

Principles Of Human Collectivity: Analytical Study Of Islamic Teachings

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ABSTRACT

Religion, being the strongest bond between God and Human Being, ensures humanity to be in one unit of a universal brotherhood. Religion has been always a source of physical comfort and spiritual elevation for human beings. It has been always guiding humanity through its sacred books, revealed to the prophets. It has been with humankind in all periods of human history, and anything that is associated with human being forever, must have a permanent role in human life. This research paper is discusses the meaning, history and role of religion along-with its relationship and importance in human life.

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Introduction and Importance of Study:

With the creation of man, the plan of living in the world was given by the Creator in the form of religion. Because religion educates each individual, and individuals together form the society. From the birth of a person to his death, religion is the companion of a person. That is why the way of life is called religion.

المذنب: الطريقة يقال ذنب فلان مذهباً حسناً
اي طريقة حسنة¹

A religion refers to a path, method or ideology that a person voluntarily chooses

to follow. Ibn Manzoor al-Afriqi (630-771 AH) wrote that religion is the name of the belief that should be permanently followed.

المذهب: المعتقد الذي يذهب اليه.²

In the English language, the word Religion is used for religion. The meanings of which are the method of worship, belief and fear and obedience of supernatural powers.. As the famous thinker Durkheim (Emile Durkheim: 1858-1917) explains religion, he writes that:

A religion is a unified system of beliefs and

practices relative to sacred things.³

Religion is basically a very sacred concept as people believe themselves to be connected to supernatural forces because of this sacred concept. As Catherine L. Albanese (1940-) explains this concept, she writes:

Religion can be seen as a system of symbols by means of which people locate themselves in the world with reference to both ordinary and extraordinary powers, meanings and values.⁴

Islamic Concept of Religion:

From the study of the Holy Qur'an, it is known that when Allah Almighty sent the first human being Hazrat Adam (peace be upon him) to this world, he provided his material needs along with his spiritual satisfaction, kept it in the worship of God, Lord of the worlds. Not only that man was a monotheist from very first day, but he was also a messenger calling for divine monotheism. All the prophets, peace be upon them, were sent to every nation to teach people the straight path and pure monotheism. Allah Almighty says in Quran:

وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ⁵

It is clear from this verse that Allah sent Prophets and Messengers to every nation, i.e. human group, to propagate Tawheed, so that later no one would have any way of escape.

As Imam Fakhruddin Razi (1736-1795) writes in his commentary on this verse:

فبين تعالى أن سنته في عبده إرسال الرسل إليهم، وأمرهم بعبادة الله ونهيهم عن عبادة الطاغوت⁶

In another Sorah Allah Almighty Says:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِي إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ⁷

The above-mentioned Quranic facts explained that from Adam (peace be upon him) to the time of last Prophet (peace be upon him) as many prophets were sent and many heavenly books were revealed, they all had the same message that there is no god but Allah. However, after modern research with various evidences, it became clear that religion is neither an evolutionary theory nor a product of human conditions, rather it is a precious gift given to human beings by Allah Ta'ala, which is given to humans from the moment they are born. It is with us and will be with us until we die. That is, the first religion in the world was monotheism, whose followers were called Muslims, but when people adopted polytheism, Allah sent prophets in every nation to correct them. Sent.

Role of Religion in Human Society:

Man's relationship with religion is very deep. So far, countless religions have come into being in the world, some of which are still present in the world in one form or another. Some names and fancies are found in the pages of history. Evidences of some religions have been found in archeology and destroyed ruins and buildings of places of worship of past nations. It became clear that every nation has some religion.⁸

It seems that ever since man came into this world, he must have been associated with some religion because religion is the basic need of man. Without which living is not only difficult but impossible. This is the

reason why man always seems to think that what is man? Where did it come from? Different types of birds, water, fire, wind, soil, trees, stones, mountains, rivers, rain, lightning and its thunder, birth, life, death and night, day, all these were created for whom? And which entity is running this whole system all the time? Man has come to the fact that there must be some entity above all humans who is running the system of this universe in a good way.⁹

Concept of Life Theory:

This theory of life about the universe and the creator of the universe has been given to man by religion. Religion made man aware of his place and rank in this universe, then clarified his relationship with this universe and the creator of the universe, and then made him aware of the purpose of life.

The Holy Qur'an has reminded man that his creator and owner has not only given man a special place and status on earth, but by exalting him with the blessing of intellect and consciousness, he has given many powers of the earth and heaven subjugated to him:

وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلٰٓئِكَةِ اِنِّىْ جَاعِلٌ فِى
الْاَرْضِ خَلِيْفَةً¹⁰

With it, man is directed to harmonize with the natural order of the universe, and to adopt the same rules which the whole universe follows. In such a case, he will see that he is getting honor and respect in the universe. Therefore, the Qur'an states:

وَلَقَدْ كَرَّمْنَا بَنِيْٓ اٰدَمَ وَحَمَلْنٰهُمْ فِى الْبَرِّ
وَالْبَحْرِ وَرَزَقْنٰهُمْ مِّنَ الطَّيِّبٰتِ
وَفَضَّلْنٰهُمْ عَلٰى كَثِيْرٍ مِّمَّنْ خَلَقْنَا
تَفْضِيْلًا¹¹

From these verses, it is known that man's introduction to the creator of the universe and awareness of his position and position

is possible only because of the religion. Religion told men that they are the best creators and everything in the world is created for them.

Religion provides rules and regulations for human being to live in the world. By creating a sense of responsibility in man, it reminds him of his duties and obligations. So that he should accordingly deal with other people in the same way as Allah Ta'ala dealt with him.¹²

As if religion is the name of such a moral force which does not allow man to fall from the honor of humanity but provides such golden principles of human service and human welfare by following which the foundations of humanity and high civilization are built.

Provision of spiritual comfort:

In human life, religion brings satisfaction and enlightens people with a sense of security. When it is said that Allah is our supporter and supporter, it creates confidence in a person and he feels an unseen power in himself. This experience has been described in different ways in different religious traditions. In the worldly life, a person suffers from various problems and troubles step by step, a person feels his loneliness and helplessness when he is faced with a major tragedy in life, in such a situation, religion becomes a ray of light. Thanks to which the strength to face the sufferings and pains that occur in life is created in a person. Religion defends it in moments of despair and hopelessness. As it appears in the Holy Qur'an:

وَلَا تَهِنُوْا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوْا وَاَنْتُمْ الْاَعْلَوْنَ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ
مُّؤْمِنِيْنَ¹³

Syed Qutab Writes in the explanation of this verse :

لا تهنوا- من الوهن والضعف- ولا
تحنوا- لما أصابكم ولما فاتكم-
وأنتم الأعلى.. عقيدتكم أعلى
--ومنهجكم أعلى. فأنتم تسببون
على منهج من صنع الله، وهم
يسببون على منهج من صنع خلق
الله! ودوركم أعلى-- ومكانكم في
الأرض أعلى، فلکم وراثۃ الأرض
التي وعدكم الله بها، وهم إلى الفناء
والنسيان صائرون-- وإن كنتم
مؤمنين حقاً فلا تهنوا ولا تحزنوا¹⁴

Concept of Hope:

Religion gives man the courage to face sufferings by encouraging him in situations of despair and hopelessness. Brings people closer to their religion and God. As a result, people try to get comfort from their religion. Because in defeated situations, religion becomes the center of their hopes.

Therefore, Imad-ul-Hasan, pointing to this aspect of free religion, writes that:

A box of religion or an aspect of it is related to the inner life of the individual where he is exposed to the reality of religion as a feeling and an inner event. This is the world where religion is exposed in its true reality and a direct relationship of religion is established with men. Therefore, this is the level where religion quenches man's religious thirst by coming to inner experience.¹⁵

From the above arguments, it is known that a religious man maintains his trust in his Creator and Lord in every situation and never gets frustrated by fearing the difficulties of life. He feels himself under the protection of his Lord and sometimes He does not try to commit suicide. When a person gets stuck in various sufferings in life and loses courage, it is religion that not only gives strength to bear these sufferings but also becomes a ray of hope in the darkness.

Therefore, religion has become a guarantor of happiness and to remove human sufferings and problems in the world. But some thinkers call religion as the basis of suffering and pain and advise people to stay away from religion. Because according to them, religion slaves people. It does not give anything other than sorrow and pain. Professor Dr. Mustafiz Ahmad Alvi (1964) comments on this and writes:

Some thinkers who partially studied the effects of religion on human life came down to superficiality and began to declare the existence of religion itself unnecessary. Because of religious teachings, a spirit of patience and contentment is created in a person which leads to inaction.¹⁶

Formation of Human Civilization:

Religion is not only a means of worshipping God and satisfying the soul, but it is the great inner force of human consciousness through which collectivity and spiritual connections are established in the society. In terms of civilization, the status of religion is very important in society because religion is closely related to human feelings. Under religion, man determines the principles and laws for society through which civilization sets its evolutionary goals. Gets organized and stable existence. Professor Khurshid Ahmed writes in:

There are two basic needs of man in the world. On the one hand, material resources are needed to maintain the relationship between body and soul, and on the other hand, moral and cultural principles are needed to keep individual and collective life on a healthy basis. He has fulfilled these two needs of man. For the satisfaction of material and human needs, he deposited an endless amount of resources in the earth and sky. He sent the Prophets for the moral and

cultural needs, who taught man the way to live. This path is called religion¹⁷.

As if religion provides the basis for collectivity in social life, it not only affects the individual life of a person, but the family system, which is based on blood relations, is not only its basic unit, but also provides protection to the human race. It is also an important resource. Thanks to this system, a person gets opportunities to live a better life, he is brought up according to the natural requirements, his natural abilities are ignited and he confidently sets the path of success. This is the reason why the family system is of primary importance in the rise and fall of civilizations and without a strong family system it is not only difficult but impossible to develop a better civilization.¹⁸

Understanding of Moral Values:

Religion has not only given man the consciousness of making a family, but religion has given man the consciousness of bringing together parents to make a family, trusting relationships, creating, beautifying and advancing the family system. All the religions of the world have encouraged men and women to connect with each other in a sacred way because society comes into being from this relationship. The strength of the relationship between men and women provides the foundation for the strength of society. Agreement and unity, living together, elder's honor and respect, determination of rights and duties, love and compassion for the little ones, all these are not the product of any human thought, but the gift of religion to man.

Dr. Mustafiz Ahmad Alvi (1964) writes that:

To begin with, in terms of social terms, the basic unit of civilization or from the

beginning of the family to all the major institutions of civilization are the result of the teachings of religion. If we call the family system the initial gift of religion, then we They are not making a good start. Because before the family comes into existence, it is also due to religion to provide this awareness and awareness to create a family.¹⁹

The details of creating, decorating and advancing the society are given only by religion. Religion is the thing that provides the basis for all the institutions that develop in human society. Then whether it is family or Beyond this, the state and government have started all these institutions through the teachings of religion and it has introduced man to them.

As if the most important role in the social life of a person is the thought of a person and his ideas. (which gives him religion) because man sees all the realities of life from the perspective of his thoughts. This is the reason why human thought rules him not only in his personal life but also in his social life with others. His thoughts and ideas also affect the behavior. And if this thinking is positive, it will lead the society towards construction, otherwise, the society will become a victim of sabotage.

There are clear moral teachings in the Old Testament. Which are known as the Ten Commandments:

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy

neighbour. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.²⁰

Therefore, according to the ideas of Sheikh Ahmad Deedat (1918-2005), truth, honesty, self-control, reconciliation, politeness, conscientiousness, agreement and other good qualities have been appreciated by all religions and vice versa cruelty, miserliness, bitterness, treachery, backbiting, backbiting and all other evils are considered bad, that is, these moral values are the common heritage of all religions.²¹

The moral system, social system and culture of any nation depends on the basic principles that the prevailing religion in that nation provides. Because in human life, religion is a system that provides all the customs and traditions for individuals in the society. , rules, lifestyles and other matters and the society is established on these pillars. The rest of the common people consider it as an undeniable truth given by God and consider it a sin to deviate from it.

Therefore, that nation seeks solutions to the problems of its life in the light of these instructions. The construction of all civilizations and the moral qualities found in it are based on the same traditions and ideas that are popular among the people thanks to religious teachings. Because, without a doubt, Religion is the force that brings society into being.

Enthusiasm for academic and scientific progress:

Religion gives man the passion for scientific and academic progress. Almost all religions of the world, especially Islam, teach their followers to acquire knowledge. Where Allah Almighty created this world and the things in it for man. Man has also been ordered to conquer this world with his knowledge, intellect and strength. The glory of the Holy Qur'an is unique in this respect among all the holy books, it is full of such instructional verses, in which man is urged to think carefully about the universe and to use his intellect and consciousness, as it is said:

أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ سَخَّرَ لَكُمْ مَّا فِي
الْأَرْضِ وَالْفُلْكَ تَجْرِي فِي الْبَحْرِ
بِأَمْرِهِ ۖ وَيُمْسِكُ السَّمَاءَ أَنْ تَقَعَ عَلَى
الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِالنَّاسِ
لَرَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ²²

These trees, rivers, seas, mountains, animals, night and day, light and darkness, the moon, the sun and the stars are all servants of man, and all of them have been made servants of man. And it is very foolish for a person to bow his head in front of his servants, to consider them as his needs and to extend his hand in front of them, to beg for help from them, to be afraid and afraid of them, and He kept singing songs of greatness. By doing this, he not only humiliates himself and lowers his status, but by becoming a servant of servants and a slave of slaves, he is also ungrateful to his Creator and Master.²³

It is known that religion wants to see man in human limitations, because when man will exceed his limits and exceed them, religion will sound the alarm of danger. Religion not only connects man with the Creator, but also makes him to please the Lord, brings him closer to the mercy of the

Creator, reminds him of His pleasures and blessings, makes man prostrate before his Creator and Master.

Consciousness of Organized Society and Social Institutions:

Religion has not only given man the consciousness of making a family, but religion has given man the consciousness of bringing together parents to make a family, trusting relationships, creating, beautifying and advancing the family system. All the religions of the world are men. Men and women are encouraged to connect with each other in a sacred way because society comes into being from this relationship. The strength of the relationship between men and women provides the foundation for the strength of society. Agreement and unity, living together, elders. Honor and respect, determination of rights and duties, love and compassion for the little ones, all these are not the product of any human thought, but the gift of religion to man.

Man cannot live alone. He likes to be together from the very beginning, that is why when he steps into the world outside the home, society is born and the scope of family life expands as well as human. Duties also increase. In order to fulfill these duties in a good way, all religions have provided some rules and regulations which each religion advises its followers to follow in order to improve the social life of man.

The establishment of institutions to run the state and the system of governance is also owed to religion. The establishment of social institutions for children, old people, weak and helpless people is the result of the compassionate thought that religion gave to man. Nations and nations are bound by some rules and order, and this order is not possible without religion. Even in savage tribes, there is a wrong concept of religion

to some extent. Because without religion, man cannot exist. So the spiritual thirst cannot be quenched, nor can he find peace of heart.

Religion plays an important role in international relations more than the family, society, and state. In the present era, the whole world has become a global village. Evidence is seen in the form of international organizations, organizations, economic institutions, government systems, media, customs and traditions etc.

The forms of material, intellectual and intellectual civilization in human civilization have failed to establish a balanced society, while on the contrary, the spiritual or divine civilization established by the teachings of the prophets under the influence of religion can guarantee happiness and justice to man. There are some permanent moral principles in it which must be followed and they are useful in every way for humanity.

It is as if the life of man without religion becomes worse than that of animals. People who deny the necessity and importance of religion, they leave themselves to the currents of the situation and let the situation to direct them in whatever direction they want. Nowadays, the new generation considers distance from religion as a guarantee of welfare, while the reality is that disobedience to religion has not given a person anything except humiliation. Religion was the benefactor of mankind, so it is our moral duty to respect them all. All religions teach public peace and morals. The role of religion in human life is very important and we need religion for the following reasons.

In the absence of religious belief, these values lose their importance and morals

become degraded. While religion not only makes him humane but also makes him such a useful person socially by providing principles of worship and ethics. It is that he not only makes his own life happy, but also considers it a matter of pride to live for others.

Excellent Lifetime Warranty:

In the present era, the world has become a global village, in which the distance between states has reduced, which is evident in the form of international institutions, organizations, economic institutions, government systems, media, customs and traditions. In view of which the forms of material, rational and intellectual civilization in human civilization have failed to establish a balanced society. As a logical result, human life is becoming worse than that of animals.

However, in the modern age, the religion that established the spiritual or divine civilization is the only one that can guarantee happiness and justice to man. Because they have such permanent moral principles, the observance of which is beneficial in every way for humanity.

Syed Qutb Shaheed (1906-1966) describes this fact as follows:

و بو من ثم الميزان الوحيد الذي ير
جع اليه الانسان في كل مكان وفي
كل زمان، بتصوراته وقيمه
ومناهجه ونظمه و اوضاعه و
احواله و اخلاقه و اعماله- ليعلم اين
هو من الحق و اين هو من الله- وليس
هنالك ميزان آخر يرجو اليه،
وليس هنالك مقررات سابقة ولا
مقررات لاحقة يرجع اليها في هذا
الشان- انما هو يتلقى قيمه و موازينه
من هذا التصور، و يكيف بها عقله
و قلبه، و يطبع بها شعوره و سلوكه

ويرجع في كل امر يعرض له الى
ذالك الميزان²⁴

Religion introduced human societies to discipline and moral principles and gave them the concept of purity of body and soul. It was religion that distinguished human beings from animals and improved the way of society. Along with the lives, he also made his impact in the collective affairs. He not only gave the concept of political and social institutions but also established balance and moderation between them.²⁵

From the above-mentioned arguments, the fact became clear that disobedience to religion did not give a person anything except humiliation and disgrace. Therefore, it is our moral duty to respect all of them. All religions teach public peace and good morals. Which no one can deny.

Conclusions and Results:

According to the dictionary, religion is the name of following a path or method. As a social term, religion refers to the set of activities related to the spiritual life of a person. That is, the plan of living a person is given in the form of religion. In human life, religion is considered as the source of laws that protect power, welfare It is the guarantor of prosperity and development.

The history of religion is as old as man and his civilization. There has never been a time in the world in which people are not familiar with the concept of religion. Allah Ta'ala not only sent the Prophets to guide and guide all nations, but also revealed His holy books to them. The House of Allah, which is the first house according to the Qur'an, and Mecca, which was the first human settlement, are proofs of that. Religion started with the birth of man.

Religion is a source of satisfaction in human life. That's why no civilization, no

nation, no generation and no period of the world has been free from it. Religion has existed in every era and taught man creative habits as well as manners of society. Religion alone has given man civilization. And made him aware of the culture. He clarified the purpose of life and made him aware of such issues that would guarantee his welfare.

Religion has played a very effective role in the formation and evolution of human

society. The establishment of justice and fairness in social life, the struggle against oppression and tyranny has been the foundation of religion. In civilized life, agreements, confessions and the observance of covenants is done because of religious teachings. In addition, moral and human values have always been nurtured under the shadow of religion. can face every challenge and thanks to religion can bring forth the ideal forms of civilization through social and social integration.

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