah's resources. The Muslims live in poverty while their lands are rich in natural resource.

"O ye who believe! Answer the call of Allah and His Messenger, to that which gives you life..." al'Anfal (8:24).

Ameen.

It Is Prohibited To Implement Islam Gradually

It has been reported that some muslims belive like the jews that it is prohibited to impliment Islam gradually. How wrong they are!

"This day I have perfected your deen for you, I have completed my favour upon you and have chosen Islam for you as your deen." [EMQ 5:3]

After the revelation of this Ayah, the Muslims became solely obliged to apply and execute all of

the Islamic rulings without exception whether these Akham were related to Aqeedah (beliefs), ibadat (worships), Akhlaq (morals) or Muamalat (transactions in society). Allah (swt) has also said:

"And judge between them with what Allah has revealed and do not follow their desires and beware that they do not divert you from any of what Allah has revealed." [EMQ 5:48]

This is a strict order from Allah to His Messenger (saw) and to the Islamic rulers after the Messenger (saw) indicating that it is Wajib (compulsory) to rule according to all of what Allah(swt) has revealed of ahkam, whether these ahkam implied an order to do or not to do. The Arabic word ma' implies generality and hence includes all revealed rulings. Allah (swt) also forbade His Messenger (saw) and the Islamic rulers thereafter to follow the people's desires or yield to their wishes.

Allah (swt) also said in other verses:

"...and whoever does not rule with whatever Allah has revealed is an unbeliever (kafir), oppressor (zalim), wrong does (fasiq)" [EMQ 5:44,45,47]

It can undoubtedly be seen and with clear cut certainty that all the Muslims, individuals, parties and states must apply all of the Islamic rulings in their entirety exactly as Allah wants them implemented without any delay. Applying the Islamic rulings must be complete, comprehensive and in one instalment and in not in a gradual form (eg 20% Islamic law today, 30% in six months and 40% in two years). This gradual implementation of Islam actually contradicts Islam since it involves disobeying the above verses, which call for the total implementation of Islam immediately.

The Messenger (saw) did not accept to leave the idol of Thaqeef (an Arab tribe) Al-Lat to them for three years as they had requested, or to excuse them from salah as a condition for them to accept Islam. Instead he insisted to destroy the idol immediately and that they must do their salah. (ie he applied the hukm immediately and did not implement it gradually which is what the people of Banu Thaqeef desired). The Messenger of Allah (saw) made it fard on us to struggle against the ruler who governs by open kufr. This is regardless of whether the laws he applied were few or many as is evident from the hadith reported by Ubadah ibn as-Samit

'...and we do not struggle against the rulers, he the Messenger(saw) said, unless you see an open kufr (kufr bu'ah) on which you have a clear cut evidence.'

Thus there should be no leniency in the application of shari'ah and thus there should be no gradualism in applying the rules of Islam. There is no difference between a wajib and another haram or between one Islamic ruling and another Islamic ruling. All of the rules of Allah are the same in that they all should be applied and executed without delay. Therefore, there is absolutely no excuse in the Islamic world not to implement Islam. Whether it is said that we do not have the power to apply Islam or that current circumstances are unsuitable to apply it or that international public opinion is not ready or that America will not allow it or any other reason are all weak, worthless and totally unacceptable excuses. Those people who apologise for the corrupt governments of our so-called 'Muslim countries' should remember the ayah:

" Do you believe in some parts of the Book and disbelieve in other parts? Whosoever does that would be subjected to humiliation in this life and a severe punishment on the day of resurrection." [EMQ 2:85]

Inferiority Complex

Allah(swt) has commanded Muslim belivers not to fear anyone other than the creator himself. So why are Muslims so fearfull of the dunya???

Allah (swt) says in Surah Fater (English Meaning):

" He who seeks the Izzah (prestige), dignity, glory and honor, let him know that Izzah belongs to Allah"

In Surah Munafiqoon (English Meaning):

"And the Izzah is to Allah, His Messenger and the Believers, but the Munafiqoon (Hypocrites) do nor know or believe in this"

It is very clear that Allah (swt) tells us that there is only one source for our Izzah (prestige). Only by following Allah's orders we can get this Izzah. No one else can give us this Izzah. Within this context, it was reported that Umar bin Al-Khataab said:

"We are people who get honored by Islam, if we seek the honor through any other thing, then Allah will humiliate us."

Keeping this in the minds and believing firmly that Islam is the Deen revealed from Allah, and believing in what Allah said in Surah Saff (English Meaning):

" He is the One who sent His Messenger with the guidance and the Religion of the Truth, so that His deen will dominate above all other ways of lives"

If we had this in our minds and hearts, there is no way we would feel inferior at all. Simply because Islam is the Superior Deen since it came from the Sovereign, the Creator, Allah (swt). The Sahabah believed in this and as a result they never developed a defeated mentality nor did they have an inferiority complex. When the delegates of the Prophet (pbuh) met the Roman, Persian Emperors and other Kings and rulers, they carried the Message to them without such feelings. Within few years, Muslims controlled most of Asia and Africa. Of course, we must keep in mind that they never sought national sovereignty. Also, their objective was not to secure jobs for their citizens nor to exploit the other people. Their only objective was to save the people and get them out of the darkness they lived in to the light of Islam.

When the Crusader wars occurred, Muslims were defeated in the battlefield, but, they never felt inferior. At the end, Muslims were not only able to kick the Crusaders out, but also started their mission of carrying Islam to the world, including Europe itself. When Europe saw this happening, they realized that Muslims cannot be defeated in the battlefield as long as they believed in Islam. Thus a new well-studied and planned campaign was initiated by the Europeans. This time using different weapons and a different approach. The ideological invasion and missionary invasion started, attacking Muslims intellectually and Ideologically. Secret associations were established in the Muslim lands and many individuals were recruited. Soon Muslims no longer had the trust in Islam. Now they started carrying many wrong ideas such as nationalism. Muslims started looking up to the western culture. Muslims now became overwhelmed and stunned by the industrial revolution and the western culture. Muslims started feeling inferior for the first time.

I will bring you two recent examples: In the ISNA Convention, Muslims prayed in the park with men and women praying next to each other in two separate sections. They did not pray with men in the front row and women in the back rows. The way Muslims kept it since the days of the Prophet (saaw). Sunnah of Prophet (saaw) did not mean anything to those who prepared the set up. There is one reason for this: the inferiority complex. They are thinking that the guests will not like seeing women praying behind men. They were thinking that this may give a wrong message to the non-Muslims attending; the wrong message being that we do not honor women by having them behind men. What organizer are missing is the trust in presenting Islam as-is. In this case, having women in the back rows is an honor for women. The Prophet (pbuh) said that the best rows of women are the back rows. Furthermore, it is this Social System and Ibadah of Islam which honored women. While the western way of life humiliated the woman, exploited her and changing her to a sex object. Now claiming that Islam permits this set up in some cases such as in the Hajj, or claiming that it was not possible to have the normal set up is nonsense. This method is transmitted to us generation by generation. it is well known all over the world.

Another example is that many Muslims claim that "Islam and Democracy are compatible and complementary". Do you know what does the word complementary mean? Webster's Dictionary gives the following two meanings:

"Something that fills up, completes, or makes perfect." The other meaning is:

"Mutually supplying each other's back."

Allah (swt) says: "**Today I completed for you your deen**" and Amercian Muslim Council says otherwise. Who do we believe? Why do we have to say this? Don't we believe that Islam can by itself prove its correctness? We must believe that Islam does not need cosmetic surgery. Democracy failed in solving man's problems and after all, it is a man made system. While Islam proved that it solves man's problems and after all, it is from Allah (swt). How can we think that Islam is missing some parts? Astaghfer ul-Allah.

One may ask what is the cause for this? Briefly speaking, due to many factors which I mentioned, some of them earlier in this khutbah, Muslims fell in the trap of defense. We no longer study Islam from its sources, nor do we accept for the text (the Qur'an and the Sunnah) to lead us. Now we study Islam based on the Orientalist's views. We think that we have to get rid of any opinion attacked by the Orientalists. We no longer talk about the Penal code in Islam the way it should be. We started thinking that these punishments are irrelevant and they can be changed. We no longer talk about Jihad as a mean through which Islam was carried to the others. We no longer see that War complements Diplomacy and both together constitute Jihad. We no longer say this. We claim that Jihad is limited to a defensive case or claiming that Jihad is the inner struggle for virtue. We say this for no reason but to avoid the Orientalist attack as someone put it clearly once.

What is the solution?

It is simple and easy: Just study Islam as-is and believe that Islam as-is can solve our problems. Feel the Izzah (prestige) no matter how weak we are. Believe that no one can grant us the Izzah nor we should beg the Izzah from others. Otherwise, as Umar put it, we will be humiliated. May Allah save us from the humiliation.