

POLICITICS IN ISLAM

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POLITICS :

- ❖ from Greek: politikos, meaning "of, for, or relating to citizens" is the practice and theory of influencing other people on a civic or individual level.
- ❖ More narrowly, it refers to achieving and exercising positions of governance — organized control over a human community, particularly a state.

Some wellknown political systems:

Monarchy

Democracy

Secularism

Theocracy

THE STATUS OF POLITICS IN ISLAM

Two extremist theories

1. Islam has nothing to do with politics
2. The goal of the religion of Islam is the establishment of the divine caliphate

While the fact is between both of the above:

Neither is Islam a religion that has nothing to do with the system of government, nor is the goal of the religion of Islam the establishment of an Islamic caliphate.

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE FOR THE ENTIRE HUMANITY

وما خلقت الجن والانس الا ليعبدون

And I did not create the Jinns and the human beings except that they should worship Me.

Worship means:

All those outward and inward words and actions that are pleasing to Allah and are a cause of His pleasure are called worship.

TWO TYPES OF WORSHIP

Two types of worship:

Then there are two types of worship:

One is the worship that consists of worshipping Allah directly without any intermediary, such as prayer, fasting, Hajj, Zakat, Salah etc.

While the second type of worship is that in which an act is done for some worldly benefit, but while doing it, the pleasure and pleasure of Allah and the fulfillment of His orders are kept in intention. This worship is known as indirect worship, like governance as per Shariah guidelines. Trade as per Shariah legitimations.

CONCLUSION

- ❖ Admitting that both types of worship are among the purposes of human creation, it cannot be denied that the Shariah did not give more importance and priority to indirect worship over direct worship.
- ❖ Adding this, there are classification between different indirect worships as per their influence and impact on society. like governance as per Shariah law more important r than any individual trade as per Shariah.
- ❖ In summary, if a person emphasizes the importance of indirect acts of worship as well as emphasizes the importance of direct acts of worship, then this is in accordance with Islam.

IS ESTABLISHMENT OF ISLAMIC CALIPHATE IS INDIRECT WORSHIP?

Now there is a question that how do we know that the establishment of islamic caliphate is indirect worship and Salah, Fasting etc. are direct worship?

الَّذِينَ إِن مَكَّنَّاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَمَرُوا بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهَوْا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَلِلَّهِ عَاقِبَةُ
الْأُمُورِ [41]

(The ones who help Allah are) those who, when We give them power in the land, establish Salāh, pay Zakāh, bid what is Fair and forbid what is Unfair. And with Allah lies the fate of all matters.

MISTAKES OF MAKING ESTABLISHMENT THE CALIPHATE REAL GOAL OF DEEN

1. Direct worship will become indirect which is against the previous Ayah
2. There will be neglect in their importance
3. Those who work hard to highlight the importance of Ibadah directly, their importance and value will decrease, and in some cases it will result in their ridicule.
4. There are number of Prohpets whom establish their government but not all the Prophets in the world, peace be upon them, could establish their government, so God forbid, the result will be that they failed in their mission.

Note: In the same way, by completely separating politics from Islam, some defects are occur necessary, such as only worrying about self-improvement, not trying to improve the system in any way, etc.

GUIDELINE FOR AN ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT

1. Sovereignty will all belong to Almighty Allah
2. Establishment of Salāh
3. Pay Zakah
4. Commanding goodness (all the laws of morality, society, trade etc.)
5. Prevention of all evils (Theft, robbery, murder, usurping someone's right, taking bribe, taking someone's property in a cruel way)
6. To protect people's life, property, honor
7. The establishment of justice and fairness and everyone's access to it.
8. Legislation by Shura (Consultation).
9. Accountability of government
10. Independence of judiciary.
11. Equality of law.

KHALIFAH/REPRESENTATIVE

- ❖ Khalifah means the representative of Allah SWT on earth. Allah is the sovereign and man is His representative.
- ❖ In the political sense, Khilafah means that human beings should implement the will of Allah on earth as His deputy or agent.
- ❖ Khilafah is the huge responsibility, not the opportunity

LEGISLATION BY SHURA (CONSULTATION):

Islam teaches us to run a government, to make legislation and decisions by the process of Shura.

Shura means "to take decisions by consulting with experts"

The counselors should be eligible for counseling

(إذا وسد الأمر إلى غير أهله فانتظر الساعة)

This is an important part of the Islamic political system. There is no scope for dictatorship, kingdom, in Islam.

ACCOUNTABILITY OF GOVERNMENT

The Islamic political system makes the ruler and the government responsible firstly to Allah and then to the people.

We must remember here that both the ruler and the ruled are the Khalifah of Allah(Hazrat Umar RA as a Khalifa)

A ruler is a servant of the people, not their master.

The responsibility of the ruler is heavier than the ruled.

INDEPENDENCE OF JUDICIARY

In the Islamic political system, the Judiciary is independent of the Executive.

The head of the state or any government minister could be called to the court if necessary.

They would be treated no differently from other citizens.

They would be punished if they committed a crime.