

The Inherent Potency of Faith

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The Islamic faith is basically structured on values that are elemental to the promotion and elevation of the spiritual decorum and mental elegance of mankind. The attributes of truthfulness, chastity, virtue, justice, freedom, social rights, sincerity, love, discretion and sagacity are examples of Islamic cultural teachings. These attributes are fundamental qualities for education and life conduct of the individual and society in an Islamic community.

The implementation of the Canon Laws of Islamic Shariah necessitate that such laws become the basic code of practice for the governmental administration and legislation in an Islamic state. Since Islam in its overall patterns of concept is essentially an individual and social performance in life; it becomes imperative and prescriptive for every Muslim to become educated, trained and cultured to understand the fundamental injunctions of Islamic Theism and to practice them with all ability of optimization.

The ‘nucleus and most energizing basic elemental criterion in Islamic faith is the absolute belief in the Oneness of the Deity- the belief in Allah. This belief must be with total conviction and perfect impeccable submission to the transcendent omnipotent will and divine knowledge and wisdom of the Creator Allah. From this infinite source of power belief (Al-Yaqin) springs and radiates all the energy required to energize human potency of excellence and maximal efficiency in every performance. The basic teachings of Judaism and Christianity at the times of the Prophet Moses, and the Prophet Jesus Christ, were the doctrines of true belief in the Oneness of the Creator; and to that belief, they submitted with conviction and genuine submission. Islam is the Arabic syntax for the word “submission”, and with this understanding,

The Prophets Ibrahim, Moses, Jesus were all Muslims to Allah, most humbly submitting with absolute conviction to the Oneness of the Deity.

The Revelation of the Holy Quran as the Message to the Prophet Mohammad was the delivery of the final and last Divine Message to Mankind. It contained the details, the components, the ingredients, the composite structure and elemental constituents of the final Divine Message to be delivered to Mankind for their guidance in life, and for their redemption in the Hereafter on the Day of Judgment. No Divine Message is known to constitute such a consort association of cohesive doctrinal teachings, as does the Message of the Holy Quran carried by the Prophet Mohammad to expound and deliver to mankind at large throughout the ages. The Islamic Theism provides in its teachings a pattern example, a model prototype, a Quranic or Prophetic precedent, an ideal representation of every specific aspect of human life. There is no particularity or instance in the life and performance of mankind which is left out from identification and exemplary modeling in the Holy Quran.

The Canon Laws of Islamic Shariah are the specific codes of practice which formulate

the basic legislative and Administrative constitution in governmental judicial and tribunal matters in an Islamic community. Human rights, social justice, family integrity, sovereignty of property, royalty of human respect, and all matters dealing with individual and social functions are the basic elements of Islamic Shariah. The sources of Islamic Shariah are the Holy Quran as the Divine Message, and the Prophetic practices and Traditions of the Prophet Muhammad. The Muslim nation is not in need to derive or adopt man — made laws of legislative ordinance, they have their own divine doctrines to implement and practice as their life style. These divine doctrines are certainly the inherent potency of faith in Islam. They lead mankind to confidence, self respect, spiritual clarity, physical strength, mental stability, freedom, potentials of performance, selective determination, and refusal of submission and humility to none other than Allah. The gain of these qualities will promote the inherent potencies of mankind. These potencies are beyond recognition without the attainment of the attributes derived from true faith. These potencies are the hidden powers of human physical, mental and spiritual faculties.

The fundamental axiom of this status of belief is that all power is from Allah all love is to Allah; all fear and submission are to Allah; all actions, deeds, conduct, behaviour, work, activity, devotion, sincerity, truth, values are to Allah; the totality of human life and existence are essentially to Allah. From this state of mind and belief, the whole human creation, life, work, death are from Allah and to Allah.

The completeness and integrated harmony of such faith is the origin of the latent energy in mankind. This energy and power are exponential with the intensity of true faith in the mind, heart and spirit of the individual. When mankind becomes totally liberated from fear of any kind, because of his direct link and bond to Allah; the inherent potency of faith and power in belief becomes the dominant manifestation characterizing that individual. These are the true elements of freedom; the liberation from all fears, anxiety, stress, tension; because the bondage link, and self subjection is only to Allah. Within the Will and Knowledge of Allah are the precise times of individual life and death, fortunes, the visions seen, the sounds heard, the syllables uttered, paces trodden. Every individual action of mankind is very accurately quantized by Divine Will. In fact, every minute event occurring in the whole cosmic creation is recorded with utmost precision, equilibrium and harmony. In the Holy Quran, it is stated "With Him are the Keys of the Unseen, the treasures that none knoweth but He. He knoweth, also, whatever there is on the earth and in the sea. Not a leaf doth fall but with His knowledge: There is not a grain in the darkness (or depths) of the earth, nor anything damp or dry (green or withered), but is inscribed in an exact Record". (Surat Al—Anaam, vi, 59).

With this maxim of understanding, the purpose of human life is to worship and obey in faith and comprehensive understanding the Will of Allah. With this, the inherent potentials of mankind will be energized in order that mankind will deserve his place and purpose in creation to be the vicegerent of Allah on Earth. The elements of Islamic teachings and doctrinal culture are all justified and optimized into an effort on the path to the attainment of that purpose. Allah endowed mankind with knowledge, and granted him the ability to utilize, innovate, and promote that knowledge for the prosperity of human

life. Mankind was also given the mind to think rationally; through thought, he would choose to believe or to disbelief. national thinking will certainly lead to belief. This is the first phase of human mental justification and rationality. The second phase must follow , which is the phase of implementation and practice of the Divine ordinances to the best of ones ability; there must be an effort spent (Jihad) for continuous self betterment on the path of Allah, the establishment of steadfast belief, and more solid faith.

Through these processes of belief and the attainment of values, there comes a state of self enlightenment, mental levels of perception and differentiation between virtue and vice, between right and wrong,-between harm and benefit. The more knowledge and practice of Quranic teachings, and the adoption of Prophetic traditions, the individual will adhere and optimize his conduct and behaviour in compliance with the requirements of Islamic teachings. One of the basic elements of Islamic Theism is human equality regardless of colour, race, origin, wealth, sex or social status. This equality is fully manifested in all rituals of Islamic worship, and in all aspects of Islamic doctrines. This sense of equality brings about a state of communal respect and cohesion of love .as individual components of structural unity. It also achieves a paradigm of ecumenical universality, and establishes self integrity and confidence.

There is no equality without justice and therefore justice is another basic element of Islamic Theism. One of the attributes of Allah is The "Just""; and the Muslim individual upholds justice with the most heightened respect bearing true witness of Allah, even if it is detrimental to his own interests. Justice in Islamic conceptualization searches out the innermost depths of the self, and challenges their most intimate motives. It is the sword of the naked soul which extorts for itself reverence and obedience before whom all greedy appetites of the self become paralysed and dumb. In every action of ritual worships in Islam, and in every injunction of Islamic teachings ,humble modesty ,equality and justice, prevail as dominant characters in the culture of every Muslim. Social justice and welfare is also optimized in Islamic Theism by the institution of Zakah; a fully quantized social fiscal system, which guarantees warranty of economic sufficiency to all ranks of the population. This pillar of Islam comes about as a Divine command.

Imam Ali ibn Abi Talib describes Islam as the religion founded on Reality and Truth, the fountainhead of knowledge, the source of learning and wisdom, the light that guides mankind to virtue, health and righteousness. Islam is a set of doctrines and beliefs that lead to the sublime path of the highest order of worship and obedience of the Creator. Islam features the most noble precepts, exalted principles, rational arguments, unchallengeable supremacy, and deep wisdom. It grants to its adherents eminence in equality, confidence in justice, dignity in modesty, potentials in faith, tranquility in belief. It is upto mankind throughout the ages and generations to study and seek the knowledge, granted by Allah The Creator of universe and man, to do justice to the articles of faith and belief, to obey its tenets and doctorines ,to give place in our lives.

The inherent potentials of Faith make Islam the brightest path to human salvation, its illustrious doctrinal teachings are noble and enlightening. The brilliant precepts reveal the Reality and Truth, into light, and expose the depths of dark ignorance in the mind of

mankind. Islam is the Divine Science of human creation, life and death. No knowledge is gained except by learning with genuine honest effort to know. We entreat and beseech the human race to study and learn the real genuine undefiled articles and doctrines of Islamic Faith, then with rational honest unprejudiced thinking choose the path to seek and follow in life.