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Challenges of Westernized Culture to Pakistani Society and Its Solution in the Light of Islamic Teachings

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ABSTRACT

Every nation is recognized by the culture and set of norms and values people are adopting and practicing by living in a certain area of land. The ideas, customs, and social behavior of a particular people or society is called culture. It give arranged strategies for translating the world, and identifying with various social orders. To see that diverse individuals or gatherings we can see the world in various ways. It join their Custom, conventions, Traditions, and social lead of a particular people or society. Morals and ethics have more importance in Islam that is the reason that Islam stresses on morality and moral value more than other religion. In Islam morals and ethics are the primary reasons of having a good society and based on acceptance of worship of Muslims. Islamic culture is based on basic human values like truthfulness, cooperation, and sympathy, nobility of character, helping others, caring and sharing for others. In present age Muslim societies are facing the dilemma of westernized cultured especially the youth which is the back bone of any country. The present study is basically to investigate what are the challenges of westernized culture prevailing in Pakistan and how can it be stopped. What are the Islamic teachings? What should be solution to encounter it? All these questions are answered in this article. Islam has given a comprehensive code of life.so Islamic teachings should be implemented on the people of society.

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Introduction

In Islam morals and ethics are the primary reasons of having a good society and based on acceptance of worship of Muslims.¹The issue is that when individuals of various societies live respectively in a similar network, the procedure of cultural assimilation happens where individuals from one culture embrace attributes, traditions, propensities and thoughts from the other culture. There is most likely that this cultural assimilation has happened in our networks. Numerous Muslims have deplorably turned out to be extraordinarily westernized in their mentality, in embracing an extremely unrestrained way of life, in their dressing, in influencing life to spin for the most part around materialistic ideas. Religion for such individuals has turned into a "side-line." When diving profound into the purposes for such cultural assimilation, we find disturbing solution. As indicated by social researchers, individuals relinquish their own way of life and acquire from another culture when they respect parts of the other culture as "better". The Sunnah culture is being relinquished by Muslims for some Western way which they view as "better" or as having more joy and preferred standpoint than the Islamic culture! Western culture is being celebrated and vivaciously advanced by the media.²

Terminological Definitions:

In Oxford dictionary word 'culture' define as:

*The thoughts, traditions, and social conduct of a specific people or society, the dispositions and conduct normal for a specific social gathering.*³

According to Merriam-Webster culture means:

*The standard convictions, social structures, and material attributes of a racial, religious, or social gathering; likewise: the trademark highlights of ordinary presence, (for example, preoccupations or a lifestyle.*⁴

Pakistani Society and Western Culture

Pakistani culture has diversity in it which makes it unique and distinct from others. It is set of norms and values derived from other cultures but being an Islamic society basically it portrays the blend of Islamic set of values. Since the last century increasing globalization has effected Pakistani Culture. Here Pakistani youth is seen more inclined towards western culture. Westernized culture has been spreading very fastly because of social and electronic media and magazines Culture is essential for one's general public; it is the undetectable bond which integrates individuals. The craftsmanship, writing, dialect and religion of a network speak to its way of life. Pakistan has a rich and remarkable culture that has saved built up conventions all through history. In any case, with the progressing time the western culture, affected Pakistan politically, financially and socially as well as impacted their psyches and culture to such a degree, to the point that even resulting ages have ingested the impact as well. This presumption does not preclude the presence commonplace and sub commonplace networks and (sub) cultures.⁵

Effects of Westernized Culture on Pakistani Society.

There are many effects of western culture on Pakistani youth as they are seen more inclined towards western culture rather than towards Islamic Culture. They are more fascinated by western culture as they think to be modern is to be more civilized and culture. Some of the effects are as following.

Language Confusion

The major problem that a Pakistani youth is facing now a days is a strong influence of English language. Our youth is moving towards English and English is being considered as a status symbol. Much emphasis is being given to English on all the levels of education. Our young generation is confused what language should be

adopted the language dilemma is being faced by most Pakistani's today especially youth. Each country has its own mother language and it is not just a way to communicating but also a part of their culture. Today, unfortunately most Pakistani youths are not proud of speaking the Urdu language and this is mostly seen in upper class middle and Elite classes. Most Pakistani youths are moving away from their mother language and adoption English. By adopting English we are not just adopting their language but also their culture, values, customs and traditions and in the process are forgetting our own culture.

The confusion started when British came to rule our land and since then people have been trying to copy their language and have associated it with prestige and class. This problem has been further aggravated by the excessive exposure and the media influence. Even our education now focusing too much on English at all levels. Urdu has been replaced by the English language on all official levels as well. Obsession with English is so much that many Pakistanis, who speak and write English well, are unable to understand Urdu. In short western culture is the reason which make conflicts, difference, animus and anger between Muslim communities.⁶

Celebration of western days

Our youth is more fascinated towards western cultural events and days, as they celebrate Valentine's Day, Holli, Dewali, Basant, and New Year night along with other festivals. They have forgotten that their new year begins with Muharram first month of Islamic calendar. They are least interested in the celebration of Islamic days. Westernization has intruded so deeply into our culture that the Islamic values and manners have faded away. The obligations of Muslim have long been forgotten. No longer do people respond to the call for prayers, in fact, they eat or smoke openly. Alcohol, prostitution, drugs are becoming regular and despite their openness, no actions are being taken to eliminate them from our society. Eid in Pakistan is slowly and steadily losing its charm and importance among young Muslims. The young generation has lost the enthusiasm and excitement towards the festive of **Eid** and they are less interested in its preparations. Nowadays, with the changing trends in fashion and lifestyle, youngsters have become too much influenced by media and their surroundings that are their interests have diverted elsewhere.

For example, they are more concerned about Valentine's Day, Halloween, and new year. All these celebrations are not in culture yet they find them more amusing and enjoyable. The extended and nectar family system, a hall mark of Pakistani culture, has slowly died away. The young generation seldom cares for the old parents and so, sadly, old age houses have been established. There has also been a great increase in divorce rates and extra martial affairs.⁷ And through media we are adopting their values and our youth is more concerned to adopt these western culture to show them so called modern people and on the other hand western media draw a bad impact of Muslim society and shows only negative side of Muslims like terrorism, drug addiction, corruption, physical relations before marriage and so on.⁸

Fade away of Islamic Values

Western culture has affected our youth so badly that now are very far away from manners, they don't know how to pay respect to elders and how to love the youngsters, how to treat the poor or deprived and orphans. They pay no heed an attentions on call for Namaz, or least interested on observing fasts. They eat and smoke openly even in the month of Ramzan. Religion has become the personal and private matter.

Influence of Food Chains in Society

Food culture in the name of hoteling and recreation is being adopted in order to be called modern and cultured .Islamic values are being forgotten day by day. Our young

generation do not know about sitting together on floor on Dasterkhwan and reciting duas on starting and ending the meal and pay thanks to Allah almighty on giving them food and other eatables. Home cooked food is being replaced very fastly by outdoor cooking spots and fast foods like Pizza Hut, MacDonald's, KFC .Energy Drinks have taken the place of natural homemade drinks.

Influence of westernized dresses on youth

Whatever the dressing is adopted by the west its being thought to blindly follow the fashion irrespective of the fact, weather it is according to Islamic code of dressing or not, our youth does not waste a single moment to order and wear these dresses .Pakistani people are so inspired by western clothing industry that they feel pride by wearing such clothes rather than wearing traditional clothes. They are more interested and conscious about brands than the purpose of wearing clothes. These days western influence can be seen all around but most specifically it can be seen in the way Pakistanis have started dressing. Gone are the days of the simple **Shalwar Kameez**, whatever fashion becomes popular abroad, it is quickly adopting by the people here, without thinking that it is not meant for their body type or cultural values. Also the Pakistani fashion industry is so inspired by the foreign styles that they don't even hesitate before introducing revealing clothes their collection.

Vulgarity results as the misconception of this modernization. Effects on Youth. The actors and actresses in these dramas are and movies are seen beautifully dressed wearing jewelry and make up, carrying expensive mobiles, gadgets and accessories that everyone cannot afford and dresses that portray nudity. This really fascinates our women and they try to imitate their lifestyle and living standards. Whereas women in Islam are asked to stay covered and simple that is why **Shalwar kameez** was made our National dress but today majority of our is seen walking away proudly wearing these revealing western clothes and designer designers brands with expensive make up. The element of shyness has gone extinct these days and bold, blunt, liberal attitude is common. Roaming around with friends of the opposite sex has become normal now and even the parents have gone comfortable with their children hugging their friends and smoking together.

Individuality

Our youth feels proud to be called modern at the name of liberty. By following western culture they claimed freedom and liberty. They do not like check and balances by parents. They argue with their parents that a man is born free so he should be free from chains of questioning and answering. He is the solely responsible for his action individually so family should not have check on his activities. The girls and guys are more concerned about their weight and body shape rather than their studies. Most of the teenagers are involved in drugs and all the wrong doing in the name of adventure. Theft has become so common and the criminal activities. The attitude of children has changed drastically with their parents, being Muslims our parents hold the highest status and authority over us and we should respect them and look at them with love but today for every no, the parents have to suffer their child's questioning, screaming, shouting, hateful language, quarreling and not to forget suicides, murders and such activities are reported when parents disapprove of it⁹.

Scattered family system

Scattered family system is also another gift of western culture that our youth is facing at the name of modernism, Family cohesion is seen very rare .Individual rights, individual interests, and individual life is the name of modern family life. Joint family system is losing its value and disappearing from the scene very **fastly** .The result of this scattered family is increase in divorce rate, increase in crimes and disturbed youth,

Arrangement of human rights:

The first and the most unmistakable is the opportunity of press, the right to speak freely and flexibility of activity. These principal rights have for the most part been anchored through over the top western impact. Regardless of whether it is through an aberrant way (western lessons in schools and college which have formed the aggregate awareness of the general population in such a way in order to challenge murmur rights infringement) or through direct means (access to the free media in western nations has urge the Pakistan individuals to expect and request similar rights). The media is sufficiently great to control the popular conclusion and conduct and after the acceptance of private T.V channels free of aggregate government control, an extraordinary change is knowledge bringing about intense media effect on the individual thoughts. The continuous situation has been far from the standards and the standards of a dependable news coverage and requires the requirement for proper limit building of the editors and the stay people.¹⁰

The women activist development:

Western impact has carried with itself an extensive lump of women activist development to Pakistan. Ladies in Pakistan appreciate much freedom contrasted with some other Muslim nations. A couple of cases are of inconsequential episodes like ladies partaking in International games rivalry and being permitted to vote, drive and basically appreciate an indistinguishable freedom from most ladies everywhere throughout the world do. Ladies are engaged with all states of administration, business, and governmental issues and so on. As of late, four ladies were accepted into the Pakistan Air Force as a military pilots. In late year, NGOs, Feminist gatherings and political exercises in Pakistan has blended around the possibility of common society as a task for the outflow of liberal, dynamic, radical and mainstream thoughts.¹¹

Factors involved in prevalence of westernized culture in Pakistani society

Westernization has influenced every aspect of daily life ranging from cuisine to the basic human rights. Westernization has not only created amongst the public but it was a step forward towards modernization. In Islam morals and ethics are the primary reasons of having a good society and based on acceptance of worship of Muslims.¹²

Deviancy from Islamic values

Role of media

Westernization has been spread all through our nation overwhelmingly in view of the media. The effect of Pakistani media is healthy on administration, legislative issues, financial tasks, instruction and even religion.

The T.V channels demonstrate different commentators and diverse characters in the dramatization wearing westernized garments. Notwithstanding this, intimate scenes are winding up more typical in T.V programs. Indeed, even our TV demonstrates now delineating the western style of dressing and stylistic layout. The list, magazine, board and so on obviously demonstrate the effect of westernization all finished Pakistan. You can see the inventory of Stone Age. Magazines and certain TV demonstrates talk about to a great degree open issues that are out of that scene if individuals consider our way of life, conventions and religious qualities. The media today is misusing the identities of new age. It introduces the western liberal ideas has done to us along these lines we are getting entangled further into the web of westernization

Globalization is a procedure which is incorporating each feature of life yet the globalization of correspondence industry has presented an interesting social marvel with its worldwide repercussions. Because of the headway of the new correspondence advances, societies are mixing and blending and qualities from overwhelming societies are being embraced by different countries. In this way it is offering ascend to

a fresh out of the box new worldwide culture which goes past the limits of a particular country state same as Feather stone and McLuhan hold this view in their treatises with respect to the rise of new worldwide culture. Our media don't have break even with power to advance its own particular culture. Remote satellite amusement programs have definitely affected our media social items including distinctive classifications of projects, for example, film, dramatization, music, mold and film grant appears. Satellite TV arrange in our nation is giving undue projection to outside movies in view of unthinkable topics, revolting shorts, sexual and fascinated stories with no correspondence at parallel level.

A trend to be modern

In order to become modern and to win this race youth is blindly running after western culture. As it is thought that to be modern is to be civilized. Everyone wants to be called modern and broadminded.

A fascination for western societies

There has developed a culture of looking towards west in order to find the solution of every problem. People of Pakistan just know that whatever the problem and hurdle we are facing the one and only solution is to follow west as they are the developed nations. Our youth thinks that they are advanced nations and they have found the ways to encounter all the problems so it would be very wise to follow these nation without caring the fact what they are doing is it noble or ignoble, Islamic or un-Islamic

Western Culture verses Pakistani Culture: A Discussion in the Light of Islamic Teachings

The distinction in the two societies stems fundamentally from the wellspring of the way of life. Islamic culture the lifestyle of a Muslim is characterized by the Qur'an and Sunnah. It is the way of life of Companions of prophet (S.A.W). It is that lifestyle whereupon he built up the Companions of prophet in the wake of having dismissed them from the way of life of ignorance.¹³

Islam had changed the Arab ignorance way of life. There were surmountable quantities of Arab ignorance rehearses that were obliterated by Islam, starting from day by day practices to the littlest points of interest comprising of the prodding strategies for each other and different practices.¹⁴

There is a major contrast among Islamic and western culture. Yet, these days our new age is respecting the way of life of western culture due to progressive they are making tracks in an opposite direction from their religion. In Islam morals and ethics are the primary reasons of having a good society and based on acceptance of worship of Muslims.¹⁵

In Western social orders have turned out to be continuously more liberal and libertarian, while the more youthful ages in Islamic social orders stay as conventional as their folks and grandparents. The patterns propose that Islamic social orders have not encountered a reaction against liberal Western socially acceptable sexual behaviors among the more youthful ages, but instead that youthful Muslims stay unaltered notwithstanding the change of ways of life and convictions experienced among their companions living in postindustrial social orders.¹⁶

Islam advances an arrangement of good qualities and practices in the public arena through the contents and platitudes of the prophet Muhammad. The acknowledgment lawful framework. A trademark component in the female dress of Muslim world is the cloak and head-scarf which developed as an insurance and sign of refinement of ladies¹⁷.

Qur'an summon about the apparel of Muslims in this way:

Muslim ladies are not permitted to come in-front of Non- Mehram or even converse with them without any genuine reason. In Qur'an Allah the Almighty says:

وَقُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنَاتِ بَعْضُنَ مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِنَّ وَيَحْفَظْنَ فُرُوجَهُنَّ وَلَا يُبْدِينَ زِينَتَهُنَّ إِلَّا مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَلْيَضْرِبْنَ بِخُمُرِهِنَّ عَلَى جُيُوبِهِنَّ وَلَا يُبْدِينَ زِينَتَهُنَّ إِلَّا لِبُعُولَتِهِنَّ أَوْ آبَائِهِنَّ أَوْ آبَائِ بُعُولَتِهِنَّ أَوْ إِخْوَانِهِنَّ أَوْ بَنِي إِخْوَانِهِنَّ أَوْ بَنَاتِ إِخْوَانِهِنَّ أَوْ نِسَائِهِنَّ أَوْ مَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُهُنَّ أَوْ التَّابِعِينَ غَيْرِ أُولِي الْإِرْبَةِ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ أَوِ الطِّفْلِ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يَظْهَرُوا عَلَى عَوْرَاتِ النِّسَاءِ وَلَا يَضْرِبْنَ بِأَرْجُلِهِنَّ لِيُعْلَمَ مَا يُخْفِينَ مِنْ زِينَتِهِنَّ¹⁸

And tell the believing women to reduce [some] of their vision and guard their private parts and not expose their adornment except that which [necessarily] appears thereof and to wrap [a portion of] their head covers over their chests and not expose their adornment except to their husbands, their fathers, their husbands' fathers, their sons, their husbands' sons, their brothers, their brothers' sons, their sisters' sons, their women, that which their right hands possess, or those male attendants having no physical desire, or children who are not yet aware of the private aspects of women. And let them not stamp their feet to make known what they conceal of their adornment.

Scholars explain this verse in this way:

“and not display their beauty except what is apparent, and they should place their khumur over their bosoms...”

As indicated by the pundits of the Qur'an, the ladies of Medina in the pre-Islamic time used to put their khumur over the head with the two finishes tucked behind and tied at the back of the neck, in the process uncovering their ears and neck. By saying that, "put the khumur over the chests," Almighty Allah requested the ladies to give the two closures of their headgear a chance to expand onto their chests so they disguise their ears, the neck, and the upper piece of the chest moreover.¹⁹

قُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَغُضُّوا مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِمْ وَيَحْفَظُوا فُرُوجَهُمْ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ أَزْكَىٰ لَهُمْ.....²⁰

Say to the believing men that: they should cast down their glances and guard their private parts (by being chaste). This is better for them.

This first verse for the commandment of Muslim men that they should not physical attraction for any women except their wives. That is reason that they cast down their glances down. The next verse is for wives of Prophet (S.A.W) in this way:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلْ لَأَزْوَاجِكَ وَبَنَاتِكَ وَنِسَاءِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ يُدْنِينَ عَلَيْهِنَّ مِنْ جَلَابِيبِهِنَّ²¹

“O Prophet! Say to your wives, your daughters, and the women of the believers that: they should let down upon themselves their jalabib.

Al-Munjid, for example, characterizes jilbab as "the shirt or a wide dress. It as "a wide dress, more extensive than the scarf and shorter than a robe, that a lady puts upon her head and gives it a chance to down on her chest."²²

Family remains at the core of the general public and people have colossal trust in their relatives. Islamic culture is itself a hostile term. Islam instruct us to bey our senior citizens particularly our folks because they are the most experienced and earnest people to the family and they never make any decision which is unsafe for their family²³. That is the reason that Islam request to obey guardians Qur'an says:

وَقَصِي رِبِّكَ إِلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ۖ إِمَّا يَبُلُغَنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا آفٌ وَلَا تُنْهَرُهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا ۝ وَاخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذَّلِيلِ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيْتَانِي صَغِيرًا²⁴

Your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him and be good to your parents. Whether one or both of them reach old age with you, do not say to them a word of annoyance and do not repel them but rather speak to them a noble word. Lower to them the wing of humility for them out of mercy and say: My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up when I was small.

In another place prophet (S.A.W) show this through practice:

“Huwayyisa and Muhayyisa the two sons of Mas’ud, came to the prophet (S.A.W) and spoke about the case of their (murdered) friend. Abdur- Rehman who was youngest of them all, started talking. The prophet (S.W.A) said,

كَبِيرِ الْكَبِيرِ²⁵

To respect the old one

“Let the older (among you) speak first”.

So the holy Prophet (S.A.W) also explain the value of regards of old ones and parents in this way:

Islam order to honour of guardians/Parents and obey them. Qur’an says:

فَلَنْ تَعَالَوْا أَتْلُ مَا حَرَّمَ رَبِّيَ عَلَيْكُمْ²⁶ أَلَّا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا²⁶ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا²⁶.

Say: Come, I will recite what your Lord has made sacred to you. He commands that you do not associate anything with Him and to be good to your parents.

Muslims live in a wide range of nations and networks, and it can be hard to segregate purposes of social solidarity among Muslims, other than their adherence to the religion of Islam.

Anthropologists and history specialists in any case think about Islam as a part of, and effect on, culture in the locales where religion is prevalent. The foundation of Islamic culture is ethical quality (hayaa) and effortlessness. Hayaa (ethical quality/unobtrusiveness) and effortlessness are the two characteristics of Imaan.²⁷

Prophet (S.A.W) said one of his Hadith:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَتَبَ عَلَى ابْنِ آدَمَ حَظَّهُ مِنَ الزُّنْيَا، أَدْرَكَ ذَلِكَ لَا مَحَالَةَ ، فَرْنَا الْعَيْنِ النَّظْرُ ، وَزْنَا اللِّسَانِ الْمَنْطِقُ ، وَالتَّفْسُؤُ تَمَنَّى وَتَشْتَهَى ، وَالْفَرْجُ يُصَدِّقُ ذَلِكَ كَلْمُهُ وَيَكْذِبُهُ²⁸

Allah has written for Adam’s son his share of adultery which he commits inevitably. The adultery of eyes is sight (to gaze at a forbidden thing), the adultery of tongue is the talk, and the inner self wishes, and desires and the private parts testify all this or deny it.

It is frequently misconstrued as simply the sentiments of bashfulness or disgrace one has. Everybody has their own sentiment of what being unassuming is and they attempt to boast about their levels of unobtrusiveness while looking downward on others. Give us a chance to look what Allah and our dearest Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) state:

أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ مَرَّ عَلَى رَجُلٍ مِنَ الْأَنْصَارِ وَهُوَ يَعْظُ أَخَاهُ فِي الْحَيَاءِ، فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ دَعَا، فَإِنَّ الْحَيَاءَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ²⁹

The Prophet (S.A.W) passed by a man who was admonishing his brother regarding Hayaa and was saying, “you are very shy, and I am afraid that might harm you”. Allah’s Prophet (S.A.W) said: Leave him for the Hayaa is the part of faith.

Prophet (S.A.W) said:

إِذَا لَمْ تَسْتَجِ فَاصْنَعْ مَا شِئْتَ³⁰

And if you do not feel ashamed (of doing something)

People will satisfy the different parts that have been allotted to them the spouse as provider and the wife as other and one who satisfies the family unit duties, and so on. Allah the Almighty says:

نِسَاؤُكُمْ حَرْثٌ لَكُمْ فَأْتُوا حَرْثَكُمْ أَنَّى شِئْتُمْ وَقَدِّمُوا لِأَنفُسِكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّكُمْ مُلَاقُوهُ³¹ وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ³¹

Your wives are a place of sowing of seed for you, so come to your place of cultivation however you wish and put forth [righteousness] for yourselves. And

fear Allah and know that you will meet Him. And give good tidings to the believers

In another verse Allah the Almighty explain the strong relation between husband and wife with resemblance of garments in this way:

هُنَّ لِبَاسٌ لَكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لِبَاسٌ لَهُنَّ³²

They (your wives) are your garment and you are a garment for them.

It is also order for a woman that she should dress up well only in front of her husband. Qur'an explain this in this way:

وَلَا يُبْدِينَ زِينَتَهُنَّ إِلَّا لِبُعُولَتِهِنَّ³³

And not expose their adornment except to their husbands

This is the establishment to a stable Islamic family which together with other such families shapes a stable Islamic people group.

Clearly, the most vital perspective among Islamic and Western culture is the distinction in the attitude of the two societies. The outlook of the Islamic culture originates from the conviction that Allah is our Creator. Subsequently in this short remain on earth, we are to serve only him in the way instructed by His prophet (S.A.W). In this way the Islamic culture spins around the firm conviction that our main purpose for existing is to build up entire Deen in ourselves and on the substance of this world. Only that Islamic society has been looked upon as worthy or honour and respect which possesses the virtues of organization, discipline, mutual affection and fellow feeling and has established a social order based on justice, freedom and equality of men.³⁴

Islam explain this in Qur'an in this way:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ بِالْقِسْطِ شُهَدَاءَ لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَوِ الْوَالِدِينَ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ إِنْ يَكُنْ غَنِيًّا أَوْ فَقِيرًا³⁵

O you who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even if it be against yourselves, your parents, and your relatives, or whether it is against the rich or the poor.

However, because of one's compliance to Allah, one will be honored with genuine peace, tranquility and satisfaction. Muslim can live their lives as per commandment of Islam if he is following the order of Allah the Almighty and avoid what is unlawful in Islam.³⁶

Alternately, the mentality of Western culture is that the reason forever is common satisfaction.

Islam is not simply abstract ideal but a code of life, a living force that can manifest itself in every aspect of human life. It considers individual as the center of gravity, which can put Islam or any other system into full action on a full scale. It is in recognition of this fact that Islam in its program of reforms always begins with individual and prefers quality to quantity. Therefore, it is of relevance here to discuss some of the constituent elements of human nature, and how they are nurtured and how they affect human behavior. According to Islam there are two aspects of human nature, internal and external which are intimately interrelated and continually interact with each other. Islamic society is a model society for it sets the highest standard of behavior by taking a balanced approach in its framework of social relations. The lessons of Islam, by calling humankind to the way of exemplary nature also, with setting up the matchless quality of the word of God on the earth.³⁷

Therefore, Islam pays attention to diet in order to maintain a pure heart and sound mind and to nourish an inspiring soul and a clean and healthy body. The pure and lawful diet is mentioned in the Quran.

قُلْ اِحْلَلْ لَكُمْ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَمَا عَلَّمْتُمْ مِنَ الْجَوَارِحِ مُكَلِّبِينَ تُغَلِّمُونَهُنَّ مِمَّا عَلَّمَكُمُ اللَّهُ فَلَئِمَّا مِمَّا أَمْسَكْنَ عَلَيْكُمْ وَاذْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ³⁸

Say, lawful unto you are (all) things good and pure, and what ye have taught, your trained hunting animals (to catch) in manner directed to you by God: Eat what they catch for you. But pronounce the name of God over it; and fear God, for He is swift in taking account.

In another verse it is mentioned in this way:

إِنَّمَا حَرَّمَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَيْتَةَ وَالدَّمَ وَلَحْمَ الْخَنزِيرِ وَمَا أُهْلَ بِهِ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ³⁹

He hath only forbidden you dead meat, and blood, and the flesh of swine and that on which any other name hath been invoked beside that of Allah.

It allows all pure and good things and forbids all impure, bad and harmful things under ordinary circumstances. These are meant to strengthen human being sense of morality and wisdom and to contribute to their health and wealth, piety and common good behaviour. This has restricted the connections between individuals to monetary and political ties, though there are different ties, for example, doctrinal and social solidarity, confidence. These thoughts can't be connected in our exchange and clarification of the idea of the Islamic culture. The people in the Islamic culture ought to be bound by more than the material ties.⁴⁰

Islamic conception of society, as mentioned earlier, is not based on race, nationality, locality, occupation, kingship, or special interest. It is taw hid (belief in the Oneness of God) manifested in man's submission to the Will of God, obedience to His law and commitment to His cause that constitute its basis.

"O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted"⁴¹.

Therefore, Islamic society is the one fostered and nourished by Islam and has a historical mission which caste across physical boundaries, geographical location and goes beyond mere survival, sheer power, breeding or physical continuity. This is clearly stated in the Quran:

وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ⁴²

Let there be a community or ummah among you, advocating what is good, demanding what is right and eradicating what is wrong. They are indeed successful.

The strength of social relation in the Islamic conception of society is seen in the active role played by both individual and the society. The prophet (SAW.) describes the role of individual.

مَنْ رَأَى مِنْكُمْ مُنْكَرًا فَلْيُغَيِّرْهُ بِيَدِهِ، فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ فَبِلِسَانِهِ، فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ فَبِقَلْبِهِ، وَذَلِكَ أَضْعَفُ الْإِيمَانِ⁴³

Whoever of you see something wrong must seek to rectify it by action or deed, if he cannot, let him to change it by words, if he cannot, let his feeling of disapproval and condemnation intensify and this is the minimal degree of faith.

From this statement of the prophet (SAW.) it becomes clear that in the Islamic conception of society, the individual is duty bound to play active role in elimination of the vice and promotion of good in society. In the same way, the society is responsible for promotion of good and the prevention of evil as a whole. It is due to this characteristic, as stated earlier, that it is praised in the al-Quran:

وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ أُمَّةً وَسَطًا لِتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَيَكُونَ الرَّسُولُ عَلَيْكُمْ شَهِيدًا وَمَا جَعَلْنَا الْقِبْلَةَ الَّتِي كُنْتُمْ عَلَيْهَا إِلَّا لِنَعْلَمَ مَنْ يَتَّبِعِ الرَّسُولَ مِمَّنْ يَنْقَلِبْ عَلَى عَقْبَيْهِ إِنَّ كَانَتْ لَكَبِيرَةً إِلَّا عَلَى الَّذِينَ هَدَى اللَّهُ وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُضَيِّعَ إِيمَانَكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِالنَّاسِ لَرَعُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ⁴⁴

And thus we have made you a just community that you will be witnesses over the people and the Messenger will be a witness over you. And we did not make the qiblah

which you used to face except that We might make evident who would follow the Messenger from who would turn back on his heels. And indeed, it is difficult except for those whom Allah has guided. And never would Allah have caused you to lose your faith. Indeed Allah is, to the people, Kind and Merciful.

In Islamic conception of society individual, members are entrusted with the responsibility to do everything within their means for its safeguard and continuity. To this end, certain roles are set, for example, the rules of marriage, the rules of inheritance, the duties of zakat and hajj and the mutual rights and obligations of kin and the individual awareness of social belonging. All these are meant to secure the healthy continuity of the Muslim community. Islam is a complete code of life .it should be followed if Pakistani people wish to rule the world.

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