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Are Muslims becoming aware of their responsibility to re-establish Allah(swt) deen on Earth?

True believers following Muhammad(saaw), will enter Paradise, be successful both in this life and the hereafter, become a viceregent of Allah(swt).



News

Al-Khilafah (Nizam Al-Mustafa) For Pakistan

The land of Pakistan, like the rest of Muslim land, in terms of material resources alone should be the First World. It has large oil & gas reserves in areas like Baluchistan. As the rest of Muslim land she has fine armies. As the rest of Muslim land she has good

people, as Muhammad (saw) said, "The Good is in me and my Ummah until the Day of Judgement."

However the present system has crippled such potential. Despite all her assets the Muslim Ummah has been reduced to begging. Despite all these soldiers, Muslims are faced with humiliation after humiliation- Palestine, Kashmir, Bosnia. Despite all our strength we are not even able to ban the Socratic Verses.

The October Coupe'detant of General Musharraf has reminded the muslims in Pakistan that in the event democracy fails the army is their to provide a breathing space for political parties to realign themselves inorder to return democracy. Yet the people of Pakistan are disheartened about the present system. So worried in fact, that at a time when both the President and the prime minister resigned the man on the street was more preoccupied with day to day living. In one week the price of petrol rose three times. The message seems to have come through that no matter what has been done in the past, for all the changes in leaders, the riots and the reforms; things do not change.

We attempt to show in this article that to change who governs is not enough. Rather it is a matter with what the rulers govern, and any change less than the Khilafah system, is not enough. Not even partial Islamic reforms are enough.

Elections of new leaders are not enough

Despite all the previous changes in who governs, the situation has worsened. In General Ayoub Khan's time the servicing of foreign debt accounted for 4.2% of the budget. In General Yahya Khan's short period of rule in the early 70's this rose to 34.5%. During Benazir Bhutto's even shorter period of rule it climbed to 45%. After military and administration costs only 5% remained for other vital services such as education. Small wonder there is such a low literacy rate.

Partial reforms are not enough

Neither can these problems be solved by partial reforms e.g. despite the much celebrated reforms of the 1960's there is still a gross problem of wealth. In 1976 - 8% of all manufacturing assets were in the hands of just 43 families. In Banking the situation was worse. Seven families ran the show, controlling 91.6% of private domestic deposits & 84.4% of earning assets.

(source L.J. White "Industrial concentration and economic power in Pakistan" for Princeton University).

The reforms have not addressed the heart of the matter. This has been the case even when the laws have been Islamic. The Shari'ah Bill, issued during the time of Nawaz Sharif, demonstrates this clearly. It starts in a promising manner, "Shari'ah, that is to say the Holy Qu'ran and Sunnah

are the supreme law of Pakistan..." However in the same breath it says, "...provided that the economic system and present form of the government shall not be effected".

The medicine of the Ummah has been mentioned, but the believers are not allowed to taste it because of the present system.

Khilafah

The following is an insight into the structure of the Khilafah. Comparisons will be made to the present situation to show the vast improvement. (fuller details of the constitution and evidences from the Qur'an and Sunnah will be published in future issues of The Islamic Truth.)

Ruling System

Islam in its ruling system provides what is on the lips of all Muslims - unity. Only the implementation of Islam can provide such unity.. Further it looks after the affairs of both Muslim and Non Muslims. This bonding was so strong that in the 1920's, Hindus were part of the Khilafah movement. Non Muslim as Kafir Dhimmi enjoyed citizenship with Muslims in the Khilafah, not made into lepers called 'ethnic minorities'. It is a duty of the Muslims to protect their blood, honour and property. As citizen's of the Khilafah they will have different forms of personal worship and enjoy with Muslims the fruits of Islam in the fields of economics, politics, education and social relations.

No one is above the law of Allah (swt), including the Khaleefah. The ruler will be accounted by the Ummah, the Court of the Unjust Acts (Mahkamat Ud-Mu'Dhalim) and by Islamic parties, like Hizb ut-Tahrir or Al-Muhajiroun. The latter will not be opposition parties, as this is against Islamic unity, there is no ruling or opposition party in Islam. Rather such parties must work amongst the Ummah to unify the Muslims under the Khilafah, to provide a check on adherence to Islam by the Khaleefah and in the absence of Khilafah to call Muslims to establish it.

Many changes can be expected in the day to day running of the country. Presently the Pakistani government is plagued by nepotism i.e. one race favouring itself over others. This has led to great unrest amongst the people, which in turn leads to the birth of nationalistic groups. This won't happen in the Administration System (Al-Jihaz Al-Eda'ary). Islam kills such problems before they arise. Muhammad (saw) said, "If a man is given authority over Muslims and he appointed a man in his position while another is more worthy than him, he would betray Allah, His Messenger and the Believers" (Al-Hakim)

Employee wages will be raised to a level where corruption will not be justified. Today in Pakistan it is almost expected of civil servants to abuse their position and take Rishwat (Bribery). This is a situation that will be remedied by the implementation of Islam in the fields of economics, education and punishment (see below).

Foreign Policy

One radical difference will be in Islam's attitude to the rest of Muslims land. These will not be treated as foreign. Such a situation will and does lead to disaster. When 53 United Nations' soldiers were killed in Somalia, 31 were Muslims from Pakistan. This is because our relations with our Muslim brothers is based on other than Islam. Today our lands are subservient to organisations such as the United Nations. International Law on which the UN is based was set up in the 17th century with a view to destroy Islam. Under its auspices Muslims are prevented from unifying, and often confront each other in the madness such disunity has created. We are not United Nations, rather we are a United Nation. Muslim land is one and the Muslim Ummah is one. Allah (swt) says in the Qur'an: "*You are One Nation and I am your lord so worship me*" [TMQ 21:91]

So all embassies of such land will be closed and all diplomatic ties severed. Rather efforts will be made to unify all Muslim Land as one Khilafah. Parties like Hizb ut-Tahrir or Al-Muhajiroun will no longer call for the establishing of Khilafah, but for unification under it. Insh' Allah no longer will the situation exist where Muslims need visas to make Hajj. Such unity is a life and death matter. It is a vital issue that all the Muslim Land becomes part of the Khilafah, for unity is a command from Allah (swt). Over one Million Muslims died in the wars to unify all Muslims under the Khaleefah during the time of the Crusades, before the enemy was confronted and routed. Insh'Allah the Muslims under the Khilafah will face the world as before, one unified body. Because Muslims today are disunited into different countries, Muslims set upon each other without ever confronting the real enemies of the Ummah.

Jihad Daf'a (Defensive Jihad)

The Khilafah will turn its attention to such enemies, with its unique understanding of international law. Countries like Israel will not be met with surrender as the Ummah has seen with

Yasser Arafat and the West's other stooges in the Middle East. Isarelis, like the Hindus of Kashmir, have illegally occupied Muslim land and so become Kafir Mughtasib. In Islam there is no peace with the likes of Israel, only Honnah, cease-fire which will serve as an announcement of their enemy status. Salahudeen with the permission of the Khaleefah concluded such a treaty with Richard the Lionheart for three years. He then went on to unify the Muslims as mentioned before defeating those who occupied Muslim Land. Depending on the Khilafah's strength, cease-fires can be set at a maximum of ten years and a minimum of four months, or alternatively we will wage Jihad without granting them a ceasefire.

Da'wa and Jihad Talab (Offensive Jihad)

Other countries will also be dealt with according to Islamic law. The Foreign policy of the Khilafah will be to make the call of Islam to the rest of the world in two ways:

1. Da'wa: inviting non-Muslims to Islam, and
2. Jihad Talab (Offensive Jihad): removing physically the obstacles in the way of the people embracing Islam.

Relationships will be in accordance with these.

So some countries will conclude 'friendship' treaties with the Khilafah, they will become Kafir Mu'aahid. They are not permanent either as it is clear and also must be made clear that it is the intention of the State to enable all the people of the world to live under the justice of Islam, whether Muslim or Non-Muslim. Many such countries accepted Islam without physical struggle, including the land with the largest Muslim population, Indonesia. Other countries which do not have such treaties will be treated with caution as they are potential enemies.

Muhammed (saw) himself entered into treaty with the Qur'aish. Scholars understand from such evidence four principles for treaties:

1. The 'Aaqid (contract maker) must be the Khaleefah or his delegate.
2. Must be within Shari'ah.
3. Must be for the Muslims' benefit.
4. Must be for a limited time , for Jihad will continue till the Day of Judgement.

Economic System

If the Foreign Policy is seen as the steering wheel, then the economy is a major part of the driving force. Islam is the only system which will allow the resources of the land of Pakistan, and ultimately all land, to be released from the present exploitation.

In Islam oil, gas and other large sources such as minerals are public properties, thus releasing a huge volume of wealth. As an example Muhammad (saw) said, "The public has the right on three things: Naar (fire based fuels), water and green pastures". This revenue used for all the citizens of the Khilafah and will be distributed, along with the various forms of taxes, by the Bayt-ul-Mal, which is part of the Department of Finance. This is not like the present banking institutions which cream off the wealth of the Ummah for their own ends. Rather it will be State controlled and not for a select body of multinational companies as at present. Such companies will be dissolved and their original capital returned. They will be allowed to reform under Islamic guidelines, and they can be commissioned for their areas of expertise by the State, say by the Department of Industry.

Similarly public utilities will be under State control

Also under the Department of Agriculture, land will not be hoarded by individual families as it is today. Kharaji and Ushri land will be leased by the Khilafah for use. It can be taken away and returned to the State for redistribution if it is not used for three years. By doing so Islam will dismantle the injustices endured by the present Capitalist order. Further to this, Islam is not like communism, it does not crush the individual desires to compete and earn. It has many forms of company structures which will be initiated. And though it is not against business it prevents monopolies and much of the evil principles, like interest (riba) that are being implemented today. Allah (swt) says: "*Allah has permitted trade and forbidden usury*" [TMQ 2:275].

Having such a powerful system means that Muslims and Non-Muslims will now be free to excel in other areas whereas they were previously preoccupied with the worries of day to day living. Indeed it is compulsory for the Khilafah to provide basic needs for all its citizens and if the taxes and revenue are not enough it has the right to exact additional taxes on the wealthy Muslims.

Education system

If economics is the engine then, the fuel of the nation is the culture it carries. In the time that Islam was implemented Muslims were the leading light to humanity. At a time when Europe was in the depths of the "Dark Ages", Khilafah was the leading nation. It had the first universities of the world and laid down much of the basis of science.

The Department of Culture and Knowledge will pursue a policy where it will concentrate on developing the specialists it will need, such as scientists. The State will give financial incentives for scientists to write and teach, so as to help the Khilafah return to its former no.1 position. Such projects naturally will be run closely with the Department of Industry.

At a primary level of education the schools will enable the young to understand Islam completely. They will be given a full rounded Islamic Personality, allowing them to understand that everything they do can be made into service to Allah (swt). This is in accordance to the instruction of Muhammad (saw) Gone will be the days when Islam was taught as a thing of the past, impractical for today but for the 'Five Pillars'.

The Department of Media will also be set Islamic guidelines. For example in Islam the women is an honour, so she will not be degraded or used to sell products, let alone pornography.

Punishment System

Uthman (RA) said that, "The government is there to correct those who are not corrected by the Qur'an and Sunnah". Punishment exists for those who persist despite being given Islamic values in the education system and no justification to steal when considering the correct economic climate. Such a situation did not exist in the time of Zia-ul-Haque's Hudood ordinance. Small wonder it was detested by the people. When Islam is operated completely the systems work together harmoniously. So we find in over 1300 years of Khilafah only a few hundred hands were cut!

Conclusion

This article attempts to set out a clearer understanding of what the Khilafah system is, so that it is no longer a slogan or a dream. You are invited to make it a reality, by pursuing three basic practical points.

1. Do not vote

Allah (swt) orders us to obey him, and Muslims do not vote for that, we simply obey. Muhammad (saw) was invited by the Qur'aish to enter into their judgements and rulings. He rejected them and dismantled their leadership. Islam prohibits us from voting for secular rulers. Instead it commands us to give Bay'a to an elected Khaleefah. As Muhammad (saw) says, "Whosoever dies without Bay'a on his neck (to a Khaleefah) dies the death of Jahiliyyah". Today we have been without a Khaleefah for almost seven decades. By not voting, Muslims will send a resounding message to Pakistan that we have no confidence in the present system.

2. Prepare the people for Khilafah.

Muhammad (saw) worked to prepare the Muslims and Non-Muslims for the arrival of the Islamic State (Dar-ul-Islam). We must raise our level of understanding Islam so that again we desire Islam to control all the land, not just the mosques and homes. Our mosques and community centres must be thrown open so we can understand how to fulfil all our duties to Allah (swt) whether in economics, ruling, foreign policy or prayer. For Allah (swt) does not only instruct us to pray, orders us to cut the hand of the thief and wage Jihad.

Not only should we gain such culture here for, we should pass it to our relatives or friends in Pakistan. For it is more likely that the Khilafah will be established in Muslim Land, like Pakistan.

3. Prepare the Muslim army for Khilafah

Many of us have contacts in the army of Pakistan. We must remind them of their duty to worship Allah (swt). To work to establish Islam so that they are no longer prostituted for use by our leaders, by the likes of the United Nations.

Remind them that they have one of the major keys to establishing the Khilafah. They have the 'Nussrah' or material power. Just like the 'Ansar' before them they prop up and keep the present system in power. They should use their position to support the call to Islam, just as the Ansar helped Muhammad (saw) into power.

O Ummah of Muhammad! (saw) work hard in the task set before us. Life is but a fleeting moment. Let us work hard to establish Khilafah in Muslim Land, so that again we can be worthy of the title Allah (swt) has given us, "The Best Nation", and again begin the call for Islam. Last time we had the Khilafah, the Muslims opened "Constantinia" (Istanbul), as cited in the Hadith of Muhammad (saw). We have yet to open the other city mentioned in the same Hadith. "Romiyya". Which is Rome. May Allah (swt) allow us to do so.

Interfaith

Are Muslims Allowed to compromise their deen?

Bismillah, Ar-Rahman, Ar-Raheem

Alumdo-Lillahe Rabul-Alameen. As-Salatu As-Salama Ala Rasool al-Karim.

I would like to address a very serious issue which the Muslims of today are facing, specially those living here in Britain. The issue deals with our understanding of Islam or rather lack of it.

I do not need to remind you about our situation today. We are in the situation we are, because of our knowledge about Islam, how we understand the Islamic Aqeedah and how we act upon it. Alhumdo-Lillah, we are Muslims, just like the Sahabah (ra), but what is the difference between us and them. Our numbers are large, but still we are not able to accomplish a fraction of what they accomplished. Why is that?

In a Hadith Prophet (saaw) mentioned that, "there will come a time, the nations will get together against you, as do hungry people when they feast on food." Sahaba asked: is this going to happen because of our small number? The Prophet (saaw) replied, "No, your numbers will be large, but you will have wahan." He (saaw) was asked: what is wahan? He (saaw) replied: "liking this life and hating death."

It seems like the Prophet (saaw) described the situation we are living in. So what is the difference between us and the Sahaba. The Sahabah understood the real meaning of La-Ilaha il-Lallah. They submitted their whole selves to Allah (swt). Whenever a ruling was revealed to them from Allah (swt), they obeyed. They did not make any excuse or asked whether if following a certain rule would benefit them or not; or if it was practical or not. They said, like the Ayat of the Qur'an asks us, "we hear and we obey."

These days the Muslims' understanding is weak, we do not have the Islamic mentality which the Sahabah had. We are not educated, specially when it concerns Islam. The so called scholars take advantage of this and give us non-Islamic ideas. One such ideas is the concept of Abrahamic Religion, or the Interfaith dialogue.

Before we address this issue, we must realize that it is our responsibility to interact with the non-Muslims and to carry the Da'wah of Islam to them in Hikma (wisdom). No one is against this. But we must understand that neither the concept of Abrahamic religions, nor the concept of the inter-faith dialog, at least the way it is done now, is a Da'wah.

The people promoting these ideas claim that the "great prophets" emanate from Abraham (as) and so we as Muslims must find commonalities among the religions of those great prophets; such as Judaism and Christianity. Further, we are to work with the Jews and Christians and live in peace and harmony and work for the "betterment" of humanity.

These scholars justify their actions on the following two verses:

"Verily! Those who believe and those who are Jews, Christians, and Sabians, whoever believes in Allah and the last Day and do righteous deeds shall have their reward with their Lord, on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve." [TMQ, AL-Baqarah 2:62]

"Surely, those who believe, those who are the Jews and the Sabians and the Christians - whosoever believed in Allah and the Last Day, and worked righteousness, on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve." [TMQ, AL-Ma'idah 5:69]

When we study a subject in Islam, we have to take a look at all of the Ayat and Ahadith concerning that particular subject. We can not in any way, shape or form determine a ruling based on a single Ayat or Hadith, unless there is only one available. As to the prove the falasy of the concept of the Abrahamic religions, there are a number of Ayat in the Qur'an, which negates this concept and turns it upside on its head! Some of the Ayat are as follows:

"Or do you say that Abraham, Ismail, Isaac, Jacob, and the Tribes were Jews and Christians? Say: 'Do you know better than Allah?' Ah! Who is more unjust than those who conceal the testimony they have from Allah? But Allah is not unmindful of what you do!" [TMQ, Al-Baqarah 2:140]

"And We have revealed to you the Book with the Truth that verifies previous books and dominates them. Thus, rule among them by what Allah has revealed and do not follow their vain desires?" [TMQ, Al-Ma'idah 5:48]

"The Religion before Allah is Islam. Nor did the People of the Book dissent from it except through envy of each other after knowledge had come to them. But if any deny the signs of Allah, Allah is swift in calling to account" [TMQ, Al-Imran 3:19]

"It is He who has sent His Messenger with Guidance and the Deen of Haqq (Islam) to make it SUPERIOR over all Deens (ways of life), even though the Mushrikun (disbelievers, polytheists) hate (it)." [TMQ, At-Taubah 9:33]

"Ibrahim was not a Jew nor a Christian. But he was a true Muslim Hanifan, and bowed his will to Allah, and he joined not gods with Allah. Without doubt, among men, the nearest of kin to Ibrahim are those who follow him, AS ARE ALSO THIS MESSENGER and those who believe. And Allah is the Protector of those who have faith." [TMQ Al-Imran 3:67-68]

The concept of Abrahamic religion and other issues like it, did not exist amongst the Muslims in the past. I presented this issue to highlight our lack of understanding of Islam and how easily we are fooled by the so called scholars. My goal is not for all of us to go out and call everyone Kafir. I presented this to show that Islam does not compromise. After all, why should we stay Muslims, if all religions are the same. If they were, I would be tempted to become a Christian, since I would not 'restricted' from doing anything and at the end I would be saved by Jesus! (Astagh-firullah. May Allah protect me from that.)

After realizing that Islam is the Deen of Haqq (truth) which will dominate other ways of life, we should go out and offer it to the non-Muslims. This does not mean that we have to get involved in the current format interfaith dialogs. Such dialogs are designed to create "better" understanding of each other's faiths. This assumes that the Qur'an did not provide us with the "best" understanding.

Furthermore, ideas such as the interfaith and the like do not start from a vacuum. Of course there are forces behind such ideas which are propagating them and spreading them amongst the Muslims.

To illustrate this example, let me mention to you a brief excerpt from a Muslim magazine:

"In a 1992 speech, Edward Djerejian, the assistant secretary during the Bush administration outlined a strategy of compromise rather than confrontation to defeat the Muslims. Djerejian's recommendations included the followings:

1. Use the term 'Muslim countries' rather than 'world of Islam' to shatter the sense of global unity;
2. Provide books about American values in languages of major Muslim countries (Arabic, Urdu, Farsi) to indoctrinate the Ummah with pro-Western view;
3. Make statements about religion which 'emphasize common elements and values that unite Islam and Christianity,' and 'avoid divisive factors' to destroy Muslims' distinct Islamic identity;
4. Describe Western political systems with the phrase 'participation in decision making (which is more commonly used by Muslim elite instead of 'democracy,' which viewed as a 'Western (and therefore) alien idea' to compel Muslims into accepting and participating in Western-style secular governments.

Djerejian's "if you can't beat them, join them" approach tries to trick Muslims into alliances with non-Muslims based on "shared" beliefs and lifestyles. This type of "interfaith" movement will convince our Ummah to accept and celebrate the Kufr (disbelief) in an effort to stop Muslims who are seeking the complete re-establishment of our Islamic System.

What Djerejian is suggesting is not an isolated incident nor, a lonely "extreme" voice. There are numerous examples of this. One only need to go to their local library and go through volume of information presented about this subject. Besides, we should not have to look at what they are saying. Allah told us 1400 years ago, when He said:

"And the Jews and Christian will never be pleased with you until you follow their ways" [TMQ Al-Baqarah 2:20]

and in another Ayat He (swt) says,

"O you who believe! Take not the Jews and Christians for your friends and protectors. They are but friends and protectors to each other, and he amongst you that turns to them IS of them. Verily Allah guides not a people unjust." [TMQ Al-Ma'idah 5:51]

This point was brought home, when during Bosnian war, the writing on the wall (graffiti) said, "Muslims out of Bosnia."

May Allah give us the courage and strength to follow his way, shown to us by Muhammad (saaw). Ameen.

I just would like to close by stating an Ayat from the Qur'an, where Allah says:

"And whosoever desires a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted from him, and in the Hereafter, he will be one of the losers." [TMQ Al-Imran 3:85]

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