

Class Lecture (28th July 2012)

Islamic Ideology

What is Ideology?

- ▶ Ideology or views of life is term to denote the principles, beliefs, ideas, opinions and ways of thinking and also the actions of individual and groups.
- ▶ A thoughtful foundation of any movement or system and a civic political and social program and line of actions derived from it.

What is Islamic Ideology?

- ▶ By term Islamic Ideology we mean The way of thought and civic line of action which is approved of and recommended by Islam.
- ▶ An ideology which enlightens the Islamic teachings, the teachings of Quran and Sunnah, Islamic mode of life and culture is known as Islamic Ideology.
- ▶ Islamic Ideology presents a complete code of life.
- ▶ Islamic teachings give answers to all basic problems of human life, where other ideologies were failed to explain.
- ▶ Basic Characteristics of Islamic Ideology are simplicity, explicitness, and highly realistic attitude towards problem
- ▶ Islamic ideology considers the social, political, and economic aspects of life in consonance with spiritual and moral ends as preached by Islam.
- ▶ Islamic Ideology is not a theoretical subject, it is also a full-fledged movement, reformatory and revolutionary in nature.

The Basic Characteristics of Islamic Ideology

- ▶ 1. Revealed Religion.
- ▶ 2. Complete Way of Life
- ▶ 3. Universality and Humanism
- ▶ 4. Simplicity and Practicalism
- ▶ 5. Balance between Individual & Society

1. Revealed Religion

- Islam is a revealed religion by the Creator Himself .
- Islam is the only “Deen” revealed by Allah through the messengers. Quran says:
إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ
- *Truly, the religion with Allah is Islam (submission to His Will). (3:19)*
- *That is Revelation which gave answers to basic problems of human.*

2. A Complete Way of Life

- Islam is not confine private life but is rather a complete way of life.
- It covers all the fields of human existence.
- Islam provides guidance in every aspect of life: social, moral, religious economic, political, legal, national and international; not only it guides the believer in his public life but also in his private life.
Quran says:
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ادْخُلُوا فِي السِّلْمِ كَآفَّةً
- *“O you who believe! Enter perfectly into Islam (by obeying all the rules and regulation of the religion of Islam.” (2:208)*

3. Universality and Humanism

- The message of Islam is for the entire mankind.
- Allah is the creator and sustainer of the whole world and Muhammad (Saw) is His Messenger .
Quran says:
 - *وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ*
 - **“And we have sent you (not) but as a mercy for the all mankind.” (21:107)**
 - Islam enjoins equality whatever may be the color, nationality, language or race.
 - On the occasion of his last pilgrimage, the Prophet (S. A. W.) declared:
 - ***people! Beware! You all have one God. No Arab has preference over a non- Arab or a non – Arab over an Arab or a white over a black or a black over a white, except from taqwa (piety).***

4. Simplicity & Paracticalism

- Islam is a religion without any theories and mythology.
- It is clear and simple.
- It is free of all superstitions and irrational beliefs.
- Islam is a practical religion and we would be judged upon by Allah on the basis of our actions.

5. Balance Between Individual and Society

- Its unique feature a balance between individualism and collectivism.
- it cares for individual personality of man and holds everyone personally accountable to God.
- According to the Holy Quran:
- *وَأَن لَّيْسَ لِلإِنسَانِ إِلَّا مَا سَعَى*
- ***Man shall have nothing but he strives for. (53:39)***
- And again:
 - *وَفِي أَمْوَالِهِمْ حَقٌّ لِّلسَّائِلِ وَالْمَحْرُومِ*
- ***The alms seeker and the destitute have their due rights in their wealth. (51:19)***

Islamic Ideology vs Other Ideologies

- ▶ Islamic ideology is based on Revelation (Direct Guidance from Creator). Where as other ideologies are either human made or misunderstood perception.
- ▶ Islamic Ideology is the only way of life which deal with social, economic, political, moral and religious aspects, where as other thoughts of life fail to combine these all practical stuffs.

The Way forward for the supremacy of Islamic Ideology

- ▶ The supremacy of Islam is not something that we should simply celebrate with a nostalgic emotion to the glories of the past , neither is it something that we should discuss simply on the level of a doctrine. Islam is not here to be merely talked about as the truth it is here to make its’ mark as the vortex of historical change and to be lived and experienced by all as the undeniable truth. The duty on the Muslim ummah is to invite to the khair, enjoin the good , forbid the evil and work for the resumption of the Islamic way of life , so that the supremacy of the Islamic ideology can be appreciated by its’ eradication of oppression and liberation of all human beings from the throngs of falsehood and despair: " It is He who sent his Messenger with the guidance and the deen of truth , that He may make it conquer all other religions , even though the idolaters may detest it".