

Identity Islam is an ethnicity 1

Dear Sir,

With you being Muslim, it should not be difficult to explain!

What is an ethnicity? It is a community bound by a culture. It is a People, a nation, an umma, a qawm in Arabic. Ethnicity is not race. Race is biological.

An ethnicity usually, but not necessarily, has a bulk of common genetic pool. But its definition remains sociological, not biological.

Islam says of itself an umma, and it is right. It has a dunya next to the belief / the religion. A set of rules for the way of life. This is called the sharia, regardless of internal differences as to a set of points.

Same applies for Jews. They are not an ethnicity because of a common genetic pool (that they share with Canaanites), but because they have a distinct culture.

The difference with Muslims is that the latter are of many different ethnic origins, but they are not, as Muslims, of several ethnicities now, considering Islam an umma, an ethnicity, a set of laws, rules and regulations that make up a culture. They have sure retained elements of their previous ethnicities, but the mainstay of their way of life revolves around the Islamic dunya, or at least that is the way it should be, or else they can be considered as not truly being Muslims. And Islam expects all Muslims to be united around their Islam and not clash among their previous ethnicities, and of course not clash among different Islamic confessions and schools, but hey, man is man. So any Muslim who puts his ethnic origin / his previous nationalism above his Islamic umma / ethnicity / nation (ex, the Turkish, the Kurdish, the Persian, the Arab...) is wrong.

As for Christians, any classification of ethnicities AMONG Christianity goes against the core of Christianity. Christianity expects all Christians to respect their ethnicities and not clash among them and not enforce a culture on another, but again, hey, man is man.

So both Christianity and Islam refuse dealing with ethnicities, but each from an opposite perspective, the former not having anything to do with ethnicities, and the latter being an ethnicity by itself.

As for Lebanese Muslims being more Canaanite than Christians,

and as for Palestinian and Jordanians being more Canaanite than all,

and as for Lebanese mixing more than others,

and as for Arabs having more Natufian genes than Levantines,

I do not know what is your source, but based on Dr Pierre Zallouaa with whom I have met and thoroughly discussed the issue (mind you, I am a Physician, no place for subjectivity), and his studies with Mark Haber, all these claims do not meet his input (and he is the pioneer in this field). I have the explanation to all that, but it is too long for here.

Last, as to linguistics, what is common between 5000-year-old Canaanite language (vulgarly called NW Semitic since 1781) and 3000 - year - old Arabic is due to the Arabs having taken from Canaanite and not the other way round.

Again, I did not base myself on genetics, please re-read my first comment.