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REVIVAL OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION; A DIRE NEED FOR SOCIAL PEACE: AN ANALYTICAL STUDY OF ISLAMIC THEOLOGY

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ABSTRACT

The foremost purpose of a civilization is to reform, purify, and create good morals in society. It is such a cradle in which human identity is established, there are a lot of progress avenues by adopting it. Islamic civilization is also a link in a long chain of human civilizations. It is based on five basic beliefs which are called components of faith. It is necessary to believe in one God, His angels and messengers, the heavenly books and the hereafter life. Everything that is done in it is a duty. Therefore, the belief of such persons who believe in the religion of Islam is subject to Islamic teachings. The tolerance, piety, justice and brotherhood are the basic, important and soul features of Islamic civilization. The Muslims lead the world towards humanity, love, peace and reform; but when they ignored these teachings, they become the victim of humility and down fall. Hence, the revival of Islamic civilization is a dire need for social peace.

INTRODUCTION

Man is the most honorable creature among the all creatures in society,

Society is very important thing in the collective life of a person because social life is identified with civilization. No doubt, it is right of every body to take full advantage of life to lead a successful life. This is only possible when we know the ways of life which are familiar with the principles and manners of a successful life. Literature and manners, dignity and decency, directness and purity, distinctive good choice, excellence, good theological humility and humility, self-sacrifice etc. are all basic features of Islamic civilization. These are the charming features of Islamic life that create an extraordinary attraction in human life to which not only Muslims but also non-Muslims are inclined deeply. The civilization that gives humanity these precious principles and manners to refine, beautify and adorn it with extraordinary charm can certainly prove to be the best guider for humanity. Below social peace and etiquette will be discussed in detail along with its manifestation.

Peace

Almost in every human civilization, it has been the custom for two or more people to use a few words of respect for each other whenever they meet. These words are chosen based on the lineage of the addressee. The best way to start human discourse in Islam introduced the word "peace" so that every rich & poor and friend & foe can be declared safe and secure for each other. It is clear that Islam is a religion of peace. Therefore, best beginning of human conversation can be possible only by peace.

The Arabs have also used the idea of praying for life when they meet each other. In the Holy Quran Allah Almighty says thus:

"And when you are greeted with a greeting, greet with a better (greeting) than it or in return."¹

Similarly, in Hadith, it is narrated from Abu Hurayrah that the Holy Prophet (Peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) said:

"By Him in whose hand is my soul, you will not enter Paradise until you believe, you will not believe until you love one another: should I not guide you to do something by which you will love one another: spread out salutation among you."²

Spreading salutations is a means of creating mutual love and mutual love is the cause of perfection of faith and the exaltation of the religion and word of Allah, may be glorified and exalted. Today, if Muslims want to end their differences, hypocrisy, discord and hatred, they should greet each other and establish love in their relations with each other. This will automatically eliminate all these social evils and establish a peaceful society.

The Meaning of Literature:

¹ The Qur'an, Al-Nisa, 86:4

² Abu Daood, Imam, Suleman Bin Ashaat Sajastani, Sunan abu daood, Kitab, abwab un Nom, Fi afsha us salam, H-5193

Allama Zubaidi (d.1205AH) writes in his book Taj-ul Aroos as:

"There is a queen who protects him from every obscenity with which he is related."³

Hence, literature means to express one's conscience in a clear and concise manner in the form of words. It can be said the eye, ear, language and mind of society. Thus, the literature of a language is the best reflection of its culture. It is a mirror in which the culture and civilization of a nation, its morals, and the quality of the environment and the ups and downs of that society can be seen easily.

Meaning of etiquette in dictionary:

Civility, politeness, memorization, respect and distinction.

So, etiquette is another name for morality and the meaning of morality is also explained in literature. Shah Waliullah Muhaddith Dehlavi has defined morality in these words:

"Creation is the name of the condition of man which strives for the various attributes of his nature and nature return to him."⁴

Hence, there is always present a moral substance in the nature of every human being and on this basis deeds are manifested from man, but only the presence of ethical motives in nature does not make man moral. Therefore, ethics is a code of law by which a person becomes a perfect man. The more committed a person with such a code of conduct, the more perfect he will be. Belief in right and wrong actions, specific rules and regulations for guiding actions and character, careful consideration of these rules and regulations and the combination of such thinking is known as no doubt ethics.

So, the purpose of morality is "attaining true happiness" and "access to the highest good" It should be noted that there is a great perfection in man which is required from him for the establishment of social peace.

Ethical sermons, advice and books of morality alone cannot make a person virtuous and virtuous, but the real purpose of ethics in the company of a virtuous person is to teach good deeds and virtue to human beings. He should persuade them to take revenge. Nobleness should make man addicted and obsessed with noble morals and this is not possible without the companionship of any person.

³ Zubaidi, Allama Mutaza, Taj ul Aroos Min Jwahar il Qamoos, Publisher dar ul Hadba Egypt, V-4, P-385

⁴ Shah Wali Ul allah, Hujja Tul Allah hul Baliga, Zam Zam Publishers Karachi, P-254

Objectives of social etiquette:

An important part of human life is the fulfillment of natural needs and the expression of emotions. Which is in the realm of morality and etiquette. When a person succeeds in life; he expresses happiness in his emotions. Happiness is a natural human need. Religion realizes the importance of natural needs and encourages them to meet these needs with some useful limits and conditions. Religion does not like you to take away the charm of your character with artificial dignity, undue seriousness, constant deadness and depression. He gives you the full right to rejoice at all legitimate occasions of happiness and wants you to always be refreshed with high spirits, fresh passions and new aspirations. Not expressing happiness on legitimate occasions and considering celebrating happiness against religious dignity is a lack of understanding of religion. Man's social life is a mirror of his civilization and culture and from this cultural life man is also identified. In order to improve this identity, man adopts good habits so that he can make his identity better by his character. Morality and literature is a context whose importance in human life cannot be denied and this morality and literature becomes the main axis of human life. The following is a look at some of the aims of social etiquette to illustrate the importance of literature in human life as under:

Polite speech:

The human personality is identified by its style of speech and discourse. The tone of the conversation, the choice of words and the opportunity to talk in terms of the place is considered a characteristic of human personality. Good Communication is considered to be the basis of human moral values, because a person is identified by his speech and the style of speech is what creates the impression of personality. Therefore, good communication with people has been taught in the Holy Qur'an as:

"Talk kindly to the people (with gentleness and cheerfulness)."⁵

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to speak softly and sweetly. His speech was short but concise. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said

"A sour-tempered person will not enter Paradise, nor will be arrogant."⁶

In general conversation, the tone of voice should be polite, gentle and kind. Useful words should be used during the conversation. Meaningful words should be used during the conversation. Recognize gentle attitudes and express love.

⁵ The Qur'an, Al-Baqara, 83:2

⁶ Abu Daood, Imam, Suleman Bin Ashaat Sajastani, Sunan abu daood, Kitab ul Adab, Bab Fi Husan ul Khalq, H- 4801

Love and duration:

In the social life of man, love, affection and kindness have been emphasized as much as Islam has taught good morals. The element of love and affection in the hearts has also been instilled in human nature

Allah Almighty mentioned His reward for the human in these words:

"And hold fast by the covenant of Allah all together and be not disunited, and remember the favor of Allah on you when you were enemies, then He united your hearts so by His favor you became brethren; and you were on the brink of a pit of fire, then He saved you from it, thus does Allah make clear His communications that you may follow."⁷

Relationships in human life should be such that the feelings of love and sympathy are established so that they can understand each other's suffering. It is as if the relationship among Muslims should be one of love and affection so that they become benefactors of each other, sympathizers, sympathizers, helpers in pain and suffering, moons and mourners of each other. Therefore, it is necessary. In order to lead a good social life in every class of human beings, qualities like love, affection and brotherhood should be inculcated in their hearts and they should be trained morally, intellectually and spiritually so that they can achieve perfection in their cultural life with these manner.

Respect for humanity:

Respect for humanity is the basic virtue to which the continuity of humanity is associated and in fact, honor for humanity means respect for humanity. Islam not only teaches respect for humanity but also commands it to be practiced.

Respect is one of the moral virtues of Islam that forms the basis of human relationships, so every human being is honorable in the light of Islamic law. In the social life of man, it is necessary to take care of human greatness while fulfilling the commands of Allah. The concept of human greatness is also found in the Holy Quran. Allah Almighty has instructed.

"And surely we have honored the children of Adam, and we carry them in the land and the sea, and we have given them of the good things, and we have made them to excel by an appropriate excellence over most of those, whom we have created."⁸

Humility:

Man should develop such a character that should treat humanity with humility. It was learned that a person who is humble and humble is highly respected in the sight of Allah. Therefore, it should be included in human

⁷ The Qur'an, Al-Imran, 103:3

⁸ The Qur'an, Bani Israeel, 17:70

social life along with etiquette that humility and submission should be adopted. Society should be as humble as a human being. I value it so much.

Self-sacrifice:

Modern man has become materialistic and selfishness has taken the place of love for others. Due to which man seems to be active in following the desires of thyself and in humiliating and humiliating others. This selfishness has created a state of anxiety and restlessness in the whole of humanity. Islam has placed such emotions in the formation of human attitudes that human beings have feelings of cooperation and sympathy and self-sacrifice. Self-sacrifice can be for any individual, group, country, nation and human being. In Islamic civilization, this passion is present for all humanity, being this quality and essence of all good qualities without any distinct of one's caste and color.

Manifestation of Social etiquette:

If we look at the social life of human beings, then the manifestation of social life becomes the identity of human beings. Below the review of the manifestation of social etiquette is as under:

Conversation:

Relationship in human society begins with mutual speech and conversation. So, one of the prominent characters of human beings is their relationship. Man should have a specific way and style of communication because every human being makes his social identity through it. Discussion and words spoken through language are very important in relationships. Every person's speech is reflection of his personality .So, the choice of good words that make his personality shine is very important. They always play a very constructive role establishing good relationship.

This shows that mutual communication should be good, gentle and pleasant so that no word and accent is too heavy for the listeners and it maintains continuity in human personality and mutual relations.

Respect and Honor:

Allah Almighty has declared man and all his limbs to be respectable. The Holy Prophet (Peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) has called all creatures the family of Allah thus:

"All creatures belong to Allah. The most beloved in the sight of Allah is the one who treats his family well. "⁹

Therefore, everyone should help the helpless and needy in society. Human sympathy and respect must be the motto and purpose of one's life so that all

⁹ Shafae,Imam,Hassan Bin Ali, Bin Abi bakar,Majma alzwauej,Maktaba Rehmania,Urdu Bazar Lahore,V-8, P-349

human beings treat one another with love and compassion, avoiding hatred and envy.

Smile:

When a person meets another, he smiles on his face and puts a smile on his face. This smile should be like a person who is greeted with fresh flowers. It is one of the social etiquettes to greet someone with a smiling face. While this practice cultivates feeling of love in the heart. Islam has declared this practice to be virtuous.

Hence, a smile is an invaluable gift, an attractive secret, the shortest way to unite hearts and sign of good health. Smiling and smiling on the lips is the Sunnah of the Prophets.

Summary discussion:

No doubt, the real essence of human life comes from its civilization. Civilization clarifies the way of man's life. It is from Civilization clarifies the way of man's life. It is from this civilized life that man's true identity is formed along with the moral values and traditions are developed. It is a mirror of his personality in which the education and training of man and his literature and manners have a great influence. . This research also explains the importance of literature for good morals and character in human life. The importance of literature cannot be denied.

Man acquires the manners and manner of communication, mutual love and brotherhood is established in mutual relations. Humility creates feelings Of tolerance and endurance and creates social peace and tranquility. This research examines some of the manifestations of social etiquette and how these etiquettes are used in their civilized life. For this, Islam has given the best way of greeting so that their conversation starts with security. Therefore, greeting has a central place in the context of literature as it also plays a very constructive role in society. Hence there should be feelings of respect in mutual relations and everyone should meet and discuss with others with smile, and smiling faces so that one can enjoy the real pleasures of life.

In fact, these are the basic and prominent deities of Islamic civilization. Hence, the revival of Islamic civilization is a dire need for social peace.

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