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### Islamic Studies

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## DOCTRINE OF Alchra

Litral Meaning.

The word Alchra literally translate to "the end"

Comprehensive Definition.

The notion of Alchra reflects the end of the world on the day of judgment where each individual will be measured against his or her deeds, after death in the life hereafter.

Introduction.

All abrahamic religions in the world have some description of the end of the world. The concept that they encompass all have their own similarities and differences. But all 3 major Abrahamic religions agree that there is a life after death and to reach it one has to go through

certain stages. Islam's concept is quite thorough and crisp in the sense it completely outlines the correct path that needs to be taken to make this life good and fulfilling and to do the same for the next. It prepares one for what's about to come before, during and after death.

### Importance in Human life

The importance of Al-hayat can be found through various sources and it cannot be understated in any capacity. According to the Quran, Sunnah, the book "Islam: The Misunderstood Religion" and scholars like Dr. Israr and Ghomedi, the significance of Al-hayat in human life is as follows:

#### i) According to the Quran:

The Holy Quran gives a complete code of life and a full account of life in the next world and the stage through which we reach it.

**"Advocating Good and  
abolishing evil  
- Surah Al-Imran**

In the above Ayat Allah has clearly highlighted the best way for moving forward for life. As by practicing good and fighting evil is the way to do good deeds and cleanse one's sins to get a favourable

judgement in Alharat and go to heaven

## ii) According to Sunnah.

The Prophet (S.A.W) in his final sermon signified the importance of being a good person, how deeds will be measured in Alharat and details of Qayamah. The Prophet (S.A.W) practised every virtue through out his life and through his magnificent character he defined how Alharat and its preparation affects one's life.

## iii) In Individual Life.

A good Muslim fears Allah and his judgement so he will exert his best effort to lead a virtuous life. A person must practice good deeds in his personal life and individual's dealings to 'weigh up his good deeds'.

## iv) In Public life.

Allah in the Quran has demanded that public dealings, whether as an ordinary citizen or whether as a public official, are to be strictly just and fair. Allah will ask about this in the life hereafter at the time of Alharat.

## v) In family life.

The Quran and Sunnah encourage a Muslim to fulfill his rights and obligations to his family, otherwise he will be accountable on Alharat.

## vi) Striving for a virtuous life.

The concept and existence of Alkhair compels muslims to strive to live a life that encompasses virtue and piety in fear of Allah. They know that they are accountable to Allah and therefore this concept has a great impact on human life.

### Conclusion.

Without a modicum of doubt, the doctrine of Alkhair holds unimaginable importance in every sphere of human life. The judgement and measurement of a person's deeds in Alkhair will be the ultimate test for them.

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## PURITY AND TOLERANCE IN ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION

### Introduction.

Islam is complete deen which strongly emphasizes the values of purity and tolerance. Therefore Islamic civilizations of the east have inculcated these cardinal values in their social fabric of society. The Quran, Sunnah and the first four Caliphs have prime examples that are the epitome of purity and tolerance.

# Civilization

## Literal Meaning:

The word civilization can be divided in two parts: "Civi" and "ization". The word literally means the advancement of people.

## Contextual Meaning:

The intellectual and cultural advancement of a certain people at a certain time is known as a civilization.

## Islamic Civilization

During the Prophet's (S.A.W) period Islamic civilization was at the apex of peace and advancement. After that Muslims continued to progress and were unique in every aspect such as having the Khilafat system and burial of the dead in a specific, Islamic manner.

## Essence of Purity:

### i) According to the Quran:

Allah expects the quality of purity in a man's mind, character, intention, body and soul. The Quran is full of such accounts which exemplify the need for purity.

## ii) According to Sunnah.

The Prophet (S.A.W) practiced and encouraged purity in all its forms. He showed the correct and best way for ablution to maintain purity for namaz. He was just in his dealings and merciful to his enemies which delineated the purity of his character. His example led to the evolution of the Islamic civilization so that future generations may seek purity as well.

## iii) Practicing Purity in first 4 caliphates.

The first four great caliphs of Islam led pious and simple lives that had an abundance of purity. This can be shown in the rule of the four caliphs along with the epistles they wrote and sent. This set the standard for the evolution of Islamic civilization.

## iv) Purity of Body.

The purity of Body in Islamic civilization is best demonstrated by doing ablution five times a day. This is followed by practicing mustahabbs of today and differentiates them from other civilizations.

## v) Purity of Soul.

The purity of the soul in Islamic civilization is accomplished through praying 5 times a day and by recitation of

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## The Holy Quran

### vii) Purity of character:

The spirit of the Islamic civilization is fact through the practising muslims who follow the Seerah of the Prophet (S.A.W) to purify their character. This is a vital element for collective evolution of the Islamic civilization.

### Tolerance as an essential element

#### i) According to the Quran:

Allah has given commendments that signal toward showing tolerance in several places. Allah links the concept of patience and tolerance together and has offered rewards for those who inculcate these qualities.

#### ii) According to Sunnah:

The Prophet (S.A.W) showed his followers the need for tolerance in various matters and how this quality should become a vital part of Islamic civilization. He showed tolerance even with his enemies.

#### iii) Tolerance during the four great Caliphs:

In each of their caliphates, the

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Caliphs set forth their examples of how one should show/practice tolerance, restraint and patience. An example of this is during the civil wars in Islam during the fourth caliphate, Hazrat Ali showed extraordinary tolerance in the face of his opponents.

#### ii) Tolerance in Personal life:

The practice of a tolerant attitude is key to the evolution of the Islamic civilization. It allows for one to take decisions with a calm mind in all his individual dealings.

#### iii) Tolerance in Family life:

In his personal relations, a Muslim needs to be tolerant of his family's difficulties, misdeeds and dealings. This will allow for betterment in collectivist Islamic societies.

#### Conclusion:

The elements of Purity and Tolerance are, without a doubt, highly significant to the progression and evolution of Islamic society as a whole. These virtues carry will and spirit of Islam and were endorsed by the Quran and Sunnah.

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## ISLAMIC POLITICAL SYSTEM

Politics.

Literal Definition.

The word "politics" is derived from a Latin word and it means to "to govern the affairs of a state".

Comprehensive Definition.

Aristotle defines it as the responsibility of a government to rule over a state and to keep its citizens happy.

### Ideology behind the Islamic Political System

The Islamic Political system has been established by the Prophet (S.A.W) through the guidance of Allah in the Holy Quran. It sets out various rules and dynamics and mechanism which define how it will govern a people.

### Main Purpose.

1) According to the Quran:

Allah has clearly defined that an Islamic political system's main work is to dispense justice in a state and society.

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governed by it.

## ii) Responsibility under Allah.

Allah has clearly defined in the Quran that:

"Responsibility is the trust of Allah." - Al-Quran

Power and responsibility of a ruler under the Islamic political system must carefully exercise it.

## iii) According to Sunnah:

The Prophet (S.A.W) outlined the need for a just and fair ruler in as follows:

"The Chief ruler of the nation is also the Chief servant of a nation"

This elucidates how the Islamic political system must serve the people.

## iv) Requirements of a Caliph/ruler.

Shah Wali Ullah outlined the following qualities:

- a) Must be of sound mind
- b) Must be a muslim
- c) Must be a scholar of Quran and Sunnah
- d) Must be literate/educated
- e) Must be Characterful

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- f) Must possess sagacity
- g) Must be a mature person

#### v) Shura (consultation)

The democratic spirit of an Islamic state can be seen when the Prophet (S.A.W) practised Shura and took advice from his companions in battle of Uhud for a just and decisive outcome.

#### vi) An Islamic State must be a welfare state.

To ensure peace and justice, the Islamic political system ensures/allows for certain mechanisms to be installed which includes the following.

1) Zakat collection and redistribution system for the poor.

2) Transparency

3) Accountability

4) Giving fundamental rights

5) Accommodating Minority rights

6) Strict system of punishment of crime

7) Caring for the disabled

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8) Providing Security to the people.

### Conclusion.

The Islamic political system guarantees justice and welfare for all people. It provides a comprehensive public administration and governance system that confers peace and prosperity. If all its principles are followed then it can achieve its intended purpose of a just and peaceful state and society.

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## THE MUSLIM UMMAH

### Introduction.

In the contemporary time period, the muslim ummah is facing decline and regression. The reasons for this issue are diverse, ranging from forgetting Islamic values to being easily swayed by western influence. Despite the current worrisome state of affairs, there exist adequate solutions to solve this dilemma. The first and foremost of which is to escape this identity crisis and reconnect with our roots.

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## Causes of Decay

### i) Identity Crisis of the East.

The muslim ummah is submerged knee-deep in an identity crisis. It has been stuck in limbo over decades of years in terms of western cultural influence acceptance. They are in a state where they don't fully identify with either.

### ii) Forsaken of Islamic Teaching.

Muslims all over the globe are letting go of the Islamic teachings they were taught. Instead they are choosing material pursuits and stopped practicing Islam.

### iii) Strands of Liberal Thought

The minds of muslims have been poisoned by the veins of liberal thought originating from western political and liberal thought.

### iv) Saudi Arabia no longer the muslim world leader.

KSA is slowly becoming a modern hub of illicit westernized practices. It no longer has the symbolic and spiritual sway it had on muslims in pre-21st century times.

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## v) Modernization of Muslim Societies.

Muslim nations all over the world have fell victims to the fast-paced capitalistic practices that promote consumerism over everything. This has led to the mass production of world desires only.

## vi) Cultural encapturation.

Muslim society is currently facing a cultural invasion by the West, according to Muhammad Qutb in "Islam and the misunderstood religion".

## Recommendations

### i) Reconnection with Islamic roots.

The muslim ummah should re-establish its connection with Islam and work on propagating Islamic thought through out muslim societies.

### ii) Reciting Quran.

Reading and actually understanding Quran is the individual responsibility that they should once again undertake.

### iii) Practising Islam.

Islamic practice can be revitalized by using modern means to dissiminate awareness and its significance.

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