



ISLAM IS A CODE OF Life

It is a living miracle of the Truth of Islam that, though it has neither a backing of huge missionary corporations, nor does it have any authentic literature in foreign languages, yet people after people, attracted to it by its inherent magnetic force, keep on embracing this religion of love and universal brotherhood. For, whenever either by dint of personal research and study or by a chance contact with, and the consequent guidance of a real Muslim theologian, they learn the true facts about Islam, the invariable conclusion they arrive at is that Islam is a very simple religion and all its teachings are perfectly rational and in complete consonance with the laws of nature

The chief characteristic of Islam is that it makes no distinction between the spiritual and the secular in life. Its aim is to shape both individual lives as well as society as a whole in ways that will ensure that the Kingdom of God may really be established on earth and that peace, contentment and well being may fill the world.

A Muslim, who has real faith in Allah (Arabic word for God), makes his entire life one of obedience and surrender to His will. He never behaves arrogantly or selfishly or as if he were master of his own destiny, save in moments of forgetfulness. And as soon as he becomes conscious of such a lapse, he will submit himself to his Lord and ask forgiveness for his error

Spiritual Life

Prayer, Fasting, Charity, Pilgrimage, love for Allah and His Messenger, love for truth and humanity for

the sake of Allah, hope and trust in Allah at all times and doing good for the sake of Allah.

The Quran mentions Allah-consciousness as the highest quality of a Muslim “ ***The most honorable among you in the sight of Allah is the one who is most Allah-conscious***” Quran 49:13.

Humility, modesty, control of passions and desires, truthfulness, integrity, patience, steadfastness, and fulfilling one's promises; all of these are moral values that are mentioned many times in the Quran: “***And Allah loves those who are firm and steadfast***” Quran 3:14.

“***And vie with one another to attain your Sustainer's forgiveness and a Paradise as vast as the heavens and the earth, which awaits the Allah conscious, who spend for charity in time of plenty and in time of hardship, and restrain their anger and pardon their fellow men, for Allah loves those who do good***”. Quran 3:133-134

Intellectual Life

True knowledge is based on clear proof and indisputable evidence acquired by experience or experiment or by both. The Quran points to the rich sources of knowledge in the whole universe. Islam demands faith in Allah on the basis of knowledge and research and leaves wide open all fields of thought before the intellect to penetrate as far as it can reach.

To seek knowledge is obligatory for every Muslim, Islam asserts Muslims to seek knowledge; that those who have no knowledge are not equal to those who have; “Are those equal, those who know and those who do not know? It is those who are endued with understanding that receive admonition” Quran 39:9

Personal Life

Islam asks for purity and cleanliness, a healthy diet, proper clothing, proper behavior, and good healthy sexual relations within marriage.

At a personal level, Islam does not admit any separation between "material" and "moral," "mundane" and "spiritual" life. Prophet Muhammad said "Keep fast and break it (at the proper time) and stand in prayer and devotion (in the night) and have sleep - for your body has its rights over you, and your eyes rights over you, and your wife has a claim upon you, and the person who pays a visit to you has a claim upon you

Family Life

A family is a human social group whose members are bound together by the bond of blood ties and/or marital relationship and nothing else (adoption, mutual alliance, common law, trial marriage...etc.). Marriage is a religious duty on all who are capable of meeting its responsibilities. Each member of the family has rights and obligations.

Social Life

Man is ordained by Allah to extend his utmost help and kindness to other family members, relatives, servants and neighbors. No superiority on account of class, color, origin or wealth. Humanity represents one family springing from the one and the same father and mother (Adam and Eve). The unity of the humanity is not only in its origin but also in its ultimate aims

Islam stresses specific acts of kindness and defines the responsibilities and rights that belong to various relationships. Our first obligation is to our immediate family, parents, spouse, and children, then to other relatives, neighbors, friends and acquaintances, orphans and widows, the needy of the community, our fellow Muslims, our fellow human beings and animals.

Example of defining the respect and care for parents, relatives and neighbors can be seen in the Quran and Prophet's words:

“***Your Sustainer has decreed that you worship none but Him, and that you be kind to parents. Whether one or both of them attain old age in your life-time, do not say to them a word of***

contempt nor repel them, but address them in terms of honor and, out of kindness, lower to them the wing of humility and say: My Sustainer! Bestow on them Your mercy, even as they cherished me in childhood". Quran 17:23-24. ***"And render to the relatives their due rights, as (also) to those in need, and to the traveler; and do not squander your wealth in the manner of a spendthrift"*** Quran. 7:26

The Prophet said: "He is not a believer who eats his fill when his neighbor beside him is hungry"

Economical Life

Earning one's living through decent labor is not only a duty but a great virtue as well.

Earning is man's private possession. The individual is responsible for the prosperity of the state and the state is responsible for the security of the individual.

The Islamic economic system is not based on arithmetical calculations alone but also on morals and principles. Man comes to this world empty-handed and departs empty-handed. The real owner of things is Allah alone. Man is simply a trustee.

Islam does not allow a particular person, class, race or group of people to create a monopoly in certain economic activities: equal opportunity for all is its watchword. The equality, which Islam believes in, is equality of opportunity to secure a livelihood and to climb the ladder of success and prosperity. Islam desires that no obstacles should exist in society to prevent an individual from striving for a living according to his capacity and talents; nor should any social distinctions exist with the object of safeguarding the privileges of a certain class, race, dynasty or group of people.

Islam, through its moral injunctions, aims at creating a feeling of mutual love and affection among people, through which they may help their weak and weary brethren, and at the same time create a permanent institution in society to guarantee assistance to those who lack the necessary means and abilities to succeed. People who are unable to take part in the

economic race and those who need help to get started in it should receive their share of the blessings of life from this social institution.

Political Life

The sovereignty in the Islamic State belongs to Allah; the people exercise it by trust from Him to enforce His laws. The ruler is only an acting executive chosen by the people to serve them according to Allah's law. The State is to administer justice and provide security for all citizens. Rulers and administrators must be chosen from the best-qualified citizens. If an administration betrays the trust of Allah and the people, it has to be replaced.

In the Islamic democracy, every person enjoys the rights and powers of the ruler who is Allah's representative and in that respect all individuals are equal. No one can deprive anyone of his rights and powers. Hence, Islamic democracy is subservient to the Divine Law and exercises its authority in accordance with the injunctions of Allah and within the limits prescribed by Him. As a result it is completely different from the western democracy that is a kind of absolute authority that exercises its powers in a free and uncontrolled manner.

Non-Muslim can administer their personal life of marriage, divorce, food and inheritance according to the Islamic law or to their own religious teachings. They may pay Zakah (Islamic tax) or different tax tributes. They are entitled to full protection and security of the State including freedom of religion.

International Life

Man has a common origin, human status and aim. Other people's interests and right to life, honor and property are respected as long as the rights of Muslims are in tact. Transgression is forbidden. War is only justified if the state security is endangered. During war, destruction of crops, animals and homes, killing of non-fighting women, children and aged people are forbidden.

Although an Islamic state may be set up anywhere on earth, Islam does not seek to restrict human rights or privileges to the geographical limits of its own state. Islam has laid down universal fundamental rights for humanity as a whole, which are to be observed and respected in all circumstances irrespective of whether a person lives on the territory of the Islamic state or outside of it and whether he is at peace with the state or at war

George Bernard Shaw on Islam & Muhammad

"I have always held the religion of Muhammad in high esteem because of its wonderful vitality. It is the only religion, which appears to me to possess that assimilating capacity to the changing phases of existence, which can make itself appeal to every age. I have studied him - the wonderful man - and in my opinion far from being an Antichrist, he must be called the Savior of Humanity. I believe that if a man like him were to assume the dictatorship of the modern world, he would succeed in solving its problems in a way that would bring it much needed peace and happiness. I have prophesied about the faith of Muhammad that it would be acceptable to the Europe of tomorrow as it is beginning to be acceptable to the Europe of today

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