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QNO # 3.

Elaborate Human Rights in the context of Last sermon of Prophet (SAW)

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3. Last sermon of Prophet (SAW)
 - A. Sanctity of Property & Life
 - B. Right of life / Do not kill each other
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 - H. Equality & Brotherhood
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Conclusion

Human rights is one of the significant matters of humanity. Islam is the only religion which gave importance to human rights much earlier than western's realization of human rights and the development of Magna Carta (1215). Islam is the complete code of life, it abolished all the inhuman practices of (Jahilliya) and tell people (umma) to treat everyone equally and fairly. Even the last prophet of Allah (Hazrat Muhammad SAW) right before his demise were worried about his people and their rights, therefore, they he collected people to give them clear message of Allah about human rights which is famous known as the last sermon of Prophet (SAW) and the very first "charter of Human Rights".

✓ Meaning of Right/Haw:

Right which is "Haw or Harooq" in Arabic has multiple definitions. Different scholars have derived different meanings, such as

Al Damaghani says:

"Haw has 13 meanings which includes,

Allah himself, Quran, Islam, equity,
monotheism, sincerity, obligation,
truth, order and lawful possession.

- While in Islam and Quran;
Hav 13 "Righteous conduct"
"treating everybody equally and justly"
→ As Quran says:

لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلَنَا بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَأَنْزَلْنَا مَعَهُمُ
الْكِتَابَ وَالْمِيزَانَ لِيَقُومَ النَّاسُ بِالْقِسْطِ

"Certainly we sent our messengers
with clear arguments and sent
down with books and the balance
that men may conduct themselves
with equity."

- Similarly shariah also stresses on the
importance of human rights.

v. **LAST SERMON OF MUHAMMAD SAW:**

There is no doubt in saying that Allah
has already mentioned multiple times
about human rights, as treat your
wives, slaves, parents and relatives
with justice and fair conduct.

Still, Prophet (SAW) in his last Sermon which he delivered in the valley of Arafat on 9 Zulhajj, significantly ~~posed~~ stressed on the importance of human rights. This shows the serious inclination of Islam on Human rights.

⇒ Prophet (SAW) started his Sermon by saying: (After praising and thanking Allah)

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنشَأَ قَوْلِي فِي تِلْكَ الْحَقِّيقَةِ
الْقَائِمِ لَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَىٰ هَذَا بَعْدَ الْمَوْقِفِ الْبَرِّ

“O People! Listen to me carefully, for I know not whether after this year I will be ever amongst you again”

4. Right to ^{Property} sanctity & life;

Before Islam, people were not given right to property, land and agriculture. But Islam gave them sanctity to their belongings, by removing the concept of tribal lords. Therefore, Prophet SAW said;

“O People! Just as you regard this month (Zulhajj) and this city as sacred, so regard the life and property of every muslim as a sacred trust. Retain the goods entrusted to you to whom they belong. Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you and Remember! that you will be answerable to Allah one day and he will reckon your deeds.”

B.

RIGHT OF LIFE / DO NOT KILL EACH OTHER

Islam forbid the killing and right to end life of anyone.

Prophet SAW said!

“O People! you will go back to be resurrected (After death) to your lord. There you will be accountable for your deeds. So do not kill each other and do not go astray.”

C.

RIGHTS OF WOMEN

Regarding the rights of women, Islam

is very particular, In Quran, Allah says to respect women and Islam is the only religion in the world who has given rights to women as a mother, as a wife, as a daughter and as a sister.

So did Muhammad (SAW) in his last sermon by saying;

“O People! Fear Allah in the matter of women. It is true that you have certain rights with regard to your women, but they also have rights over you. Remember!

that you have taken them as your wives only under Allah's trust and with His permission. Therefore, if they abide by you, feed them well and clothe them in kindness.

Do treat your women well and be kind to them. And it is your right that they do not make friends of people who you do not like^{as well as} need to be chaste^{as well as}

By saying this last line, Prophet^(SAW) also declared rights of husbands that these women must be obedient to them.

RIGHT OF SLAVES:

Before Islam, slaves were treated so brutally and inhumanly. Therefore, Islam gave so much importance to their rights as free people.

As Prophet (SAW) said:

“And about your slaves! Feed them what you eat and dress them with what you wear and if they commit any fault that you are not inclined to forgive then put away from them.

For they are the servants of Allah and are not to be treated harshly.”



BLOODSHED PROHIBITED / SAFEGUARD LIFE

“O People! Every right arising out of homicide of Jahiliyyah (pre-Islamic days) is henceforth waived and the first such right that is waived is that arising from the murder of Labiah- bin-w-Haithah” who was being nursed in the tribe of Saad”

RIGHT TO INHERITENCE:

Besides, Islam also gave right to inheritance to every man which was not in force before Islam.

Prophet (SAW) said!

“O People! God (Allah) has ordained to every man the share of his inheritance; a testament is not lawful to the prejudice of heirs. The child belongs to his parents and has every right on the property of his/her parents.”

EQUALITY & BROTHERHOOD;

“All mankind is from Adam and Eve, and there is no distinction. Arab has no superiority over non-Arab, nor a non-Arab has superiority over Arab; also a white has no superiority over black nor a black has superiority over white except by piety and right conduct.”

Learn that every muslim is the brother of every other muslim and muslims constitute one brotherhood.”



USURY ABOLISHED:

66 Allah has forbidden you to take usury (interest), therefore all interest obligations shall henceforth be waived. Your capital is yours to keep. You will neither be inflicted nor suffer any inequality.

Allah has judged that there shall be no interest and that all interest due to Abbas Ibn Abdul-Muttalib be waived.



PILLARS OF ISLAM:

66 O People! listen to me in earnest, worship Allah, offer prayers daily, fast during Ramadan and give your wealth (ZAKAT) to poor and perform Hajj.

It is quite clear that our beautiful Prophet (SAW) covered all aspects of social life while giving instruction to strictly follow them as we have to resurrect to Allah.

QNo#2

Islamic civilization has a unique identity -- Elaborate characteristics.

OUTLINE

- 1. MEANING. vital elements.
2. Role of civilization in the development of personality and community.
3. Characteristics of Islamic civilization.

- A. Tawhid
- B. self-purification
- C. Dignity of man.
- D. Equality
- E. Social Justice
- F. Moral values
- G. Tolerance
- H. Rule of law.
- I. Justice, Truthfulness & Peace.
- J. Modesty, charity
- K. Kindness / mercy
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Conclusion