

## Western Civilization: Temptation and Challenge to Islam and Muslims

What is western civilization?

Ever since man came into this world, when he reaches consciousness, these questions are raised in front of him: Who is he? Where did it come from? How should he live? And since man is civil by nature, he does not live alone, but lives together in a society, so he thinks that he should live his individual and collective life according to what principles? Human history shows that the answers given by man to these questions are mainly of two types: One group of human beings believe that they were created by a Supreme Being (Allah) and therefore owe their individual and collective lives to Allah. Should be spent as directed. Human behavior is a combination of two things, one is thought and the other is action. Therefore, this group calls the divine guidance regarding human thought and thought 'Aqeedah' and the guidance of Allah in individual and collective actions as 'Sharia' and both together are called 'Deen'. The second human group is the one who thinks that man has self-consciousness and intellect and visual and auditory abilities, so human intellect and his experience and observation guide him to lead an individual and collective life. In his term the intellectual aspect is called 'world view' and the process of individual and collective living is called 'civilization'.

It is clear from this that belief and worldview are actually the same thing and both represent the intellectual foundations of human actions and similarly Shariat, religion and civilization are the same thing because both represent the individual and collective behavior of man and The only difference between them is the nomenclature. If the source of human thought and action is divine revelation, then it is called belief and Shariah, religion. Regardless of the terms and definitions, the function of both is the same, that is, the guidance of human thought and action. There is and

The first group, because it submits to the will of Allah, its behavior is called 'Islam' and itself is called 'Muslim', and those who do not obey this behavior are called non-Muslims (to the will of Allah). (non-submissive) and kafir, (denier of the truth). There may be a little difference in the thoughts and actions of these two groups. But due to the fact that they are different, the differences and contradictions in the thoughts and actions of both are prominent. Before we analyze the differences and contrasts between the practices and life systems of these two groups, it seems appropriate to first make a comparative study of their thought. The first group is represented today by Islam and Muslims and the major representative of the second group is Western civilization and its worldview.

Muslim belief is based on three points: Tawheed, Prophethood and Hereafter. That only one Allah is the creator, owner, deity and lord of man and this universe, the one who gives him life and death and is able to benefit and harm him. He sees, hears and understands everything. Prophethood: This is that man is the servant of Allah and Allah chooses one of the people himself to teach him how to live a life of worship and obedience to him and directly blesses him with his guidance. He presents it as a model and model for people so that they can live according to the will of Allah by looking at it. The concept of the hereafter is that this world is

temporary and temporary. After this world, there will be another immortal world in which the good or bad deeds of the life of this world will be punished. Those who have spent the life of this world in worship and obedience to Allah, Allah will be pleased with them and bless them with His blessings, and those who have spent the life of this world contrary to Him, He will be angry with them and they will deserve a severe punishment.

**Intellectual Foundations of Western Civilization:** Since Western civilization does not believe in divine guidance, the intellectual foundations of this civilization owes to the movements that its philosophers and intellectuals created in their societies. The people of the West are the basic ideas of their civilization or the beliefs of their religion (although this civilization does not use the word religion or religion for itself, because these people got rid of the papacy through a great struggle, which in the name of the heavenly religion has been their for centuries. were doing political, economic and social exploitation; and the concept of divine guidance is attached to religion while they were denying it) instead of using the word worldview and in it their concept of man, concept of universe and concept of God. Let's discuss. If we study these ideas, we find them contrary to Islamic beliefs and contradictory to them, but unfortunately, the Western tradition of study in Muslim societies could not take root, and there is no arrangement for its teaching in our universities and religious madrasas. There is an organization for the analysis and research of sciences and strategies (besides our mental slavery, incompetence and indifference, it is possible that the desire and conspiracy of the West is also working behind it) which is a single center for study in the entire Islamic world. The West does not exist. However, we wanted to say that the basic ideas of Western civilization, which have shaped this civilization, have three main sources: 1. The study of the situations and ideas of the great thinkers and intellectuals of the West, such as Bacon. , Kant, Nietzsche, Hegel, Rousseau, Darwin, Freud etc. The study of important intellectual movements of the West such as Renaissance, Reformation, Enlightenment, Modernity ) and Post-Modernity etc. The third is not the creation of the aforementioned philosophers, intellectuals and intellectual movements, such as humanism, secularism, capitalism, science, liberalism, materialism, etc. There are books, millions of journals, thousands of websites and hundreds of encyclopedias. It is possible to catch a few fish from this sea of information. For the convenience of the readers, we have provided a list of English and Urdu bibliographies for the study of the West in our book Islam and Civilization of the Maghrib Conflict, which includes important books by non-Muslim and Muslim thinkers. Al-Barhan also published articles on this topic in the first four years of his life (2010 to 2014). Here, for the sake of brevity, we think of Western civilization

From the sources, we will limit ourselves to pointing out some of his main ideas: Humanism, which can be translated as 'humanism', began in the sixteenth century with the Renaissance movement, which began with the revival of ancient sciences (Greek and Roman). And from this concept: Man has the central and most important position in this universe and the end of which was that according to Nietzsche, God is dead, (2) and according to Sartre, God is a monster that we will not allow to live. Because we have achieved the goal of complete freedom and autonomy of man with great difficulties (2), thus humanism has made man his own god instead of God and made him not only independent, but absolute sovereign.

Liberalism is the product of this humanism that man is free and independent to think what he wants, to express whatever idea he wants (the right to insult God, prophets and holy books, the right to spread obscenity, nudity and irreligiousness), that in the political sense. The sovereign is the sovereign, so the people can make whoever they want their representative and make whatever laws they want their representatives (so the parliaments of the West have declared alcoholism, gambling, adultery, homosexuality, etc. as halal and legal) from a social point of view, which Wear what you want and take off what you want, live with whomever you want without marrying, give birth to forbidden children, etc.

**Secularism** The society in which humanism emerged was a traditional Christian society, so the negation of God, revelation and religion from humanism created a stir in the society, so the theory of secularism was brought forward, which means that whoever He should believe in Allah and religion in his personal life, but in the collective life of society and the state, no role of God and religion can be recognized. Thus God and religion become one of personal life

Frederick Nietzsche. The Gay Science, trans.&ed. Walter Kaufmann, [New York: Vintage, 1974] part III, sec. 125 (The Mad.<sup>1</sup> (Man), 181 Jean Paul Sartre, Existentialism as Humanism, P.284 (Tr. Philip Mairet) Routledge, London, 1997 - 2

It was pushed into a limited circle and rendered ineffective and human divinity was struck in all spheres of collective life of the society and the state (1).

Although secularism apparently does not deny God and religion, but Muslim writers and intellectuals translate it into Ladinism, so that when a person has to decide where to recognize God's authority and where not to recognize, where has religion been? Because Islam is the name of unconditional obedience to Allah, and when obedience to Allah is conditioned by human will, then where is the religion and where is Islam?

**capitalism** is translated as Nizam Capitalism in Urdu and it is generally considered to be an economic system when in fact it is not just an economic system but a whole system of thought and life system. According to this theory, the world is everything. This is God and this is the standard of truth and the standard of honor. For that, a person should do all the hard work. When the world, greed for wealth and wealth at any cost is the inevitable result of this ideology. Even catapults demands. The government also has no right to interfere in its functions, only money should come, from wherever it comes, however it comes. Neither the demand for halal, nor the difference between what is forbidden. Usury should be halal, interest should be permissible and the standard of living should be high at all costs. It is bad to want to get rich overnight, and it is not bad to push others and get ahead. Just worldly comforts, comforts, car parking, bank balance. That is what is needed in life and that is the value. There is no preference for the hereafter, no moral rules and regulations, and no divine guidance. Materialism or materialism is also a branch of this system of capitalism (2) Scientism Scientism or empiricism means that when a person is independent, he can solve all his problems by using his intellect. He does not need the guidance of God, revelation and religion. True knowledge is that which man acquires as a result of experience and observation because the results can be tested by repeating it in the laboratory.

And it can be proved right or wrong whereas religious beliefs have to be believed due to the coercion of God. That is why they

called Dogma. In Europe and America, this theory played an important role in promoting science and technology and

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Muslims rightly consider this view tantamount to denial of revelation because it also weighs the validity of revelation.

I weigh and reject it and refuse to acknowledge the superiority of divine guidance. Western education

1. John Summerville, The Secularization of Early Modern England, Oxford, 1992, p.8  
Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics, s.v. Secularism, vol.II, p-347 7. B. Russell, History of Western Philosophy, George Allen and Unwin, London, 1967, p-23. 3. Hume, David, An Inquiry Concerning the Principle of Morals London, 1939, p-289.

Whether it is self (Epistemology) this theory has had a significant impact and by declaring the scientific method as the source of real knowledge, it has also dominated religion and social science. The world view of the West: From these thoughts, the world view of the intellectuals of the Western civilization becomes clear. According to them, the concept of man is that man is independent but also absolute, the decisions he makes about himself and his collective life. It can be as if he is his God and not a servant of any God. Their concept of God and religion is that if someone wants to believe in God in his personal life, then he should believe, but in the collective life, nothing of this God will be accepted and here the opinion of the people will be decisive. As if it is the authority of the individual (i.e. the people) to decide which of God's words to obey and which not to obey. Similarly, their concept of the universe is that life is only the life of this world, that is what is important and that should be the target of our efforts. The improvement of this and the acquisition of facilities and comforts here should be the center of all our efforts. Likewise, this culture is a source of revelation and heavenly guidance

Refuses to be. According to him, truth and real knowledge is only that which is the product of human intellect and experience and observation and whose correctness can be proved in the laboratory. The essence of this worldview is this: denial of God and His sovereignty, man not being a servant of God, but being independent in making his own decisions. Understanding this world as everything and preferring it to the hereafter. Denial of Prophethood, revelation and divine guidance and considering the knowledge gained through intellect and senses as the ultimate standard.

Western Civilization: A System of Life Among the collective institutions and attitudes that these ideas have given rise to in practical life are: Society: Unlimited freedom of the individual. The equality of women and men, the right of women to marry and the right of divorce, but also the

freedom to live with a man without marriage and to have children. Freedom of clothing to wear what one wants and not to wear if one does not want, freedom of sexuality, freedom of adultery and adultery with animals. Abolition of honoring the elderly and housing them in old homes. Women's resistance to childbearing and rearing. The disintegration, rather the dissolution, of the family.

Politics Sovereignty: The individual and the people are sovereign, not God and his law. Democracy: Since the individual is independent, his representatives are also independent and Parliament is supreme. She can decide what is halal and haram herself and make whatever law she wants. So in the West, alcoholism, gambling, adultery, homosexuality are all permissible and legal. A man-made constitution is sacred.

Nationalism: Nationalism is based on sharing race, language, color and region. The homeland is sacred and the standard is right and wrong. It is for this that wars are fought and everything can be sacrificed for its sake, even honor and morals. Economy: Since the world is everything, success and prosperity are desired here at any cost. There is nothing wrong with allowing us to take interest. Unlimited profit is the goal of business, even the government is not allowed to interfere with it. The race to raise the standard of living is important and there is nothing wrong with wanting to become rich overnight.

Law: is the right of human beings to make laws for themselves. God's law has no authority, therefore the constitution of the state and the law of parliament, which cannot be challenged. For the sake of brevity, we limit ourselves to a brief mention of these few areas of life.

Western civilization is a religion other than Allah.

It is clear from these basic ideas of Western civilization that the world view of this civilization is contrary to Islamic beliefs and on the basis of this world view collective life ie, society, economy, politics, law. In the fields of etc.), the institutions that have been created by the leading countries of Western civilization, they are contrary to Islamic teachings and rules, they are opposite and contradictory to them. Therefore, Muslims are forced to consider it as a religion other than Allah and reject it because this is what they have been commanded:

[reference 1 pg 5]

And whosoever adopts a religion other than Islam, Allah will never accept his religion and he will be in peril in the Hereafter will remain."

Have you not seen those who claim that we believe in the Book that has been sent down to you and in the Books that were sent down before you, but they want to decide their own affairs? turn to the Taghut for even though they were commanded to disbelieve in the Taghut. Satan wants to mislead them and lead them far from the right path."

"We sent a messenger to every nation and through him we warned everyone to serve Allah and serve Taghut. Beware of, after that Allah guided some of them and some went astray. Then just walk around the earth and see what happened to the deniers."

"Those who do not make decisions according to the law revealed by Allah are the disbelievers. They are the wrongdoers. They are the transgressors."

'So (O Prophet and parodies of the Prophet) stand united in the direction of this religion and establish yourself on the nature on which Allah created human beings, the human nature created by Allah cannot be changed. That's true, but most people don't know."

"O Prophet, say that people! If you are still in any doubt about my religion, then hear that I do not worship those whom you worship besides Allah, but only the God in Whose possession is your death. I have been ordered. That I am of those who believe and establish myself on this religion in unison, and by no means be of the polytheists." More Arguments for Rejecting Western Civilization Although to reject Western civilization, For a Muslim, the above basic point is enough that it is disbelief, it is not permissible for a Muslim other than Allah and in the state of faith to leave Islam and follow its atheism and follow the teachings of Islam against it. However, apart from this, there are many other reasons and reasons that require Muslims to reject Western thought and civilization, for example: The teachings of the Qur'an and Sunnah are religion and

The majority of the nations that follow this atheistic western thought and culture are Jews and Christians. Whether they follow the teachings of their religion or not, they must have a strong bias towards it and have always harbored feelings of hatred and revenge against Muslims considering them as their rivals and enemies. Therefore, Allah and His Messenger (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) strongly advised Muslims to stay away from them and avoid their plots. Following are some verses and hadiths in this regard.

"Jews and Christians will not be satisfied with you until you accept their religion. Say to them that the guidance of Allah is only rough guidance and if you follow their desires even after you have received the correct knowledge from Allah, then you will have no supporter or helper compared to Allah."

"O believers! Do not make Jews and Christians friends. They are (only) friends of each other. in you . He will make friends, he will be counted among them. Indeed, Allah does not guide the wrongdoers."

Ahadith Akhalifwa Alibud and Christians (1) Oppose Jews and Christians. These words were said by the CM as a principle in relation to many orders]. 2- La tastfiwa banar al-mushrikeen (2) i.e. do not light the fire with the fire of the polytheists [meaning do not have social relations with them, do not be close to them, avoid their need]. In the commentary of Ghir al-Mughdhub alaihim wala al-Dhaaleen, you said that this means Jews and Christians (3) as if we Muslims are commanded to supplicate to Allah in every rak'ah of prayer that, O Allah, let us follow the Jews and Christians. Avoid] 2. The attitude of the people of the West is actually hostile towards Islam and Muslims. The roots of hostility between Islam and Muslims are very deep among Jews and Christians. During the Prophetic era, the Jews made all kinds of conspiracies to defeat Islam and the Muslims, as a result of which they were expelled from Madinah. Even so, if they do not stop

Musnad Ahmad bin Hanbal, vol. 15, p. 264 265 Sunan Nasa'i, Kitab Al-Zinaa Chapter Lanqshwa Ali Khaatimakum Arabic Sunan Tirmidhi Chapters Tafsir al-Qur'an Chapter and Surah Fatiha Kitab

Crushed in Khyber. Nasari's attacks started in Tabuk and Muta. The companions of the Prophet crushed his rind, but it only continued to dissolve. Even after the conquest of Constantinople in 1453, Christian leaders spread across Europe and began to raise the flames of hatred and revenge against the Muslims. The crusades were also a manifestation of this, but this spirit was the driving force in the renaissance of Western civilization, which is expressed by the fact that in the First World War, when the Allies won and conquered the Middle East and occupied it. The Christian allied commander stomped the tomb of Sultan Salahuddin Ayubi in Damascus and said, "Get up, Salahuddin!" We have come.

on the eyes of And in our era, what happened with our eyes and ears, who can deny it except those who are bound by the intellectual slavery of Western thought and civilization and whose ears have lost the ability to hear the truth) that Bush used the word "Crusade" when invading Afghanistan (although it was not repeated consistently because of hypocritical politics and to deceive Muslims and the world), Iraq, Libya and Afghanistan by military force. Bhimana was crushed while attacks on Syria, Pakistan, Yemen and Mali continue. The Jews and Christians of the West are determined not to allow religious elements to come to power in any Muslim country and not to allow anyone to impose Sharia law and even if religious elements succeed in peaceful political struggle (such as Algeria). , Palestine and Egypt) so don't let them rule.

Apart from this, fake Quran is being prepared and spread in the West. Declaring the Qur'an responsible for terrorism, cartoons are made of Prophet Muhammad and Akhir al-Fidah Abi and Umi, through the scientific movement of Orientalists, the hadiths of Rasoolullah Neelam are proved to be untrustworthy, to prove Muslims as terrorists. In order to stop the spread of Islam in the West, the drama of Al-Ar9 is created. In Muslim countries, a media invasion is carried out to promote irreligion, immorality, obscenity, nudity and adultery, and Muslim media are burnt in public.

Used for purpose. The summary is that the attitude of the leaders of the Jews, Christians and western thought and civilization was of hostility to Islam and "Muslims" yesterday, and even today it is of hostility to Islam and Muslims. Therefore, no Muslim should support them and their thought and culture. The mind and senses cannot do faith and recovery, but a person who is insensible, unintelligent and devoid of religious conscience can do it.

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. Western Thought and Civilization: The biggest obstacle to the decline of Muslims is two types of reasons for the decline of Muslims: one is internal and the other is external. Undoubtedly, internal causes are more important, but the importance of external causes cannot be denied. Among the internal causes of the decline of the Muslims, all regions use the greatest means, through their misguided Muslim rulers, and if they fail, they resort to bare aggression.

There are and the implementation makes the aspirants of Islam a mess.

Opinions of Muslim Scholars and Thinkers What we have written about Western thought and civilization in the above line is that Muslims should reject it and in the struggle to come out of the desert of decline behind the mirage of Western thought and civilization. Instead of running away, we should drink the life-giving water of Islam, this is not our individual opinion, but this is what the public Muslim scholars, intellectuals and thinkers would say.

are Muhammad Qutb of the Muslim Brotherhood wrote an entire book called *Jahilita Qarn al-Ashreen*, which also has an Urdu translation. Imam Hasan al-Banna and Sayyid Qutb were fierce against Maghrib. Iran's Ali Shariati and Imam Khomeini used to call America's imams of the Western civilization, "Shaytan". In our country, Maulana Abul Ali Maududi called it pure *Jahiliyyah* and his book *Tanqsimat* is a strong criticism of Western civilization. Among our class of scholars, Hazrat Sheikh Al-Hind and his companions and students waged a regular armed struggle against the British and the Khmer of Deoband has risen from the British enmity. Iqbal's criticism of Western thought and civilization in his poems is common. Akbar Allahabadi, Allama Mashriqi, Maulana Abdul Majid Daryaabadi, Maulana Muhammad Ali Johar, Abul Kalam Azad, Zafar Ali Khan, Syed Abul Hasan Ali Nadvi, Maulana Attaullah Shah Bukhari, Maulana Ubaidullah Sindhi, Maulana Ahmed Ali Lahori, Agha Shoorash Kashmiri, Dr. Rafiuddin, Dr. Burhan Ahmed Farooqui, Professor Yusuf Saleem Chishti, Dr. Syed Muhammad Abdulllah, Muhammad Hasan Askari, Maryam Jamila, Dr. Mazharuddin Siddiqui, Professor Abdul Hameed Siddiqui. Therefore, a large number of our scholars and thinkers considered Western thought and civilization as a source of anti-Islam and irreligion and atheism.

Is it possible to use Western civilization? Some people are worried about our insistence on the position that we should reject the western thought and civilization at any cost and whether such a practice is possible or is it a requirement of Islam? We usually do not use the term 'clarified' and instead use words like rejected in principle because we know that despite the immutability of the texts of the Qur'an and Sunnah, no civilization thrives in a closed room. Not a single non-Islamic civilization is 100% non-Islamic, because every civilization inherits the knowledge, mysticism, customs and traditions that came before, so there may be elements in the Western civilization that are the continuation of the teachings of the revelation and the children. And I'm in a bad shape. Or if this civilization worships reason, then not everything based on reason and behavior is necessarily a revelation.

Likewise, certain experiences of this civilization may be useful to others on a human level. We do not deny all these possibilities and we do not consider their use as haram, but the problem is, as we have stated in the above line, that what we Muslims need at this time is that we are in the current situation of the West. They are the bearers of a system of life that is different and contradictory to the upper hand thought and civilization. Our survival and stability, our progress and success depend on us sticking to our philosophy of life that this is our only source of strength and that Western civilization is the (disease) and not the medicine. Following it will increase our humiliation and nakbat and will sink us further into decline, so we should not follow

this thought and culture at any cost. When the Muslim Ummah and the classes it leads are satisfied with this principle, and start restructuring their individual and collective lives according to it, surely some careful use can be made of Western thought and civilization and some of its things can be used. It can be taken and used in its own color.

But if, while you are in the early stages of construction, you want to delude yourself with this exception and use it as an excuse to follow Western civilization, how can we support it? The human soul, in obedience to Satan, is very cunning and quickly takes over the whole tent like the traditional Bedouin camel. Therefore, the basic thing is to first satisfy your mind and heart with this and practically make it a life plan that our success in this world and the hereafter is in practical commitment to Islam, not in following western civilization. First raise the foundations of your short life on Islam and when a strong building is built, take some spices from the West when it comes to colors. It will be fine for us, but if you build your foundation on western civilization and start your three year old's education with Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, who in their right mind can support it?