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ISLAMIC CODE OF LIFE IS SOCIAL SYSTEM OF ISLAM

I- **Introduction:** Islam is deen of Allah, that contains complete code of life which encompassess from birth to death. From indival individual's life to the state level. Islam provides it own social, political and economic system. Whereas, it's social system is based on mutual cooperation, empathy, justice and equality. Inshort, the Islamic code of life contains a social system which is based on mutual rights and responsibilities.

II- Principles of Islamic Social System:-

Following are the principles of Islamic social system.

1- Love and Loyalty among Faithfuls.

The first principle is the love and loyalty among the faithfuls. It is most fundamental factor for any society

Allah gives commands in this regard. Surely, the faithful men and women are brothers to each other (Quran).

2- Respect of Individuals and Groups

Islam teaches the lesson of respect towards each individual and group. It is irrespective of nation, colour, race, creed and cast. Islam even does not command to hate or to hurt sentiments of any group and or sect.

3- Islamic Society is Build on Right, Justice, and Mutual Kindness.

Allah commands in Quran about the safeguarding of rights, relations based on just, and mutual kindness among people. Allah says:

Allah bids you forgiveness, benevolence and mutual cooperation bet to relatives. (Quran 16:90)

4- Equality of Mankind

Islam is the religion of equality. It prohibits the discriminations based on color, cast, creed and gender.

In Islam all are equal as Allah

Says in Quran:

"And, we have made you from One (pair) of male and female."

5- Maintaining Good Morals:-

The teachings of Quran stressed on maintaining good morals. As, - these are necessary for the progression of a social system. These are empathy, kindness, generosity, forgiveness, helping the socially disable people, Orphans and widows. In such way, Islam provides a social system based on human welfare.

III Characteristics of Islamic Social System:-

1- Equality in Society:-

Islam stressed on the equality and brotherhood in society. This equality is for all citizens, either muslims or non-muslims.

Prophet (PBUH) (stamp on prophet hood) is his last sermon discussed its importance.

"There is no preference for any Arab or non-Arab, and no preference of any white person or black nor any black or white person. Preference is based

on righteousness."

2- Family and Institution of Marriage.

Islamic social system highly dignified the status of family and institution of marriage. Because it is main pillar of a social system. Allah grants it as a blessing for mankind. He says in Quran which meanings are:-

"And we gave you wives among yourselves so you may find peace in them, and He planted love and kindness" (Quran)

However, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) (stamp on prophethood) asked Muslims to marry the righteous women for the advancement of a better society as,

"Do not marry a beautiful woman, may her beauty become the reason of moral decline; Also, do not marry for the sake of wealth that may be wealth become the reason of disobedience.

rather marry on the basis of righteousness"

3- Elimination of discrimination:-

Islam forbids the discrimination on basis of anything. In Islamic social system, the different ranks and creeds in

an society from Lord and for recognition.
 One great example for the elimination of discrimination in society is in the form of Salat. In which a King and servant's workers and factory owners; rich and poor offer prayers without any discrimination.

4. Freedom of Thinking and Acquiring Knowledge-

Today, world has learnt that education is pre-requisite for the betterment of a society. Islam, also stressed on acquiring knowledge. As, Allah says in Quran for asking for knowledge-

" رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا "

" O Lord, Increase my knowledge "

Also, Allah almighty expresses that clear path is Quran but not to implement it forcefully. As, says in Quran-

" There is no compulsion in religion, surely the right path is provided to them which is without any error."

(2:256, Al-Baq, etc)

5- Economic Justice as Beauty of Islamic Social System:

The social system of Islam is the evidence of economic justice of Islamic social system. In Islam the ownership of everything is held by God and man is only trustee. So, Allah bids Muslims to not accumulate the wealth, measure properly, and circulate the capital. In such way, Islam social promotes social welfare in society. The economic justice system prevents the exploitation of socially disable people. It forbids the money of Usury, Ribbah, gambling, of orphans. In simple words, It opposes the Capitalism which is based on workers and weaker's exploitation.

For instance, Karl Marx in his Book "A Manifest Destiny" addressed the evilness of modern social system in which weaker and majority is exploited through a proper mechanism of economy. Islamic social system negates such monopoly and give sense of economic justice in a society.

6- Supremacy of Rule and Law in Islamic Social System:

In an Islamic social system, the rule and law is mandatory. In such way, No one can oppress the weaker class of society. Here, No one even ruler is above the law. Consider the example of Fatima of Makkah, which who were indulge in theft. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH, stamp on prophet hood) ordered the implementation of Hadd, and said even she was his own daughter Fatima, He will do same.

7- Safeguard of Minorities:

The social system of Islam safeguards the minorities rights. Consider the example incident when a non-muslim is killed by muslim in period of Hazrat Ali (R.A). The evidences showed the crime from the hands of muslim man. Hazrat Ali ordered to kill the muslim man in compensation as Qisas when the compensation money agreed between both parties, Hazrat Ali (R.A)

said, "The life of our non-muslim subject is like life of muslim jinnah, and the blood money of him is as the same jinnah as muslim's blood money".

8. Dignity of Women:-

The most distinctive characteristic of Islamic social system is to give special status to women. Women in Islamic society enjoyed social, economic, spiritual rights. She is symbolized as the respected entity of the society.



Q7- PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE IN ISLAM. 1-

The public administration in Islam is layered in three levels-

- a- Tawheed (Oneness of God)
- b- Risalat (Prophethood)
- c- Caliphate (Khalifat / Ameer). 2-

In Public administration and governance the main authority is Allah Himself. The man is only trustee of him on earth.

"And remember they day, you Lord ~~also~~ said to angels, surely I am making a successor in earth"
[Quran].

The public administration of a Islamic state is proceed under Head of state, called Ameer. Following are important features of public administration and governance in Islam.

Features of Public Administration and Governance in Islam:

1- Amanah: The responsibility of public administration is an 'Amanah' from God. Prophet (PBUH) said:

"Those who are bestowed with authority, this authority is public administration, is in fact amanah."

2- Consecutive Body of Administration/ Shura: Islam and Quran teaches the lesson of mutual cooperation.

Further, it rejects the monopoly of power. In Islam, the administrator practice its authority with the mutual consultation. The executive body for this purpose is called "Shura".

3- Justice. The ^xdesp^x dispensation of justice is an important feature in public administration. Allah says -
 "O believers! stand up for the justice even it is against yourself, your parents, or close relatives
 [Quran]-

4- Transparency:-

Transparency means, public can check an account to their administrator. As the public administrator is first answerable to God then to the people.

5- Accountability:-

Accountability is main feature of governance in Islam. Prophet said
 "Each one of you is guardian, and each guardian is ^{accountable} responsible for everything under his care"

6- Public welfare and Impartiality
Islam stresses on the public welfare and impartiality among people.

"The best among you is who is best in conduct with people." [Quran]

7- Accessibility of Public Administrators:

A public administrator must be accessible to the people. It built the trust of public in their administrators. Consider the examples of 4 pious caliphs, who were easily accessible to public.

8- Safeguarding of people rights-

The most important feature of public administrator and governance in Islam is to safeguard the social, economic, legal rights of the public.

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SYSTEM of HUMAN RIGHTS IN ISLAM

Entire Quran discuss the "Human". Islam in this regards contains a distinctive system of Human rights.

Human Rights in Islam:-

Following distinctive human rights are the basic provisions of religion Islam-

1- **Right to Life:-** Everyone has the right to live. No one can snatch this right from a person-

"Whosoever, kill a human with out any reason, slaughters or corruption, though as he killed whole mankind [Quran 5:32]-

2- **Right to Property:-**

Everyone has the right to preserve property. and Allah almighty forbids the corruption in other's property. Allah says in Quran-

"Your lives and your property is forbidden to others, until you met Him on the day of

resurrection. [Quran].

3- Sanctity of Private Life-

Islam teaches to respect the privacy of others. As Allah says in Quran-

"Do not enter in houses other than yours, until you salute and take permission". [Quran].

4- Right to protest against Cruelty.

It is the right of oppressed to protest and Allah almighty encourages. Allah says in Quran,

"Allah do not like the utterance of evil words, except who is oppressed". [Holy-Quran]

5- Freedom of Expression:-

Islam strongly talked about basic freedom of expression and prohibits the use of force. As Allah says in Quran-

"There is no compulsion in religion, surely the clear message is provided without any error [Quran, 2:256]-

6- Freedom of Beliefs-

Islam strictly rejects the use of force. And, everyone is free to have a belief. As, its mention in "The Book" "The Day when Universe Change" that thousands of Jews & Christians were lived in muslim-spain peacefully.

7- Respecting other Religions and their Sentiments-

Religion is consider as the basic human right. The selection of religion is person's own choice. Islam respect this and their religious sentiments. As it said by Allah in Quran while giving commands to prophet Muhammad (PBUH)-

" Say, You don't worship what I worship, nor you are going to worshipping what I worship neither I, For you, is your religion and for me is mine [Quran, Al-Rafan]

8- Equality before Law.

Each is equal before law. Prophet (PBUH) said in last sermon: "There is no preference for Arabs on non-Arab and for white people on black and for black on white. Preference is based on righteousness."

9- Rights of minorities

Islam gives full rights to the minorities subjects. It happened during the period of Hanzat Ali: Hanzat Ali ordered against the muslim in respect of killing of non-muslim.

10- Security from Arbitrary Punishment.

Allah says in Quran: "No one will share with his clan, even if he calls to close relatives (35:18)." Allah says in Quran: