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I n t r o d u c t i o n

The reason this topic has been chosen is that the ideas that secularism carries are very dangerous. People have gathered together becoming like sects (by sect we mean a group of people bound together by a particular belief or doctrine, who work secretly); their job has been to poison society with their secular ideas, these sects have been very effective and consequently their ideas are widespread. The disease of secularism has spread from society to society until it has engulfed the whole earth.

Secularism is the cause of the intellectual decay and total destruction of all moral values in society. Far worse is the effect Secularism has had on the Command of God in society, secularism declares that its main basis is to “leave what is for God to God and what is for Caesar to Caesar” and by implementing secularism in society the society has become devoid of any command of God. Secularism, in other words, tells God to mind his own business with his clergy people and their charity groups in the church, synagogue or mosque and the secularists consequently tell us “we will mind our own business as statesmen and political parties in parliament and we will shape, by our ideas, the law and order in the society.”

The Definition of Secularism

The term secularism is derived from the Latin word *saeculum*, which means life (Dunya), it lays down opposing views to the church. The term secular was first used during the signing of the Westphalia treaty (1648) that finalised the severe Thirty Years War (1618-48). This war, which involved most of the European states, took place in a time at the end of the dark ages, when the church was imposing preposterous taxes such as Window Tax, Hearth Tax (you were taxed if you had a fireplace), candle tax etc. Women were considered the property of men. Men were merely fined by the church for killing women. The Church argued that women did not have mortal souls and debated whether women were even human beings. The Church believed that physically desirable women were evil witches, this led to the burning to death of tens of thousands of innocent women. This constant oppression by the clergy towards the people created a backlash, which resulted in one of the worst wars in European history.

The Westphalia Treaty marked the end of the war and the beginning of the new modern secular state, this state declared that it would secularise the properties of the church, the church up until now had had complete control. The Westphalia treaty declared the end of the war that had raged all over Europe and the start of the secular state. This treaty initiated the total secularisation of church property, in other words the total transformation of all properties of the state from the church to non-religious authorities, or what they called the civil authority.

The field of the meaning of the word secularism was widened by George Holyoake (1817-1906) who was an activist against the Church, he was the one who defined secularism as, “believing in the capability to reform the state of man by materialistic means, without addressing the issue of religion either by consent or rejection”. George Holyoake went on to be the President of the London Secular Society. Holyoake preferred to label himself agnostic, as opposed to some of his colleagues such as Bradlaugh who called themselves atheist. However, although Holyoake attacked the Church, for example, by saying, “If I could have my way I would place the Deity on half-pay”, he did argue that the principle of secularism did not include atheism.

Secularism in the English dictionary has 3 meanings, a secular person means:

1. The one who is materialistic and worldly.
2. The one who is not religious or spiritual.
3. The one who is not clergy or a monk.

In English the word secularism clearly has nothing to do with religion or God. However in Arabic the word used is *Al-Ilmaniyyah*, which is associated with ratiion or intellect. Some scholars have written books entitled Al-Ilmaniyyah Al-Islamiyyah, where they talk about development, science, technology, Doctors and medicine, and they maintain that if you don't mix Religion with politics you will develop in science, technology etc. They believe that if you study Al-Ilmaniyyah you become Al-Ilmaany. So the belief of many Arabs today is that if you don't study Al-Ilmaniyyah, you become Allahwy i.e. the one who studies religion all day, and says “Allah says this” and “Allah says that”, today the term Allahwy amongst the Arabs has become synonymous with the word fool or Majnoun.

In the national curriculum, the meaning of secularism is “the theory that states that morality and education must not be based on a religious foundation”. There are three terms that need to be considered within this definition, which are:

- Moral Values – Morality or Al-Akhlaq
- Religious Values – Religion or Theology or Al-Qiyaam Al-Deeniyyah
- Human Values – Humanity or Al-Qiyaam Al-Insaaniyyah

These three terms are used in the traditional definition of secularism. In secularism morality and education must not have a religious basis. So if we take religious morality and religion out of the equation, all we are left with is the Human Values or Humanity. So secularism ultimately means to completely empty society of any Religion. The only Morality that will be left is the Codified Morality (which emanates from man-made-law) and morality based on customs. This morality is subject to change, as opposed to religious morality, which is absolute.

In the British Information Department Secularism is defined as “a social movement aiming to transform people from caring about the hereafter to people whose only concern is this life”. Furthermore when the British information department addresses secularism, they do so, in relation to atheism.

Atheism is divided into two divisions:

1. Theoretical Atheism (Rejection that God exists).
2. Practical atheism (Accepting that God exists, but rejecting that God has any place or effect in this life).

According to the British information department, secularism is listed under practical atheism. Based on the above definitions we can conclude two points.

1. Secularism is a kufr school of thought which aims to isolate the Deen from life, this is in order to make the Deen have no influence whatsoever in society. Therefore secularism is a school of thought that is working actively to lead life’s affairs in all aspects, politically, economically, socially and morally and even legislatively, this is far from the commands of God and his prohibitions.
2. Secularism is keen to propagate experimental sciences in order to deal with any phenomena from the scientific and logical angle in order to distort the truth of the Deen. Ideas such as the “big bang theory” and other universal phenomena such as eclipses, not to mention spiritual attachment to almighty God, have become exclusively subject to scientific theory. Some even claim that God is science and that it must be respected and worshipped. In this age science is claimed to be absolute fact and anything else is uncertain. Science has become the revelation of the 21st century and the new messiahs are the scientists and experts.

If we speak truthfully and remove the cloud of confusion and distortion, secularism simply means “no Deen”.

Secularism has two faces, each one is more ugly than the other:

1. *Al-Ilmaniyyah Al-Mulhida*; Atheist Secularism. This is the brand of secularism that denies the existence of God. Deen is completely denied and the creator of all creation does not exist, according to these atheists. Atheist Secularists not only deny Deen but they also oppose and fight against the people who believe in God, albeit even as a purely spiritual belief. This type of explicit and shameful secularism is very blatant, an individual can see it clearly and will never be misled by it. Atheist Secularism will never be followed by any Muslim except the one who wants to leave his Deen. The danger to the masses that Atheist Secularism poses is very weak. Although the protagonists of its ideas are very dangerous because they fight against the believers, imprisoning, killing and torturing them.
2. *Al-Ilmaniyyah Ghair Al-Mulhida*; Non-Atheist secularism. This is the type of secularism that does not deny the existence of God but believes in it theoretically. This type of secularism does however reject the interference of the command of God in life’s affairs and calls for the separation of the Deen from life’s affairs. This type of secularism is more dangerous than the other one because it has the ability to misguide and mislead the masses including the Muslims. Non-Atheist secularism does not come out condemning the ideas of the existence of God nor does it come out declaring war against religion or the Deen, rather it only appears like the one who wants to reconcile the conflict between the Deen and the Dunya i.e. the church (or the mosque) and the state. This kufr call misleads many people who lack understanding of the Deen and the systems that are based on it, this type of secularism declares war and fights daily against the Deen and against the propagators who carry it. It is secure and satisfied that nobody will classify it as kufr because it does not come out with the message of atheist secularism, however this is only due to the ignorance of the masses.

Secularism is Kufr

Both images of secularism are explicit kufr and there is no conjecture or doubt about it. Whoever believes in either of the two types of secularism and accepts them leaves the Deen of Islam and becomes an apostate. Thus, because Islam is a comprehensive and complete Deen, which shapes the whole of life's affairs we cannot take some and leave some, for Allah (swt) says:

"Oh believers embrace all of the Deen of Islam..." [EMQ Al-Baqarah 2:208]

Allah declared and classified that anybody who takes some and rejects other parts of Islam is Kafir, Allah says,

"...Do you believe in some of the revelation and you disbelieve in other parts, the punishment for the one who does that is humiliation in this life and on the day of judgement he will get severe punishment and Allah will never miss anything you do". [EMQ 2:85]

The Fruits of Secularism in the Muslim World

The spread of secularism into Muslim society was so prolific that it has affected the Dunya and Deen of the Muslims in all areas of their lives; here are some of the ugly fruits of secularism.

1. Rejecting that sovereignty and supremacy is for none but Allah (swt). Rejection of the fact that the power of legislation is for none but Allah (swt) and that governing and ruling should be according to what Allah (swt) has revealed. Isolation of the Shari'ah from all spheres of life. That divine revelation, which was revealed to the Messenger of Allah, has been replaced by man made law, which they have adopted, from the Kuffar (non Muslims). Those who call for the Shari'ah in order to resume the Islamic way of life and call for the implementation of whatever Allah (swt) has revealed and the desertion of all man made law are considered backward and labelled terrorists or fundamentalists, they are mocked and ridiculed. Calling for the Shari'ah is a ground for murder, arrest, discrimination and torture of those who call for it and being subject to complete isolation and boycott, in order that they do not affect society.
2. Total distortion of Islamic history and the bright civilisation of Islam, by fabricating news, text, historic incidents and events, thus painting an ugly picture of the golden era of Islamic conquests, progress and development (the Islamic globalisation). Islam's Golden era is represented as a barbaric inhuman era full of anarchy and personal greed, selfishness, killing etc.
3. Total corruption of education and the national curriculum. Education has been made subservient to propagation of secular ideas by the following methods
 - a) Propagating secular thoughts and ideas in different subjects so that lessons to students throughout different education levels from primary, secondary, higher education up until university are geared to making sure that secular personalities are produced.
 - b) Reducing the time of religious studies to very short periods, making sure that religious theory becomes detached from life's affairs
 - c) Preventing particular topics from being taught in schools because they have the clear-cut meaning of sovereignty for Allah (swt), which would expose the falsehood of secularism.
 - d) The distortion of the divine text by the introduction of false interpretations and twisted meanings, sometimes misquoting in order to

- make it look as though secular thought is supported by Islam or at least that it does not contradict it
 - e) Prevention and isolation of any teachers who appear to be practising Muslims. Practising Muslims are prevented from teaching and mixing with students by transferring them to administrative jobs or giving them early retirement or the sack.
 - f) Making religious session a marginal issue in the curriculum, making it the last and least important subject of the day, in order that it has no impact on the end results or on the students themselves.
4. Diluting the difference between those who carry the true Islamic message, the believers, from the people of distortion, the people of corruption and the Kuffar, by merging them into one Kuffar, atheists, fujjar, fasiqeen and making them all appear to be on the same level. Whereas, in reality, the Kafir, atheist, fajir, fasiq, the sinners and the corrupted are favoured over the people of Tawheed and over obedience and submission to Allah (swt). For secular Muslims, Christians, Jews, communists, Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs and atheists etc are all the same in the eyes of the secular system, none can be favoured except the one who has more allegiance to secular thoughts and ideas. Therefore, according to secular thought, marriage between a Jew, Christian or communist and a Muslim woman is a matter that is not questionable and has no embarrassment or shame. Furthermore, under secularism, it makes no difference whether the ruler is Muslim or non-Muslim in a Muslim country and this is promoted under the pretext of "national unity".
5. Spreading and propagating *Al-Ibahiyyah* i.e. sexual liberalism and spreading anarchy rather than morality, thus destroying the family, which is the first seed of the social infrastructure. This is encouraged by the following methods:
 - a) Issuing laws permitting indecency, it is made lawful and does not carry any punishment. Considering practising fornication, adultery and sexual misbehaviour as a matter of personal freedom that must be secured and guaranteed for everybody.
 - b) Utilising the media and various press such as newspapers, magazines, radio, television, satellite and the internet, (which never grow tired and never become bored) to fight against decency and spread and promote indecency, explicitly and implicitly, day and night.
 - c) Declaring war against the khimar and jilbaab and imposing semi-nudism and free mixing in schools, colleges, universities, academic institutes, local authorities and amongst civil servants etc.
6. Fighting against the Islamic call by the following methods
 - a) Banning and restricting the spread of and publication of Islamic books, which is in contrast to the free and unrestricted right to publish corrupted

books that promote deviant and misguided thoughts, which cause doubt on the Shari'ah and the Islamic way of life.

- b) Giving a free hand to the secular professors, doctors, intellectuals, pop stars, actors and singers who use the media and press to address the biggest audiences in order to spread their deviant and misguided ideas of secularism. The governments help to distort the meaning of the divine text by giving a platform to so called "scholars" who are nothing but secular clergy men who misinterpret the divine text and represent Islam as theological issues and superstitious matters that have nothing to address, except supernatural matters and some rules regarding istinja, wudu and personal issues! Alas, the ulema of Haq and the sincere Islamic Activists, those who are able to make people aware of the true meaning of Islam, face a complete media blockade.
 - c) The Islamic activists and true scholars are fought against and labelled; they face false accusations and slander. A picture is painted of backward, shallow, un-educated and narrow minded individuals. These so-called 'extremist fundamentalist Muslims' have no intellect and have 'declared war against technology, science and progress', they are a 'lunatic fringe' within society. They do not comprehend the reality and just skim the surface leaving the essence. Rather, Islamic Activists and true scholars are generally highly educated, intellectuals, who face the cold ugly face of the secularists and who provide intellectual answers, rather than relying on more crude forms of persuasion such as imprisonment and blanket slander, through the media.
7. Eradication of the Muslim scholars and Islamic activists who do not accept secularism or sit back without challenging it. This is through imprisonment, the loss of civil rights, deportation and exile.
 8. Removing anybody who opposes secularism.
 9. Denying the obligation of jihad, attacking it, challenging it and considering it a type of rebellion, similar to highway robbery! Even if the mujahideen are fighting for their homeland and defending life and honour, they are considered terrorists who deserve no rights or mercy from the secular fundamentalist governments, which are willing to destroy those sincere mujahideen or send them to prison
 10. Propagation or calling for nationalism and tribalism, which misleads the people by gathering and uniting them under imaginative bonds based on sects, language, places, race or interests. Nationalism and all of these false bonds are used in order to make sure that the Deen is not the main and only bond between the people in society. Rather Deen is propagated as being the cause of all destruction and war.

That is secularism, and many Muslims are misled by it nowadays, think about it and remember the hereafter...

Secularism is the Enemy of Al-Tawheed

One of the most dangerous challenges that faces the Muslims in this century is to destroy the false slogans and the dazzling speech that hide the kufr of secularism in the minds and the hearts of the Muslims. To expose, challenge and face secularism, we must first reach the necessary level of understanding, not only of Secularism but also of our Deen, in particular what the Shahadah (testimony) means. This understanding will enable us to make a clear distinction between Islam and Secularism, enabling us to stand firmly with Islam and against secularism.

We must clarify the meaning of Al-Tawheed, which is the greatest reality in Islamic thinking or point of view. Moreover, Al-Tawheed is the Pillar of the Deen of Islam. Al-Tawheed, at the same time, is the greatest contradiction and challenge to secularism, believing in Allah (swt) and his commands means to disbelieve in all others and their commands. Believing in Allah's names and attributes is to disbelieve in all others. If we do not declare that all others are kufr, if we associate others with Allah's names, attributes and commands, we become Mushrik. The shirk manifests itself in two pre requisite areas:

Shirk Al-Iraada Wal-Qasd in the will and the intentions.
Shirk Al-Ta'ah Wal-Ittibaa' in obeying and following.

As for the first type, the will and the intention, this is to seek something other than Allah (swt) in any ritual act of worship, such as salah, supplication, intercession, vows or kurbanis etc. This shirk manifests itself by the individual believing he could get help from people or things or believing that he will become closer to Allah (swt) through them. For Allah (swt) says in the Qur'an:

"Verily it is we who revealed the book to you in truth so serve Allah offering him sincere devotion."

"Is it not to God that sincere devotion is due? But those who take for protectors other than Allah say we only serve them in order that they may bring us nearer to God." [EMQ 39: 2-3]

The Taaghout of this type of shirk could be with statues, a dead person, a peer or priest etc. As for the shirk of obedience and following, it is a type of rebellion against Allah's command by rejecting his command or refusing to abide by some or all of his rules. Obedience to Allah is one the distinguishing items between Islam and Jahiliyyah and between Imaan and Kufr. The main attribute of Jahiliyyah is following and obeying something other than Allah (swt), for Allah says:

"Do they have partners that legislate for them? Allah never gave them permission for that! Have they collaborators who have established for them some rule without the permission of God? Had it not been for the decree of judgement the matter would have been decided among them at once but verily the wrong doers will have severe punishment." [EMQ 42: 21]

And Allah (swt) continues

"You will see the wrong doers in fear of what they have earned and the burden of that must necessarily fall on them..." [EMQ 42:22]

Moreover Allah says

*"Do you seek the rules of Jahiliyyah (man made law)"
"And who is better at ruling and judging than Allah for those who are believers"*

"O you who believe! Do not take the Jews and the Christians as your friends and protectors: they are but friends and protectors of each other. And those amongst you that turn to them (for friendship) are one of them. Verily Allah does not guide unjust people." [EMQ Al-Maida 5:50-51].

The Taaghout of this type could be with a ruler, leader, priest, a parliament, a legislative committee, a system, a constitution, custom or kufr groups etc. In fact both types of the above shirk are based on one principle, that is to accept arbitration or rules that are different to those of Allah (swt). Verily Al-Tawheed of Al-Haakimiyyah is an act of worship to His Almighty and referring to Him in all matters is itself the meaning of worshipping Allah (swt), by elevating Him and submitting to Him and following all of His commands exclusively, that is the pure Deen and Allah (swt) accepts nothing else.

Sheikh Al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah said, in his book 'Introduction to Submission', that *"a man is between two roads, there is no third, he either submits to Allah (swt) or he rejects his path of submission and follows the path of rejection falling down in submission to something other than Allah (swt). Any submission or worship of something other than Allah (swt), whatever its size large or small, is submission and worship of Shaytan."*

And Allah (swt) says

"Did I not enjoin on you, Oh children of Adam, that you should not worship shaytan for that he is to you an enemy avowed"

"and you should worship me for that is the straight way but he did lead astray a great multitude of man, do you not understand" [EMQ 36:60-61]

"This is the hell which you were warned about"

*"embrace the fire of this day because you persistently rejected the truth."
[EMQ 36:63-64]*

The Shape and Types of Jahiliyyah

We must know that the kufr; Al-Jahiliyyah has different shapes and images and these manifest in the denial of the existence of Allah (swt) which is called the Jahilliyah of I'tiqaad, such as the kufr of the communists. The other type manifests itself by the defamation of God by deviating from God in ones worship or following something other than Allah (swt), such as the kufr of the Hindus, Jews and Christians, and these types can be classified into three:

1. Through belief and action i.e. the atheist.
2. Through belief and action, that has defamation in the existence of God i.e. the Mushrik Kafir.
3. Through actions recognising only the existence of God, these people have a dangerous deviation in the understanding of the Kalima, they associate in following and obedience, like the Kuffar who call themselves "Secular Muslims".

The one that calls himself a secular Muslim is the one who believes that he deserves the title Muslim and deserves the attributes of Al-Islam and the rights of the Muslim just because he pronounces the Kalima and performs some ritual acts, on the other hand this person has full submission to something other than Allah (swt), namely man made law. This is as bad as the second type where the person associates with something other than Allah in the area of worship and obedience.

If we study the kufr belief of the Arabs before Islam and when Islam was revealed we can make a clear correlation between the Jahiliyyah of that time and the Jahilliyah of our time i.e. that of Secularism. We find both the Jahil Arabs and the so called 'Secular Muslims' are the same in relation to the existence of God in terms of believing in God and His attributes. Allah (swt) says

"And if we ask them who created heaven and earth they will certainly say Allah, say praise be to God but most of them understand not" [EMQ 31:25].

Moreover they used to believe in the absolute will of Allah, as Allah says

"Those who give partners to Allah will say; if Allah had wished we would not have given partners to him nor our fathers nor would we have prohibited anything" [EMQ 6:148]

In addition, they believed in the angels

"And those who fear not the meeting with us for judgment say why are not the angels sent down to us or why do we not see our lord, indeed they have an arrogant conceit of themselves...." [EMQ 25:21]

The Jahil Arabs even believed in the messengers of Allah

"When there comes to them signs from Allah they say we should not believe until we receive a miracle exactly like the one received by Gods messengers, God knows best where and how to carry out his mission and who he will deliver his message to, soon the wicked will be overtaken by humiliation by God and severe punishment for all their plots" [EMQ 6:124]

They also used to believe that Allah controlled provisions, was all seeing and hearing, the giver of life and the taker of life and the controller of all destiny. For Allah says

"Who is it that sustains you in this life from the sky and the earth? And who is it that has power over hearing and sight? And who is it that turns the living to dead and brings the dead to life? And who is it that rules and regulates all affairs and destiny? They will soon say God. Say will you not then show piety to him." [EMQ 10:31]

This Ayah shows us what the Mushriks used to believe in. Moreover the Arabs in, the time of Jahiliyyah would perform ritual activities, just like the Secular people today. Further still, the Arabs before Islam performed some of the ritual acts such as making Tawaaf around the Ka'bah, standing in Arafat, respecting the sacred months and making Kurbanis (ritual sacrifices) for the sake of Allah (swt), like many secular people today.

For Allah (swt) says

“And they donated to Allah whatever has been produced in abundance, in tith and cattle they assign for him a share, this is for God and this is for our partners...” [EMQ 6:136]

From the judicial point of view, Imam Al-Qurtabi, in his Tafseer, referred to the Arabs before Islam as mushrik, who established some type of penal code, such as cutting the hand of the thief, just like many secularists today.

Finally, the Arabs of Jahiliyyah were the first to guarantee freedom of religion, and like the secularists today, they recognised those who believed in the monotheist Deen of Ibraheem (as) (Al-Hanafiyyah) and recognised the people of the book (the Jews and Christians), they recognised the people who worshiped idols, jinns and stars etc. Freedom of religion was guaranteed like many secular systems of today, yet Allah (swt) called the system of the Quraysh a kufr system and called those people who believed in Allah (swt), prayed, made tawaaf etc, Kafir!

The Islamic Verdict on Secularism and the Secular System

Allah (swt) judges Secular society as Kufr society, a Jahil belief and considers all the matters that the secular people today use to justify their kufr ideas, as an illusion and kufr. That is why the confrontation between the secular people and Muslims in the time of the Messenger Muhammad (saw) became very intense and was a very harsh battle and dispute, until the sword was the final solution, which came to completely eradicate the foundations of kufr from the Arabian Peninsula. Ironically, the subject matter of this battle was only one statement, which is "There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger". Muhammad (saw) persisted in calling for "La Illaha Illallah Muhammadur Rassoolulla" and the Jahil Arabs persisted in rejecting it. Muhammad (saw) never compromised his call in any of its details, whereas the Kuffar rejected, this is clear from the first day he called them to embrace and testify to Tawheed, their immediate answer was 'are you saying all Gods are one God, you are saying something very strange'.

Allah (swt) says

"Has he made the gods all into one god truly this is a strange thing."

"And the leaders among them go away (impatiently) (saying) "Walk away and remain constant to your gods! For this is truly a thing designed (against you)!"

"We never heard (the like) of this among the people of these latter days: this is nothing but a made-up tale!

*"What! Has the Message been sent to him (of all persons) among us?"
But they are in doubt concerning My (own) Message! They have not yet tasted My Punishment! [EMQ 38:5-8]*

The matter was very clear in the minds of the previous secularists, they knew that to commit themselves to Islam meant to reject and to completely give up anything they worshipped or followed except God. In their minds it was very clear that they would have to give up all the Taaghout of the idols, the ruling, the clergy etc, they

knew that they would have to submit fully and exclusively to Allah as the only creator and commander in all matters, big or small. From that understanding, which in fact is known from Islam by necessity amongst true Muslims, we can see that the Islamic verdict for secularism is clearly that secularism is, in summary, a kufr system, belief and way of life which completely contradicts with the Islamic belief from two fundamental basis:

1. From the angle that secularism is ruling by something other than what Allah (swt) has revealed.
2. To believe in the views and the opinions of man-made law is Shirk Al-Haakimiyah with the worship of Allah (swt).

Therefore we can say that secularism means judging by law and order other than the law and order of Allah, accepting ruling and legislation from something other than Almighty Allah and obeying and following man instead of Allah (swt). Secularism establishes a way of life that does not have Islam as its basis, it detaches the Deen from the state, society and political affairs Therefore secularism is a kufr system, its belief or system should have no place in the mind of the Muslim. The belief or rules of secularism have no place in Islam, for Allah (swt) says

*"... Those who do not rule and judge by what Allah has revealed are kafir"
[EMQ 5:44]*

It is incredible how the kufr is so clear, yet we find many Muslims have difficulty applying the word kufron to the secular system and the individuals that uphold it. Secularism is upheld by individuals who believe that because the secular system does not deny the existence of Allah and does not stop us performing some of the ritual acts it can be exempt from being regarded as kufr. Even those who carry the banner of Islam, the Islamic Groups, have difficulty pronouncing our leaders kafir, excusing the leaders of secular democratic systems because they pronounce the shahadah and do some ritual acts such as salah, hajj and siyam and because they show respect to some so called religious clergy men and religious institutions. Even with the cheap and shallow pretensions of the leaders, people still find it difficult to state that the secular system is a kufr system and those so-called Muslims who uphold it or follow it are Kuffar.

The confusing claims of secularism are regurgitated constantly and some believe that because secularism allows prayer it is good, they do not understand the Shahadah of Islam, are confused and can therefore be given the benefit of the doubt. However we cannot give the benefit of the doubt to the majority of

intellectuals or educated Muslims and groups. We call the people and groups who call for secularism to wake up, think and contemplate, do they really believe that the Messenger (saw) and his companions struggled and faced all hardship and difficulties for 23 years continuously, with all the ayat that command people, just so that the secular people of today can utter the shahadah and perform some ritual acts that, incidentally, they perform, like some sort of favour for Allah? What is the difference between what the Quraysh said to the Prophet “*We will follow your Lord for four years and you follow ours for four years*” and what the secularists say which is “*we worship Allah in the mosque but follow and obey the prime minister or president in the area of politics, the court, trade and in the market*?” The only difference is that the Jahil Arabs specified a time i.e. four years, and the secularists of today specify it in terms of place and subject.

If we look at the secular constitutions of today we find that the totality of rules adopted are from various religions and from the Greek, Roman, French and British etc. ways of life. and all of it is based on man made desires and views, but in the eyes of the secularists these constitutions have become law and order which they believe in and must abide by and call the people for. The secularists call for obedience to the law of the land and to give it precedence over Islamic law, they give sovereignty and supremacy to man, refer to the man made law and arbitrate with man made law, this is the Deen of the secular people, this is their way of life, yet people find it hard to call them kafir.

Clearly, referring to secularism and man made law has become widespread, even though secular law permits what Allah has forbidden and forbids what Allah permits for example, the secular system, and its daughter democracy, permit all types of usury and manufacturing, trading, supplying and consumption of alcohol, nightclubs, nudism, homosexuality, bisexuality, pornography, illicit relationships, gambling, relationships of incest, modelling, drugs, insurance, credit cards, third party contracts, shares, the denial of Allah etc.

The secular system permits fornication and adultery and treats it merely as an affair. The democratic secular system for example, does not permit the husband to file a case for the crime of adultery even if he witnesses it. If a husband saw his wife in his own bed committing this vile act and his Deen and honour drove him to kill the lover of his wife he would be charged with murder. However, if the lover killed the husband whilst fighting him, he might plead “self defence” and could even be freed. The wife would then become a widow, inherit everything and could run off with her lover! However if the husband decided to do anything he could not even hurt the feelings of his wife by accusing her of adultery, and if he did, in this *dayyous* (disgraceful) secular system, she would be entitled to sue him for slander! This is just one example of the fruits of this corrupt secular way of life.

O Muslims, what do you think about those secular individuals who declare the separation of the Deen from life’s affairs publicly and declare that the management of the universe is a partnership between them and Allah. For these it is only the ritual acts and the belief of individuals that is for Allah (swt) and man legislates all the transactions of society and the affairs of life.

O Muslims, what do you think about those secular people who have no legislator except the parliament, no sovereignty except the people and no respect or elevation except for those who make, uphold and defend man made law.

O Muslims, what do you think about those secular people who are furious, like their masters, at the growth of the Islamic revival at the hands of the Islamic movements and consider them *enemy number one*, who they must fight and eradicate.

Did not Imam Ibn Kathir (in his book *Al-Bidaya Wal-Nihaya*, volume 13, page 199) say, “whoever leaves the shari’ah i.e. the law which has been revealed to the final Messenger (saw) and arbitrates, rules and judges by something other than the Shari’ah is a Kafir.” Imam Ibn Kathir has the consensus of all Muslims here. It is very clear that glamorous arguments, merely testifying by the tongue and performing some ritual acts, by the secular people carries no weight and has no importance, except amongst the fools, the hypocrites and the ignorant.

One question that has arisen is, why does the secular system play the tune of religion insisting that it is Islamic, despite the fact that all the elements of authority such as legislature, ruling, judiciary etc. do not refer to Islam? To answer this question, we must know first that the secular regimes successfully (but only temporarily) managed to distance the shari’ah of Allah (swt) from life’s affairs and from the life of the Muslims. Furthermore, the regimes were working actively to take the Muslims away from the roots of Islam and towards their own secular, materialistic, and atheist schools of thought. When they failed to fulfil this plot they faced desperation and frustration, they stopped attacking Islam and the Muslims and dreamt up another plot, even more ugly than the first. This new, evil and dangerous conspiracy has resulted in the invention of a new system and new oppressive regimes (Britain and America included) who do not rule by Allah’s revelation, but claim to be Islamic and claim to respect the Islamic belief by advocating this via many mediums, such as the TV and radio. They accommodate the secular Muslims who claim to be Islamic, encouraging them to speak out about their individualistic and distorted version of Islam. These secular Muslims and clergy mislead the sincere Muslims and brainwash them with secular ideas. Secular ideas kill the feelings and emotions of the masses, securing the loyalty of the masses to the regimes.

Indeed, the attack on the Shari'ah is continuing, they wish to destroy the shari'ah and to defend their distortions with their own shield. They are secure in the knowledge that the Ummah, drugged up by the opium of secularism, will give them total authority to do as they wish. That is why the leaders and the executive bodies i.e. Ministers of Parliament, Prime Ministers, government workers etc. do not have the courage to publicise or declare that they are secular or atheist or that they are against the Shari'ah, the way that they loudly pronounce their democratic faith.

The Secular Slogans and Banners

Secular people, organisations and countries have adopted many slogans in their plot against Islam. The slogans, that they claim are Islamic are, in reality, clear stupidity and secularism. Secular people are however very calculated, cunning and conniving, they work hard to attribute secularism to the Deen of Islam, but what they produce are vociferous cheap slogans, such as: “Reformation of the Shari’ah” and “flexibility of the Shari’ah”.

Reformation is needed in the Shari’ah, they claim, in order to deal with all the needs of our time. With flexibility in the Shari’ah, the claim is that this is required in order to ‘balance’ Islamic law with fashion and international law and order. There is the call to ‘codify the Shari’ah’ i.e. the Shari’ah Bill, this is in order that people do not rebel against their corrupted thoughts and ideas. In fact they want secularism to become embedded in the mind and body of the masses, in the same way that poison circulates slowly around the body inevitably leading to its death. This slow death goes unnoticed because they inject secularism in calculated doses, under the poisoned slogan of ‘implementing the Shari’ah gradually’.

Democratic secularism, as is well known, leaves the belief and ritual acts in accordance to the command of God, but makes the transactions, the political affairs and life’s affair in accordance to the commands of man. That is the exact meaning of the common slogan “there is No Deen in politics and no politics in the Deen” or the slogan of “detach the Deen from the state”. Detaching the Deen from the States is in fact known from Islam by necessity to be the heart of shirk and its pillar. However, Secular people work vigorously so that this fact does not reach the masses and the Muslims; they keep the people busy with their cheap rhetoric and slogans of intellectualism, rationalism, modernism and enlightened Islam. Slogans such as “the rule of the people, by the people, for the people” and the deception of “freedom” and “human rights” permit people to exercise all types of unlawful and abnormal sexual acts and ‘liberalism’, all of this corruption is done with the blessing of the media and under the eyes and with the full knowledge and protection of the police.

In addition, under the umbrella that the people are the source of authority, all authority is taken away except the authority of discrimination, which arrests Muslims alone e.g. under a law of ‘Terrorism’. Under the pretext of rationalism and intellectualism people are taken out of the light of Islam and into the darkness

of kufr. Under the pretext of multiculturalism and freedom of speech, all types of immorality is exercised, the doors are wide open for so called ‘arts’ such as music, dancing and philosophical theory. This in turn opens the door for the hypocrite and corrupted, who launch attack after attack on Islam. An example is a recent play, where the sacred house of Allah was ridiculed, they showed a mock Kabah, with actors dressed as Hajjis making Tawaaf around it, the finale was a belly dancer who appeared from inside the Kabah to dance semi-naked for the Hajjis, all of this occurred during the month of Hajj, under the guise that it was art!

How could mankind be in the situation, where the singers, actors, models, dancers and prostitutes have annual awards proclaiming their good achievements under the pretext of art? These corrupted people get gifts, rewards and certificates of appreciation, even in some cases, with the blessing of the muftis of the secular regimes! The Secular regimes are the ones that continue to distort Islam but permit dancing, singing, acting, modelling, free mixing and all corruption so much so that they have recently started to permit usury under the pretext that it is interest and profit.

Ilmaniyyah is Kabeeth and secularism is like a tree; its fruits are those who call themselves Muslims and reject that there is any relationship between the Aqeedah and Akhlaq, in particular the morals of transactions and the Aqeedah. This kabeeth tree ripens between the people, producing highly qualified secular people from the universities of the world, these experts question what Islam has to do with life’s affairs. They condemn Islam’s interference with personal behaviour, saying, “what does Islam have to do with nudism on the beach”, “what does Islam have to do with the fashion of the people in the street” and “what does Islam have to do with the sexual needs and sexual behaviour of the people”. In public transactions they condemn Islam, saying, “what does Islam have to do with drinking alcohol, which makes the mind more settled and happy”, “what does Islam have to do with taking riba from banks” and “what does Islam have to do with what the educated civilised people do”. Those “educated” people pant behind the kabeeth slogans, repeating the slogan “the Deen is for Allah and the country is for all”, i.e. that the Deen is only in the heart and has nothing to do with country or society. They say Deen is an individual thing for the heart and has nothing to do with the country. It does not come as a surprise when the fruit of the Universities ripens and the secular graduates say, “Leave what is for caeser to caeser and what is for God to God”.

So what is the difference between the slogans of the secularists today and the people of Madian in the time of Jahiliyyah, for Allah (swt) says in the Quran:

“...Does your salah request you to order us to give up what our parents worshipped...” [EMQ Hud 11:875].

The secular people of today question and strongly reject that the Deen should interfere with economy or that there should be any relationship between the Deen and transactions in our lives or our behaviour. What the secularists of today say is “does your salah request you to order us to follow the Deen in economy and give up the economy of our parents and peers?”, “does your salah order you to order us to give up the customs and values of our parents?”, “what has the Deen to do with financial transactions?”, “what does the Deen have to do with trade or cheating in trade or even stealing?”, “what does the Deen have to do with selling alcohol or dealing in drugs?”, “what does the Deen have to do with politics or ruling?”, “does your Deen ask you to order us to give up the politics and the ruling of our society?”. Moreover, they speak with voices of condemnation if the moral values that are based on a religious foundation interfere with economics saying, “These moral values will corrupt our trade”. It is no surprise from these people who were suckled and brought up on the basis of “detach the Deen from the state” and their famous kalima, which is not “There is no God but Allah” but “There is no Deen in politics and no politics in Deen”.

The secularists today should not boast about their development and the advancement of society because they are at the same level of development as the people of Madian in time of the Nabi Salih (as). The Nabi Salih asked the people not to deal with riba and not to have transactions based on man made law, the society that the Nabi Salih addressed are just like the society today except that this society is more ignorant and Jahil than before.

Unfortunately the current secular “Alim” believe they have knowledge, scientific enlightenment, and are civilized. These so called Alim accuse those who reject the detachment of belief from behaviour and life’s affairs, whether in transactions, in the market or in politics and ruling to be backwards, uncivilized, extreme, rigid, old fashioned and narrow-minded. These rhetoric terms are now represented by the new terms “fundamentalism”, “extremism” and “terrorism” and this is exactly the type of language we hear from those who claim to be Muslims when they describe the true Muslims.

S e c u l a r i s m i s a B a a t i n i C u l t

We question; why do the secularists not show their animosity towards Islam? The answer is simply because they are a secret cult. One of the signs of the hypocrite is that he shows no rejection for the Deen openly, has no apparent animosity towards Islam but conceals the kufr and hatred in his heart, for Allah (swt) says in the Quran “What they conceal in their heart is greater” and Allah says “they will please you with their tongues but their hearts will reject you”. Therefore, we see the Secular “Muslims” wearing the cloak of Islam in order to fulfil their ugly objectives but at the same time, they offer their corrupted services free of charge to their friends the Jews, Christians, Hindus, Sikhs, homosexuals, lesbians and atheists, who conspire to destroy the Muslim Ummah and Islam. Verily they cooperate in preparation for the final conflict, when the Muslims will be seduced the way the snake seduces its victim, slowly surrounding it, squeezing it and consuming it, leaving no mark, making no noise, being cautious not to wake anybody. They use tricks and distorted views to mislead sincere Muslims who have become soft targets for the enemy.

Let us illustrate some examples for the benefit of all, of how this cult, secularism conceals its hatred and animosity towards Islam. In a Jewish newspaper *Yadhoud Ahnoud*, regarding the Jewish attack on South Lebanon, the magazine launched an attack against the National Israeli Television saying in its analysis, “Verily our media must not forget an important fact which is a part of the strategy in Israel in our war against the Arabs and that is the fact that we have succeeded, by our effort and the effort of our friends (the Arab regimes), to separate Islam from our battle with the Arabs for the last 30 years. We must keep Islam far away from the battle forever, we must not make the mistake for a second while we are fulfilling our plan. We must prevent the Islamic feeling awakening in any shape or form. With the help of our friends abroad (i.e. the Arab leaders), we must use force and violence to suppress and diffuse any initiative by any individual or group that is trying to revive or awaken the Islamic spirit in the area or the entire region”. The magazine finished by saying “But the Israeli television has made a foolish mistake by showing the happiness of the Christian Maronite villagers when we occupied large parts of South Lebanon, because by showing that they will awaken the Islamic spirit. We are afraid that some Islamic movements will use these reports to motivate Muslim feelings against us. If we fail to persuade our friends to attack the Islamic groups at the right time, Israel will face a real enemy and not just an

imaginative one. We will face an enemy that we have always distanced ourselves from in battle, we will face those fundamentalists who believe that if any one of them kills a Jew he will enter paradise or if a Jew kills him he will enter paradise. Israel will find itself in a very awkward position”. For these reasons the secularists and the hypocrites rise with slogans, they mislead as many Muslims as they can, trying to satisfy the heart of those who have started to doubt their intentions and who might be inclined towards the slogans of secularism, freedom and democracy. All the while, they work actively to uproot Islam from its foundation, working slowly and quietly in order not to awaken the sleeping giant.

The Religious Programme in the Media

Throughout the history of Islam the disbelievers and the hypocrites have claimed to be believers, some even claimed to be reformists who were working to bring prosperity to the earth and not corruption. Today the current secularists and their leaders claim to be believers; they alternate like a chameleon between kufr beliefs and ideologies and Islam. One day they are communist, the next liberal and then conservative. Verily it is not surprising to see the actions of the past and present secularists, as their kufr is one *Millah*. What is very strange is that these secular groups and parties have religious committees, they call themselves hajjis or ‘Sheikhs’ of religious affairs. Who do they think they are cheating and misleading? For Allah (swt) says in the Qur’an:

“They think they mislead Allah and the believers verily they mislead none but themselves but they do not know” [EMQ 2:9]

Some of them claim to be believers, but call for interfaith between various religions and become involved in publishing religious books about religions based on a common ground between Muslims, Christians and Jews. Therefore, it is no surprise that we see the secular democratic regimes allocating time in the national media for religious programmes, listing these programs amongst other satanic programmes. All they promote are a few Islamic rules on personal affairs, which sit alongside man-made laws. The secularists are the very people that in every paper, have a column in a corner, on a special page, that deals with religious issues. The secularists are the people that say that religion is in the Mosque alone and keep politics out of the Mosque but invite the enemies of Allah to talk about their own corrupted man made politics in the Mosque! They are the ones who like to show the Muslims that they are performing hajj or Umrah at the house of Allah, but at the same time, they visit the houses and the government buildings of the enemies of Allah. Whether they visit the White House, Downing Street or the Kremlin in the East or the West, the secularists come to their leaders and receive their orders, instructions, curriculum, agenda and various other types of law and order. What is ironic is that the secular people have become foolish to the level that some even praise their former leaders, saying their best characteristic is that they didn’t implement the Shari’ah. It is published in one of the most vociferous voices of secularism in *Al-Watan* newspaper, in Cairo, by Abdul Sattar Al-

Taweelah, in his article on 22nd August 1991, “...during the time of the late Jamal Abdul Naser, from the beginning of his revolution, the ruling, regardless that it was a dictatorship, did not mix religion with ruling, his system was closer to secularism than anything else. He confined religion in his time to the establishment of a religious Quranic programme and permission for people to build mosques and churches, he facilitated hajj, and provided all means for the religious people to perform their ritual acts. Whereas, his good rule was at a great distance from the ideas of governing by religion. That is why his system was not the Islamic Shari’ah nor the Christian Shari’ah except in personal affairs such as marriage or divorce”.

Secular People Worship Their Peers and MPs

We would like to ask the secularists and those who claim to be Muslim from amongst them the following questions.

If for arguments sake, we detach Islam from any of life's activity, e.g. politics, ruling or economics, where are we going to get the alternate legislation and regulation for that detached part? The answer will, without any doubt, not be from Allah i.e. revelation, and will be the obedience and following of something other than Allah. The result will be associating with Almighty Allah's commands and rules someone or something else and that is Shirk Billah, and there is no clearer illustration of explicit consent to shirk than the shirk of obeying and following. Verily it is the Shirk against worshipping Allah exclusively, even if those who practice it are ignorant about the meaning of worshipping Allah exclusively.

Uday Bin Hatim (ra), in the time of Jahiliyyah, never envisaged that going to the MPs or Peers and asking for legislation or rules was a form of worship, but when he became a Muslim he heard the Prophet Muhammad (saw) recite the Qur'an,

They take their priests and their anchorites (e.g. MPs Lord etc.) to be their lords in derogation of Allah" [EMQ 9:31].

Uday was a Christian before Islam and he asked, "Oh Rasoolullah we did not worship them". The Prophet replied, "Didn't they permit for you what Allah forbade and you took it, and didn't they forbid what Allah permitted and you left it". Uday said, "yes", and Muhammad (saw) said, "Then this is the way you worshipped them". Sheikh Al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah, in his commentary of this hadith, said, "Allah (swt) made that action shirk, even though they did not used to pray or make sajjood to them, but because they used to follow and obey their MPs and Priests."

Verily secularism, which was born, delivered and brought up in the lap of Jahiliyyah, is explicit kufr. This fact is clear and there is no doubt, evasion or distortion. Doubt, evasion and distortion are the very weapons used by the secularists in order to give themselves extra time amongst the Muslims. They know very well that they cannot survive, except by cheating and distortion. They use dazzling manners, speech and slogans in order to conceal their true call. Their attempts to create secular Muftis to front their secular system, result in the ugly

muftis of today, whose ugliness increases, especially when the Mufti and secularists motivate the Muslims against one another, in particular those sincere Muslims who are aware of the situation and are working actively against secularism. Finally, the cloud of secularism that befores the eyes of the Muslims has made some Muslims go to the secular groups. They are promised better living standards and solutions for the problems of the lack of food, shelter and clothing. Whereas if we believed in the principles of Islam and its true meanings such as Tawakkul and Wala' and Bara', our hearts would remain free from kufr. If these meanings were established in the hearts of the Muslims, the secular groups would never find a Muslim that would join them. How could a Muslim who believes in Allah and the hereafter and submits to Allah, refer to the secularists or ally with them, when he knows that they declare war against Allah and his Deen, Islam? For Allah says,

"we will never find a believer in Allah and the hereafter who will have any inclination towards those who oppose Allah and his messengers commands even if they are their own father, parents, children, brothers, sisters, tribes or people..." [EMQ 58:22].

What is of more animosity to Allah, his Messenger and his command than the secularists who reject the Shari'ah of Islam publicly and openly, and call, without rest, for the detachment of the command of God and his laws from life's affairs? What is of more animosity to Allah and his Messenger, than those who compete with Allah in his own absolute and exclusive right of legislation? It is time for the Muslims to wake up and take notice of this destructive and dangerous distraction that works internally and externally, threatening the Muslims and their Deen. Isn't it time the Muslims cooperated and stood together to defend themselves, their existence and their religion? Isn't it time the Muslims regrouped and prepared to meet the enemy in order to strike fear into the heart of enemy of Allah? Isn't it time for many Muslims to give up their cheap struggles, side disputes, marginal and artificial activities and cooperate together in order to combine their physical, moral and material capabilities? It is time to meet this historical challenge, prepare for the historical battle that is very close, the vital battle of life and death. Let the Muslims know that to expose the secular regimes and systems, to strip them of their dazzling cloaks and to masks, and expose their plot for the people is a step along the right path. Isn't it time to expose the hypocrite, defeatist, moderate, secularists who are enemies of Islam but whom have honours bestowed on them. They are given titles such as genius, Lord, Baron etc. Exposing these corrupted people who claim to be Muslims is another step along the right path. Isn't it time that it was public knowledge that implementing the Shari'ah is attached to the root

of the Deen of Islam and implementing man made law is clear apostasy and related to the roots of kufr, surely this is another step towards the right path. Isn't it time that people knew that Tawheed, Khilafah, Jihad, and commanding good and forbidding evil are the real steps towards the right path. It is about time for all of us to fear Almighty Allah out of respect and worship, for Allah says,

“isn't it time for the believers to fear out of respect and worship for the zikar of Allah and for his word and for his almighty and the truth that has been revealed.” [EMQ 57:16]

Therefore we declare that we reject secularism because it is the manifestation of the rejection of the Deen of Allah whether in its roots or in its details. We reject secularism because its basis detaches the Deen from the reality and from life's affairs, the state and society. Islam as a thought is based on total submission and obliges us to reject any thought based on total or partial rejection of God. Verily there is a conflict between submission and liberalism, they oppose each other and one must concede to the other, man is the one who must concede and bow to God and not vice versa. Verily we reject secularism because it represents falsehood and we are working to implement the truth i.e. Islam, we will not compromise any of its rules, thoughts and ideas nor will we isolate ourselves from society, because that would be practical secularism, rather we will continue to live in any secular society without integration or isolation. We will continue to interact, exposing secularism and man made law without giving it any legitimacy, because that would mean withdrawing ourselves from the legitimacy of the Shari'ah, verily Islam is the only solution and we must not introduce something other than Islam as an alternative, implement Islam and nothing else. Those who introduce secular ideas and justify the secular state or democratic state are in fact giving those terms legitimacy and this is, by itself, an act of legislation. We are Muslims and carriers of Islam and cannot believe in Islam and adopt it, without propagating it, marketing it and calling for it. We benefit from democracy, which is the result of secularism, but we must not give it any credence, even if the democratic state gives the right of consultation or gives the Muslims autonomy, we must not give it any legitimacy because whatever the Ummah reaches by way of authority cannot and has no right to exceed the limit of the command of Allah. We have no right to vote for non-Islamic rules.

I call upon the Muslims who carry the project of the civil secular state, free from Deen, to accept that any state without Deen at its foundation and as its detailed rules, is a state which has emptied society from any religious or moral values, and

this is anarchy and contradicts the Islamic concept which is based on organising the affairs of man according to the Shari'ah.

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