

In an Islamic state, Islam is considered a complete code of life, which provides guidelines for proper management of political power. Elaborate

Exordium

Islam is a complete code of life and shares knowledge about all social, political, economical and religious spheres of life. Islam also provides guidance for proper management of political power. In Islam, religion can not be separated from politics. In Islamic society, there is complete submission to the will of all, justice insurance and proper moral values.

A- Views of Iqbal

Iqbal criticized many western philosophers who argued that religion must be kept separate from politics. Machiavelli emphasized on the idea of individual's religion rather states religion in his book, The Prince.

Iqbal rejected all such notions and he wrote a couplet,

جلال بادشاہی ہو یا جمہوری تماشاء
جدا ہو دیں سیاست سے تو رہ جاتی ہے پتیلی

In democracy or in monarchy the excretion of religion resulted in depotism. Iqbal ^{Rousseau} regarded depotism as worst form of politics.

B- Islamic guideline for politics

Islam guided with help of Quran and sunnah as primary sources for help in all aspects of life.

A- Sovereignty belong to Allah

In Islamic state, sovereignty must belongs to Allah. As Islamic state is not an mean end in itself rather it submits to will of Allah. In western system, sovereignty belongs to people. However, sovereignty belongs to only Allah.

B- Democracy in Islam

Islam gave the concept of ^{consultation} rather democracy: Allah ^{Mithaq}

in quran guided men to consult in affairs of life. In political matters, problems can be solved by consultation of knowledgeable and righteous.

1- 'Millat', not Nationalism

Islam focuses on 'Millat' rather than nationalism. There is only one Millat of 'Muslims', without any distinction on bases of race, creed and colour. Islam separated from western system where nations are built on basis of race, colour and creed. Iqbal also talked about 'Millat' in his theory of Millat, he wrote,

ابن صلت بر قیاس اقوام مغرب سے نا کر
خاص ہے ترکیب میں قوم رسولِ ہاشمی

Iqbal discourages comparison of millat with western nations as millat is only based on religion

1- Economic system

Islam also guided about economics of a state, which is also responsibility of political leadership

Caliph can collect 'Zakat' and 'Jizya' from non-muslims.

e- Concept of Sharia

Sharia established by Quran and 'Sunnah'. There is complete guidance for political parties. To establish authentic 'Sharia' is responsibility of government. All the law and punishments of Islamic state must be extracted from 'Sharia'.

f- Concept of 'Khilafat'

Caliph is the ruler of the state and responsible for all affairs. Allah guided about caliph's responsibilities in Quran and mentioned, **everyone of you is a shepherd and held responsible for his flock.** The example can be taken from life of Hazrat Umar who considered himself accountable even if a dog slept hungry in his state.

g- Concept of 'Shura'

Consultation is essential for

all matters. 'Shura' is responsible for appointing Caliph. This is election system in Islam. 'Shura' of 6 person selected Hazrat Uthman Caliph can be nominated by previous caliph. Hazrat Umar was nominated by Hazrat Abu Bakar but accepted by people.

h- Justice is vital

Islam focuses on a state where justice prevails and everyone can approach justice without barrier. Political leader is held responsible to ensure ^{justice} and he will be among those seven people who will enjoy shadow of God.

Once a learned man said to Caliph Harroon-e-Rasheed,

You must not forget that you are sitting where Abu Bakar once sat and be justful, where Umar once sat and differentiate among right and wrong, where Usman

once sat and be bountiful, where
Ali once sat and be knowing of
All.

C- Hence, Islam guides from selection of political leaders to his powers and duties.

a. Treaty of Medina

This was the first written document and including 27 clauses. It guided Islamic states to develop written constitutions and ensure justice, moral value and will of Allah.

b. The Rashidun Caliphate (632-661 CE)

The rashidun caliphates are practical examples of political system given by Allah in Quran and taught by Prophet PBUH via 'sunnah'. Many historians regarded it as golden age of Islamic history.

D- Difficulties for Islamic state in Modern Time

There is no perfect example of

Islamic state in present times.

a- Interpreting and application of 'Shura'

There is no right interpretation and application of shura. This corrupt society uses even religion to gain momentous benefit. They only concerned with pleasures of this world.

b- Authoritarianism on name of Islam

Islam is a religion of peace. Taliban's are using Islam for their authority and stopping from education and women rights. However, Islam gave all rights to women 1400 years ago and Islam favoured education.

c- Issues of minorities

Islam did not allow cruel and Unjust treatment towards minorities. Meanwhile in present times minorities are not enjoying their full rights. In Saudi Arabia, minorities are not allowed to practice religion openly.

E- Way Forward

- 1- A pure system for 'Ijma' must be established.
- 2- There is no institutional infrastructure for international Islamic states to solve basic problems.
- 3- Rule of law can participate in establishing Islamic state.
- 4- Education should contain knowledge of Islamic basic social systems.

Denouement

Islam guided in all spheres of life. The primary sources are Quran and Sunnah. There is practice example of 'Rashidun Caliphates'.

Islam guided to make political system and how to make it.

Islam guided the responsibilities, powers and duties of political leader. Therefore, Islam provides guidelines for proper management of political power.