

Society.

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1 Introduction

A classist lifestyle refers to the social structure where people are divided on the basis of wealth, status, colour, ethnicity, caste, or lineage. This kind of social structure brings social discrimination, injustice, inequality and social isolation. Islam is a Deem of peace and justice it is complete code of life.

Islam rejects every type of injustice, inequality, and social discrimination, and it promotes social justice, equality, and harmony.

The teachings of Islam eliminate every discrimination and ~~to~~ treat humans equally.

However, the effects of classist lifestyle are negative on society such as, hatred, hostility, conflict and social division etc.

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2 Islamic teachings on Social equality

Equality of humanity

2-a

Rejection of Superiority based on class or race

c

Brotherhood and unity

2-c

2 (a) Islam teaches equality, and treats every human equal without any discrimination

In Islam
all human beings are equal and no one has superiority over others. All are equal in the eyes of Allah.

"O Mankind! We created you from a single pair of a male and female"

Al: Quran 49:13

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Therefore, all humans are same without any discrimination except the basis of Tawqwa (Piety).

3 (b) Islam rejects superiority based on class and race, it treats everyone equally

Even the Holy prophet never did discrimination. He gave the message of equality in his forewell sermon.

"All mankind is from Adam and Eve. An Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor does a non-Arab have any superiority over Arab."

Forewell sermon of Holy prophet (P.B.U.H)

As it is visible from the last sermon of prophet (P.B.U.H) that all are equal.

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3 (C) Islam promotes unity and brotherhood among believers and concept of single Ummah

Islam is a Deen of peace, and it teaches about brotherhood. Islam promotes unity among believers by its teachings and practices.

["Hold firmly the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided,"]

[Al-Qur'an 3:103]

As it mentioned in Quran by Allah that Muslims must hold themselves together with unity.

4 Islamic practices that
eliminates classism

Zakat (Obligatory charity)

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Salah (prayer in congregation) 4-b

Hajj (pilgrimage) 4-c

Jihad (protecting fellow Muslim) 4-d

Social justice 4-e

4 (a) Zakat is an obligatory pillar of Islam and it promotes social balance, and eliminates classism

Zakat is an obligatory pillar of Islam. That is performed by wealthy Muslims. They give the portion of their wealth to purify the wealth and their deeds in the path of Allah. It eliminates class differences because poor people receive the amount of it.

[Establish prayers and Give Zakat]
[Al-Ghuron]

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4 § (b) All muslim perform salat (prayer) together in mosque it promotes social balance and eliminates class difference

In mosque all muslims, pray together standing shoulder to shoulder, regardless of their status or class. It promotes social balance and harmony and avert the spirit of discrimination.

"People are equal like the teeth of a comb"

Abu Dawood: Hadith

People are equal in the sight of even Holy prophet and praying together also justify this thing that Allah commanded everyone to pray in mosque without doing discrimination in between people

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4 (c) Hajj is another example of eliminating the discrimination, all pilgrimage perform same rituals together equally

During Hajj in Islam all pilgrimage perform same rituals, wear same simple white ahram. All this shows that it treats everyone equally without any discrimination regardless of color, caste, community, or status.

[[There shall be no obscenity, nor wickedness, nor disputing during Hajj]]

A1 = Quran (2:197)

Even Quran has also mentioned the same thing, that tolerance, social harmony is crucial.

4 (d) Jihad is another teaching of Islam, it can be against oneself,

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through knowledge, justice or against oppression, it eliminates the social discrimination.

Jihad is also an obligatory teaching of Islam.

There are many forms of Jihad, knowledge teaching, Jihad against self, or against oppression. It leads to ethical and just society. Which means it eliminates discrimination and hold people together.

"Help your brother whether he is an oppressor or the oppressed,"

Bukhari: Hadith

It promotes social cohesion and unite people in fighting for wrong, which means it eliminate social discrimination.

4 (e) Social justice is a core Islamic teaching, it creates

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balance in society and eliminates every form of discrimination

Social justice is divine command, which means justice in every aspect of society such as equality, justice, protection of weak, fair and legal systems and accountability etc. All these things create balance in society and promotes unity.

"Indeed Allah commands justice, and good conduct;"

Al: Quran 16:90

Therefore it is mentioned in Quran that justice is necessary and good conduct also it promotes social balance.

5 Effects of Classism on human Society

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Social division and injustice 53-a

Rise hatred and conflict 5-b

Psychological and emotional harm 5-c

Hindrance to social harmony 5.d

5 (a) Classism creates social division and injustice, it eliminates the equal opportunities

The class system creates division in society and injustice. It is the base of all evils that destroy a society's balanced society by creating division.

Caste system in India fuels many evils. Like, (Brahmins, Kshatriyas, Vaishyas, Shudra and Dalits),

Caste system

5 (b) The class system breeds conflict and hatred among people, it fuels hostility

The class differences creates divisions, due to this, division conflict increases and people engage themselves into disputes. It leads to hatred, jealousy, rebellion and violence e.t.c. It disbalance the social cohesion.

"Poor minorities face harsher sentences such as. War on Drugs disproportionately targeted Black Americans,"

Prison industrial complex

5 (c) Due to class system, people suffer from psychological and emotional issues

Mostly in class system, lower class people suffer more than

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any other. Due to lack of opportunities, respect, and justice e.t.c., lower class people suffer from mental health issues and do suicide. While Rich people become arrogant and oppressive.

[Descendants of "unclean" jobs (butchers, undertakers) still face discrimination,,]

Japan's Burakumin

5 (d) Class based segregation disrupts the spirit of community and shared responsibility

.. class system

destroy the balance of society and avert the sense of community. People overlook each other and do not respect the dignity of each other. Moreover, collective responsibilities of a communities are being ignored, due to class division.

[Whites and non-whites were forced into]

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separate neighborhoods, schools, and even beaches
Apartheid South Africa

6. Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W)

efforts to eradicate classism

Elevating slave

6-a

Encouraging inter-class marriage

6-b

True nobility is piety

6-c

6 (a) The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) appointed Hazrat Bilal (R.A) as the first muadhin.

Example: The Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W), appointed Hazrat Bilal (R.A) a former slave muadhin as first, a highly respected position.

["The prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) said:]

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Bilal is ahead of many in entering paradise,,

Ibn Hibban: Hadith

Impact: This shattered the Arab tribal hierarchy that valued lineage over merit.

6. (b) The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) encouraged inter-class marriage, the wives of Holy Prophet (S.A.W) Sawdah(RA) and Maymunah(R.A) were from modest background

Example: Zayd Ibn Harithah (RA), a freed slave, was married to Zainab bint Jaish (RA), from a noble Qurayshi family

"The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) himself married Sawdah (R.A) and Maymunah (R.A), who were from modest background,,

Impact: These marriages normalized

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social equality and challenged caste-based discrimination.

6 (c) The Holy prophet (S.A.W) taught that true nobility comes from piety, not wealth or lineage

Example: The Holy prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) sat with poor, ate with servants, and said:
"I eat as a slave eats and sit as a slave sits"

"Allah does not look at your appearance or wealth, but at your hearts and deeds,"
(Muslim: Hadith)

Impact: This dismantled the Arab obsession with tribal pride and class superiority.

7. Conclusion

To encapsulate,

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A class system refers to discrimination in society based on gender, status, wealth, color, and community e.t.c.

It harms the unity and harmony of the society. However, Islam rejects the division in human and teachings of Islam promotes equality and brotherhood.

Nonetheless, the impact of classism is negative on society, it fuels many social problems.

But, with the teachings of Holy prophet these issues can be mitigated, as because Islam is a Deem of peace.

O men! Fear your lord who created you from single being

Al: Qur'an 4:1