

PART-II

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(1) Concept of Tauheed in Islam; Introduction

The concept of Tauheed (monotheism) is a belief in oneness of God. It is a foundation belief in Islam upon which Muslims believe. Tauheed is the basic pillar of Islam without which a person can't be declared Muslim. Tauheed impacts both individual and collective life of a person. It makes a person self-accountable for his actions, provides ^{inner} satisfaction in this world. Through belief in monotheism, a person spurs from deviating towards worldly beliefs or multiple gods. Concept of monotheism also benefits the collective life as the person encourages good virtuous deeds, forbids evil deeds, establishes justice, equality and a tolerant society.

(2) Tauheed; Unity of God in Islam

Tauheed or monotheism is a basic pillar of Islam that there is only one God of the whole universe. There is no God but Allah. Allama Shibli Naumanji wrote in his book, 'Seerat-ul-Nab' that, Tauheed is the first chapter of Islamic syllabus.

(a) Reference; Tauheed as a core belief of

of Islam is given in first part of Kalma;
"There is no God but Allah;
Muhammad (SAW) is the
messenger of Allah"
(Kalma Tayyib)

(b) Quranic guidance: Allah says in Surah Ikhlas,

He is Allah who is one. He neither
begets nor is born; nor is there
to him any equivalent

[112: 1-2]

(c) Hadith: Allama Shibli Naumani wrote in
his book "Seerat-4-Nabi that Prophet Muhammad
said that,

Islam is like a fort and gate
to this fort is Tauheed

(d) Influence of monotheism on individual
life of a believer

(a) Belief in Allah makes a muslim conscious
about his deeds; When a person truly believes
in Allah and realize that Allah is
watching his every good and bad action,
he becomes conscious about his daily life.
He tries to spend his life according to

teachings of Allah and his beloved prophet. Hence, concept of Tawheed make a person self-accountable for his action and pushes him towards a virtuous life.

(b) Belief in Tawheed assures inner satisfaction of heart of a muslim; Belief in unity of God provides inner satisfaction and assurance about the only God. When a person deviates from this belief, he gets involved in worldly myths, multiple gods and strive for spiritual satisfaction. Hence, concept of tawheed blesses a person with inner spiritual satisfaction in his individual life.

(c) The concept of Tawheed encourages humility and compassion in individual life;

When a person believes in unity of God, he adopts an Islamic way of life. He starts practising moral values of Islam such as patience, humility, truthfulness, compassion and moderation. Hence, tawheed reduces extremist values and make a person humble in his life.

(4) Influence of Tawheed on collective life

of an individual

Belief in

- (a) Tawheed makes a society tolerant and moderate in all spheres of life; As Islam is a moderate deen that advises a person to be ~~ter~~ moderate, balancing both worldly and spiritual life. Hence, collectively it transforms a society into a moderate society that accepts pluralism and protect minority rights as well.

- (b) Monothetism leads to equitable and just society, free from oppression

Belief in unity of Allah, the Exalter encourages a society to establish equality, justice, peaceful-co-existence, protection of the weak, orphans, poor and women rights. Hence, tawheed's makes a person humble that cares for ~~the~~ society's weak and ~~de~~ poor people. Collectively, it establishes a just and prosperous society that becomes free from oppression and injustice.

- (c) Establishment of political system; based on core belief of monothetism

Belief in Allah strengthens a person to establish an islamic political system.

This system ensures a prosperous nation where justice, equality, consultation, inclusion and minority protection are ensured. In Islamic political system, supreme leader is Allah, the exalter. His teachings are implemented in the state. As Prophet (PBUH) established state of Madinah into a prosperous nation based on core belief of Tawheed.

(d) Islamic economic system based on tawheed prevents exploitation of the poor

Islamic economic system based on core belief of monotheism gives zakat and charity to poor people. Interest is forbidden and hoarding is not allowed in this system. Collectively, a just financial system is established that lead to prosperity as a whole.

(5) Conclusion

To sum up, Tawheed is a core belief in Islam that means oneness of God. It influences a person's individual and collective life. Concept of Tawheed provides spiritual satisfaction, makes a person accountable for his deeds, and pushes him to practice moral values of Islam. Collectively, it establishes a just, equitable and tolerant society that resist oppression and tyranny.

Q6.

(1) Introduction

zakat is one of the basic pillars of islam. It is obligatory on that part of society when it acquires a particular amount of wealth. Through zakat, a person purifies his heart and his wealth. Allah has assured that zakat doesn't reduce wealth of a person and it is for the sake of Tazkya (purification). The effective implementation of zakat produces a prosperous society because it redistributes wealth between rich and poor, prevents hoarding, reduce gaps within the society, decrease crime rates, and helps a person to get rid of love for materialism. It make a person close to Allah and purifies his soul. Hence, effective implementation of zakat and sadkat establish an egalitarian society.

(2) The social and economic philosophy behind Zakat is Tazkya (purification)

- (a) Zakat purifies wealth of an individual
when a person gives zakat for sake of Allah, it purifies his wealth. ~~for~~ Allah

Almighty has ensured that zakat doesn't reduce wealth of any person. As Allah says in the Quran that,

Establish prayer and give zakat
and bow [down] with those who
bow in worship and obedience

[2:43]

(b) Zakat enhances a sense of closeness to Allah

When a person gives zakat, it increases a sense of satisfaction and closeness to Allah. The person acquires spiritual inclination toward Allah. Hence, this closeness encourages him to give more zakat and sadakat that contribute towards egalitarian society.

(c) Zakat reduces love of material wealth in

life of a believer, As the world is full of material wealth and a believer when spends in the way of Allah, he proves that wealth, money, and material things are not important. Through this act, he proves that sovereignty belongs to Allah and whatever he has, also belongs to Him. As Allah says in the context of Quran,

To Allah belongs whatever is
in the earth and whatever is
in heavens

[Al-Quran]

In above verse, it is evident that everything is from Allah and He is sovereign authority.

(3) Effective implementation of zakat and sadkat help in development of egalitarian society

and sadqat

- (a) zakat ensures redistribution of wealth in a society; through zakat and sadkat, wealth is redistributed from those having huge wealth to the poor and needy. It leads to equitable wealth distribution in a society. zakat is obligatory whereas sadkat is given according to will of the person. Both of these acts establish a dynamic society and reduce gap between rich and poor, hence, it helps in the development of an egalitarian society.
- (b) zakat and sadakat soften hearts of the poor for rich ones; when rich persons spend in the way of Allah in the form of zakat and sadkat, it softens hearts of the poor for rich ones. zakat ensures that necessities of the poor are completed. It addresses their grievances and paves way for development of an egalitarian society.

(c) Zakat and Sadkat prevents crimes in the society

As the needy and poor, when fail to complete basic needs of their family and loved ones, they are compelled for committing crimes like theft, robbery, pickpocketing and even murder. Through Zakat and sadkat, those necessities are fulfilled. Hence, they reduce crimes in the society, leading to establishment of an egalitarian society.

(d) Elimination of poverty from the society

As wealth and money distributed from rich ones to the needy, it reduces gaps between them. Wealth distribution is done for sake of Allah without any other favour or hopes of return. Hence, the poor get money to fulfil their needs. Therefore, zakat and Sadkat eliminate poverty and bridge poor-rich gap in a society.

(e) Reduction of materialism and inclination towards morally upright society

Through these spiritual acts of zakat and sadkat, a love of materialism is reduced. As Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW)

said,

The greatest evil in my Ummah
is love for wealth

[Hadith]

The above hadith illustrates that materialism is the greatest evil. Through Zakat and Sadakat, this evil is prevented, thereby creating an egalitarian society.

(4) Conclusion

To conclude, Zakat is an obligatory worship and Sadkat is given according to will of people. Both of these acts are performed for sake of Allah. The social and economic philosophy is purification and development of an egalitarian society. It is achieved because Zakat and Sadakat redistribute wealth among rich and poor, reduce love for wealth in a believer, softens hearts of poor for rich ones, address their grievances, decrease crime rates and poverty in a society. In this way, they both ensure establishment of an egalitarian and prosperous society.

(1) Introduction

The Islamic political system is based on the belief that sovereignty belongs to Allah only and man is His successor. Other features include consultation, moral values like justice, equality, human rights protection, religious freedom and following Islamic teachings of Holy Quran and Sunnah. Consultation and Shariah law are critical aspects of Islamic political system. Modern Democracy is similar to Islamic system in many ways like system of consultation, human rights protection, minority rights. However, in Islam, Allah is sovereign whereas in modern democracy ruler is sovereign and power belongs to the ruler only.

(2) Vital features of Islamic political system; The important features are listed below;

(a) Sovereignty belongs to Almighty Allah

As in Quran Allah says that,

And who is better than Allah

in judgment for people

[Al-Maidah: 50]

(b) Man is appointed as successor of Allah

As Allah says in Quran that

And we have appointed you
as their successor in the earth

[Surah Yunus : 14]

(c) Ruler is the representative of people
after God.

(d) No law should be passed against Islamic
provisions

(e) Establishment of prayer and zakat

(f) system of justice and rule of law

(g) Religious freedom is a right in Islamic
political system; Allah says in Surah
Baqarah that

There is no compulsion

in the choice of religion

(2:256)

(h) Protection of minorities must be ensured;

As prophet Muhammad signed charter of
Madinah and established a pluralist
society with peaceful co-existence.

ii) Consultation (shura) - an important feature
of Islamic political system; As Almighty
Allah ordained in Quran that

And consult them in the matter

[Surah Al-Nahl: 90]

(3) Concept of Shura (consultation) in Islam : Consultation is a critical

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feature of islamic political system. It means discussion of important matters with the related individuals. Almighty Allah has ordered about practising consultation in Holy Quran that,

And consult them in the matter

[Surah Al-Nahl: 90]

Similarly, Holy Prophet (SAW) and his companions also consulted with the people at different instances of their life. A pertinent example is **Battle of Trench**. When infidels of Makkah were approaching towards Madina in a huge number for attack, prophet Muhammad consulted with the people of Madina. One of them Hazrat Salman Farsi gave idea of digging a large trench (khandaq) so that the disbelievers don't pass that trench. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) accepted his idea and it proved beneficial for people of Madina. The infidels of Makkah tried to cross the trench but failed. Ultimately, they returned and muslims acquired victory in the battle. This illustrates

the significance of consultation in the Islamic political system.

(4) Concept of Caliphate (Khalifat) in Islam

Khalifat means rule by the successors of Holy Prophet (PBUH) who establish Sharia law and ensure moral values in the society. Caliphate is a sacred belief in Islam. ~~that~~ According to this system, the successors of Holy Prophet (PBUH) established Islamic system. There are four Caliphate in Islam,

- (a) Hazrat Abu Bakr Sadeeq (R.A)
- (b) Hazrat Umar (R.A)
- (c) Hazrat Uthman (R.A)
- (d) Hazrat Ali (R.A)

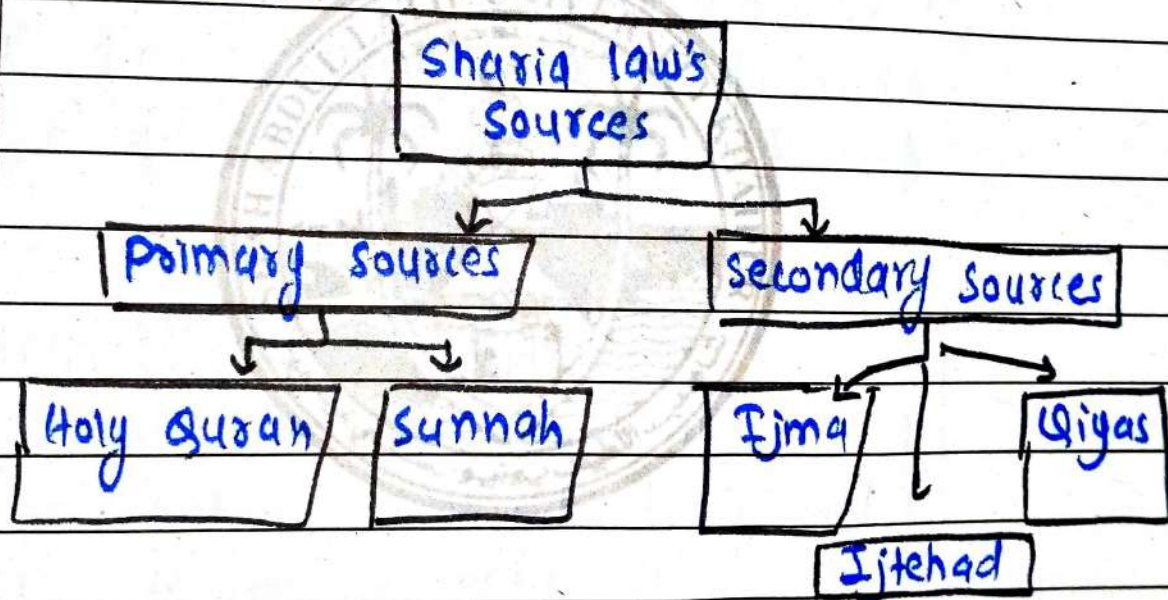
Almighty Allah has appointed man as his vicegerent and that man is accountable before Allah and His Ummah. In Holy Quran, Allah says that,

Indeed, I will place upon the earth a vicegerent (Khalifah)
(2:30)

The duty of the vicegerent is established of Sharia law and ensure

moral values of justice, equality, protection of minorities, and islamic teachings in the society. It is not dictatorship or oppressive system because man has Ammanah from Allah and He will hold him accountable.

Sources of
(5) Sharia law in political system of
Islam; There are mainly two sources of Sharia law.



(6) Alignment of Modern Democracy with
Islamic political system

The modern democracy has many similarities with the islamic political system such as moral values, equality, religious freedom, justice system, protection

of human rights etc. However, there are differences as well. For instance, in Islamic political system ~~sump~~ supreme power belongs to Allah and man is the vicegerent of Allah, whereas in modern democratic system man (ruler) is supreme. Islamic political system aligns Islamic teachings and no law can be formulated against Islamic teachings. On the other hand, modern democratic system is secular where people are supreme and they can formulate any law according to their will.

(7) Conclusion

To conclude, Islamic political system's vital features are sovereignty of Allah, establishment of Islamic teachings in the state, man as the vicegerent of Allah and practising moral values of justice, equality and religious freedoms. Modern democracy aligns with Islamic system but disparities also exist. Hence, Islamic political system is a unique system provided by Allah ~~for~~ for His people.