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The Important Pillar
of Islamic Financial-Social System

Fair Distribution of Wealth

« مَثُلُ الَّذِينَ يُنفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ كَمَثُلَ حَبَّةٍ أَنْبَتَتْ سَبْعَ سَنَابِلَ فِي كُلِّ سُنْبَلَةٍ مِائَةً حَبَّةً وَ اللَّهُ يُضَاعِفُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَ اللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلَيْهِ ! » (بقره / ٢٦١-٢٧٤)

*" The similitude of those who spend their Wealth
in the Path of Allah is the similitude of a grain of corn
that Grows seven ears, and each ear has a Hundred grains.
Allah gives manifold Increase to whom He Wills;
and Allah is the Knowing-Bounty- Increaser!"*

(Holy Quran, Baqareh: 261-274)

One of the greatest things that Islam has magnified and considered it as one of the two pillars of People's Right and God's Right, and obligated believers to do it, is Donation. Some of the Donations, such as: Zakat, Khoms, Financial Penalties, and Ransoms has been obligatory; at the same time, Islam has made some of the donations recommended but not obligatory, such as Endowments, Permenant Residents, wills, Bestowals, and so on.

It was the purpose of Legislator to support the lower classes that can not meet their needs without financial support from other areas, to raise their living standards, to bring together the horizons of life of different classes, and to lessen the difference between them in respect of wealth and material

blessings.

On the other hand, Islam has prohibited the wealthy and the prosperous class of society from pretending to wealth, i.e, adorning the superficial symbols of life, such as home, clothes, cars, and the like, and excessive expending that is unusual for the public, that the middle class of the society can not tolerate it. Islam has prevented them under the name of Avoiding Lavishness and Profligacy, etc..

Donation, Islamic Strategy to Eliminate Class Divisions

The purpose of Islam from the above said commands is the creation of a modest life in which the class distance will not be so large. As a result, the rule of unity and solidarity survives, and the opposing demands, hatred of hearts, and motives of enemy passes away. *Because the purpose of the Quran is to organize the human life in its various status and to educate them in a way that guarantees the happiness of man in the world and the Hereafter.* Human beings, in the light of this system, live in the knowledge of the truth *and free from superstition*, the lifes of all to be in a society in which the atmosphere of the virtues of morality governs, as a result, they can use, in a pure life, what God has bestowed them. In such situation the endowments of God to be a blessing for them , rather than a doom or disaster. In such an atmosphere, the human being can promote and resolve the material defects and disasters.

Such a thing can not be obtained unless in a pure environment, which the life of human kind be a clean, pleasant, and harmonious life. Such an environment cannot be established unless the condition of human kind be corrected, and his requirements of life be provided, and this also cannot entirely be possible to achieve unless to improve the financial aspects, regulating the wealth, and utilizing the savings. The way to achieve this

purpose is the **Donation of individuals** - from the reserves and surpluses of what has earned. *Since the believers are the brothers of each other, and the earth and the possessions of the earth are of One, and He is the God Almighty.*

This is the very fact that the Prophetic style and method proves its integrity at the time of the establishment of the Prophet's rule!

And this is the system that Ali, Amir al-Mu'minin(SA) had regretted from the diversion of the people from its channel and said:

"Indeed, they reached a time that does not increase the good, but adversity ...!"

The passage of times , found out the correctness of the Quranic theory and proved what the Quran said: - *No man will see prosperity unless the lower class of society becomes close to middle class by helping and donating; and unless the prosperous class be prevented from excessive spendings and showing up their decorations, in order to reach the middle class, no man will see prosperity and happiness!*

We all saw the civilization of the West, how did its elites induce the human beings to licentiousness in physical pleasures and extremes in sensualism, more ever they invented new ways of enjoyment with carnal desires, and did not deny any force to spread of this civilization to others. This caused the wealth and pleasures of material life moved toward the powerful and the rich, on the other hand, nothing remained in the hands of the majority of the world's people, the very lower classes of societies, but the misery and deprivation. Later on we found out that the prosperous class also fell into dispute and challenge with each other, to the extent that only a little group of them survived, and the happiness of the material life allotted to them, and the right of living divested from the majority, who were the masses

of the populations.

Thus, given that excessive wealth and excessive poverty create bad effects in man, this class difference raised all ethical vices, pushing each side to its eruptive level, and the result was that the two tribes faced each other, and the flames of incitement and strife between them flare up; the rich, the poor; the deprived, the wealthy; destroyed each other, and the world wars started, thus the ground for Communism straightened. As a result, the truth and virtue once removed from amongst the whole mankind, and the humanity did no longer meet a good day, the inner peace and pleasingness of life eliminated from the humankind. This corruption of the human world is what we now see and feel among ourselves. We feel that the worse disasters and more scandals threaten the future of the human race.

The greatest cause of this corruption is the loss of Donations, and on the other hand, the prevalence of Usury, which the God Almighty expressed its shameful and disgraceful results in seven more Verses after the Verses discussed here and Said that the widespread of it will lead to the corruption of the world.

This is one of the Predictions of the Holy Quran, which during the revelation dates of Quran it was a germ in the womb of the time, but the mother of time brought it forth in the era of ours, and gave us the bitter fruits of it!

And if you want to endorse this statement, you should carefully observe the Verses of the Surah Al-Rum, where Allah Says:

*"So give what is due to your near Relatives and
also to the needy and the wayfarers.*

*This is best for those who seek Allah's Pleasure and
they shall surely receive salvation!"*

"Whatever you give with the name of Usury, to increase the property of

*the usurer, it has no increase in the
Presence of Allah; but whatever you Spend in alms
to gain the Pleasure of Allah it does attain the state
of Becoming manifold by Allah's Favour!"*

*"Corruption has been spread throughout the world
in the sea and the land on the account of men's wrong deeds.
Allah has let it be so in order that the whole society taste the
Consequences of giving in corruption and wrongdoing
and that they may Repent and amend themselves
by Turning to the Truth!"*

These Verses are of the same kind as in the Surahs: Hood, Younes, Asra, Anbiya, and others, which have spoken in this category.
And the final statement is that: The reason for the encouragement and the high emphasis given to the Donation, was what we discussed on above.

(Almizan: V.2 , P. 584)

The Translation is to be continued !