



Reversing the Brain Drain-

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A few weeks ago, an Englishman who was visiting a Muslim country said to me, "The people here are so hospitable but they all want to leave." This comment is not isolated to any one Muslim country and the drive to leave can be sensed at all levels of society including amongst those who are the best equipped to help this country in its time of need. Why do so many of our most competent people end up abroad and how can we reverse this trend?

When people leave, they gain many benefits including money, a better quality of life and a challenging environment in which they can thrive and fulfil their potential. Indeed in the West, actions are linked to results and hence work has purpose. All of these benefits emanate from the fact that the leading nations of the world such as the United States and Britain have systems that function. Of course the system is not Islamic (it is the capitalist system) and hence it suffers from many contradictions and difficulties, but the fact remains that they apply a system and all their policies emanate from its basis. The capitalist nations have separated God from the affairs of life and believe that freedom must reign. They are convinced that the earth and all its resources are for them and they struggle to dominate it, driven by insatiable greed and the belief that their ideas should be the reference point for all. The manifestation of such vision is concerted effort. Western nations, and especially the leading nations, work to be the best, as this is required to achieve the dominance they seek.

As for the quality of life, this is just a symptom of people living according to a system. For example, when people disagree they refer the dispute to the authorities; after all, it's their system so they have confidence in it. As a result, things get done. When we disagree, however, people do anything but go to the system!

So where are we going wrong? Clearly we don't have their consistency. Our nation is based on a hotchpotch of ideas some capitalist, some socialist, some Islamic, some nationalist and so on. It is imperative that we choose one and apply it. The only viable option is Islam.

How, then, would the Islamic state (Khilafah) view the world? One of the earliest chapters of the holy Qur'an states:

'But this is nothing but a zikr (reminder) for the alameen (mankind, jinn and all that exists)' (TMQ 68:52).

This, and many other ayat and ahadith lay down a distinct and powerful vision for the state. That is, the rules of Islam must be implemented the world over. What could be more challenging than that? There is no obligation for individuals to become Muslim, but the Khilafah must encompass the globe and this is the practical way to save this earth from the darkness of man-made systems. We can see that throughout our glorious history, this was implemented and Islam spread over most of the known world. In line with this unique view, the Khilafah will require a specific education and industrial policy just as it did in the past. Do we not remember how it was in our lands that the world longed to study? We were the pioneers in every field. Now, some colleges attract students by promising enrolment in overseas universities. The education policy in the Khilafah will be based on building the Islamic personality and teaching what is required to achieve the dominance of Islam. Thus, research institutes will be abundant specialising in all scientific and technical fields where practical benefits can be obtained. As for the industrial policy, it will be intimately linked to jihad since jihad will be a fundamental part of foreign policy. Every industry within the state (whether state property or privately owned) will exist in the context of spreading Islam and will submit to this need. Furthermore, the drive for this will be the strongest of all drives from the strongest of all creeds; seeking the pleasure of Allah emanating from the aqeeda of Islam. Regarding funding, and without going into the details of the economic system, these are of the activities that the Khilafah is obliged to perform.

As such, state funds must be made available (though private ventures are also permitted). The money will come from revenues such as kharaj, jizya, ghana'im and the export of public properties such as oil and gas. In the unlikely event that the required funds are still not available then exceptional taxation of the rich or even borrowing may be required. Thus, we can begin to see how our efforts will be united and our potential fulfilled. The capability of this ummah is incredible; from our scientists and engineers to our armies and the 10-year-old children who can assemble a carburettor in sec-

onds. And if required, the Khilafah will recruit the best foreign scientists and engineers, offering the highest pay and benefits, to facilitate the most rapid progress. Our Lord has already given us the laws and the vision, all we need is to have our deen implemented by a leadership that views this world from the angle of Islam.

Note* Since perfect translation of the Qur'an or Hadith is impossible, the term translation of the meaning has been used, as the result is only a crude meaning of the Arabic text.

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Voting for Man made Law is Haram as outlined by Allah(swt) in the following verse in the Qur'an: **On sharing power with the Kufir, Allah(swt) clearly states in the Qur'an:**

"Rule and judge between them by whatever Allah(swt) has revealed to you (Oh Muhammad) " [EMQ 5:49]

Therefore, voting for Man made Law is Haram. Allah(swt) orders us to follow the Messenger Muhammad (saw) as the Uswah and restricts us by saying:

"Whatever the messenger (Muhammad) brought to you take and abide by it, and whatever the messenger forbids leave and refrain from it" [EMQ 57:7]

The messenger Muhammad (saw) said to Omar bin Al-Khattab(RA), when he(saw) him reading a page from the Torah: "Leave it, By Allah(swt) if my brother Musa (AS) was alive today he would have no choice but to follow my way i.e. Shari'ah" The Shari'ah principle is that the Shari'ah (divine rules) before us i.e. before Islam are not for us because Allah(swt) says: "For each Messenger I sent a Shari'ah and way of life" [EMQ 5:48], And Allah(swt) says:

"Do not obey the one who misguides from the revelation and follows his desires and opinions (Man-made law)" [EMQ 18:28]

And Allah(swt) also says: ***"Hold fast to the Judgement of your Lord and obey not a Kafir or a sinner" [EMQ 76:24]***

And Allah(swt) says: ***"...If you obey the disbelievers they will turn you back to kufr " [EMQ 3:149]***

Muslims are not permitted by ISLAM to vote for the following parties or take part in any form of democratic elections worldwide:

The Conservative Party, The Labour Party, The Liberal Democratic Party, The Scottish National Party, Plaid Cymru, The Ulster Unionist Party, Sinn Féin, Revolutionary Communist Party, Alliance Party of Northern Ireland, Green Party, Ulster Democratic Party

YOUR REWARD! for your Actions:

You will gain reward from Allah(swt) for not taking part in KAFIR elections.



Allah(swt) clearly warns us in the following verse in the Qur'an that we cannot take part in a society which takes us away from the True Deen ISLAM!:

"Never will the Jews or the Christians be happy with you until you follow their way (Deen or Mila)" The Cow (Al-Baqarah:120)