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Islamic Values of Tolerance & Peace for Developing a peaceful Society

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Abstract

This paper presents a detailed study about two important values for developing a peace building society. In this, Islamic values of peace & tolerance are discussed in comparative study of secular values. The purpose of this the superiority of to present commandments over the man-made norms and principles. The fact is that there are many secular values similar to Islamic values while some others are incompatible to Islamic values. In this article, besides peace and tolerance, some other relative values are presented to clarify and describe both isms. In these some social and economic values of secular and divine commandments are also discussed in brief manner. Furthermore, the reasons of popularity of secularism even within the Islamic states are also discussed clearly: in these foreign agenda and domestic



weaknesses of Muslim countries are also involved. This paper also presents the Muslims' attitude regarding divine commandments and in their practical lives. Due to this not only non-Muslims are not encouraging by Muslims but Muslim inhabitants of Islamic countries are trying to doing job in developed and secular countries. This thing is not only creating brain drain for developing countries but this thing also suitable for developed and secular countries as the cream of developing countries works for developed ones for enhancing their progress. In short, it is stated that Muslims should work abiding their divine commandments fully if they want to achieve real peace for progress of individuals as well as for the Muslim community also. For this, collective benefits will be preferred on individuals', otherwise the peaceful and just may remain in theory only. Keywords: Islamic Values, Secular values, Economic

Development, Tolerant behavior, peace & development.

Introduction

First of all, it is suitable and formal to discuss about the definition and explanation of values of tolerance and peace so that basic concept might be present for best understanding of present study. Word peace is derived from the original Latin word 'Pax' which means a pact, a control or an agreement to end war or any dispute, any conflict between two people, two nations & two antagonistic group of people.1 The meanings of peace are as under:

- Freedom from disturbance & tranquility; a.
- A state or period in which there is no war or war has ended;2 Ъ.





c. According to Martin Luther King,

Jr. a famous human rights activist is the one who was not satisfied with the definition of peace focusing only on the absence of the unhappy situation. In his view, 'true peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice.'

From phrasal meaning of peace, it becomes clear that any types of wrong activities are not present in society or country then it will be declared as peaceful society or country without considering this is religious or not religious. Furthermore, corruption and crimes also notify about the peace. As concerned the level of peace and judgment about peace, this may be from the crime ratio. If crime ratio is at lowest, this will notify about the higher rank in peace. Inversely, if crimes ratio is at highest level, this refers the lowest level in peace because of negative relationship between peace and wrong activities.

According to john Glutting, Norwegian peace scholar, the term peace and violence are linked. Peace is the absence of violence and should be used as the social goal. ⁴ Peace is that value that is useful for individuals as well as for society. And without peace, no person can perform his duties and cannot get his rights from the others. The importance of peace is necessary for the development of any society and country also.

Objectives of Research

i. To describe the teachings of Holy Quran regarding peace and tolerance;





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- ii. To describe the message of Hadith sciences regarding peace & tolerance;
 - iii. To explain about secular and secularism;
 - iv. To explain the secularism regarding peace & tolerance;
- v. To know the similarities of secularism & Islamic teachings regarding values;
- vi. To know about the differences of secularism & Islamic teachings regarding values;
- vii. To elaborate about the role of Islamic values in peace building society.

Literature Review

There are many books, research journals, online data & websites are reviewed regarding Islam and Secularism. From these, some areas under:

- I- Martin Marty wrote book titled, "Religion Versus Secularism in History;
- **2-** Ronald Gregor Smith edited book titled, "World come of age";
 - 3- Charles Taylor wrote book titled, "A Secular Age";
 - 4- R. A. Markus wrote book titled, "Secularism";
- **5-** Eugen Rosen Stock Huessy wrote book titled, "Out of Revolution";
- **6-** Richard Fenn wrote book titled, "The dream of Perfect Act";





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- 7- Nash D. edited book titled, "Histories of the sacred & secular, (1700-2000);
- **8-** Knox, Z. wrote book titled, "Jehovah's witness& the secular world," and so many others which are mentioned in references also.

Significance of Research

This research is useful to understand the basic theme of Islam regarding peace and tolerant behavior as compared to secularism peace and tolerance. Moreover, the declaring Muslims as extremist by some modernist can be erroneous (untrustworthy). The main reason is that the religion Islam is such religion of the world which encourages for peace inner of the body and the outer of the body, i.e. for the whole society also. Besides this, if any Muslim is having an extreme behavior, this may be his individual fault about this behavior, not of Islam as he is doing deeds against the teachings of Islam.

Limitation of Research

This research is confined to Islamic values of peace & tolerance with these values of secularism for development of society. This means; this research is limited to values of peace and tolerance for best & keen analysis regarding secularism & Islam.

Discussion

No doubt, in every society and country, peace is encouraged by every sensible man irrespective of his religion whatever he has but for the Muslims society its importance can be imagined from the title of religion 'Islam' that is derived from word Salam meaning peace. And peace may not be attained without a justice. Maintaining





of justice is also imagined from the teachings of Holy Quran. As more than fifty times word justice is used for maintaining personal and societal justice. But unfortunately, in Muslim societies the condition of justice is not admirable, this is why different types of crimes & incidents are occurring in an Islamic state by which some imagine and considers that Islam is not a peaceful religion. In actual, Islamic teachings encourages living a peaceful life with a society rather than as individual. Islamic teachings also encourage adopting moderate manner in every aspect of life even in worship, even in spending and even in walking on the road. But it has to say with sorrow that some followers who are doing actions other than Islamic teachings or against the Islamic teachings due to the behavior of some people, Islam is considered the intolerant and extremist religion. The religion Islam is considered extremist religion because of misconception, misunderstanding about the theme and spirit of Islamic teachings. Some persons consider the followers of Islam as extremist and blame to Islam without knowing that Islamic teachings discourages extreme behavior even matter is personal and the societal and encourages to adopt moderate attitude. Therefore, wrong attitude or wrong action of some followers of Islam, who are not following the Islamic teachings in actual manner, cannot be cursed to Islam and to the true followers of Islam who are following Islamic teachings practically.

According to the theme of Islamic teachings, the most respectful status near Allah is the person who has highest level of piety, without considering his worldly status, worldly beauty, worldly wealth or authority. And this status of piety cannot be gained without living in a peaceful manner and maintaining peace for



others, providing others' rights and performing his duties in true manners without snobbery or jobbery.

Peace for Muslims

For Muslims peace is not merely the absence of war or organized violence. It is also the presence of justice and the creation of conditions in which humans can realize their full potentials. Human being's nature is inclined to peace. ⁵ Peace is the key value for Muslims according to their teachings but it is sorrowful to state that due to negligence of their basic teachings and due to sectarianism, Muslims are being declared as terrorist by many organizations or by many countries due to actions of present Muslims of the world rather than teachings.

The importance of inner peace is also encouraged by the Holy Quran in chapter 6; verse I20 that "Don't indulge in the matters of sins whether the matter is vivid or the disguised". This command clear indicates that our matters must be clear free from any kind wrong things. This is fact when all the persons will do right things at right time then there will be no problem in society. Disturbance with the persons and within the society create problems both for individual first then definitely the response of affected person will not be normal behavior. This thing clearly states that for person's normal behavior, right attitude is mandatory. Therefore, the summation of persons make society, majority of depressed persons will refer to depressed society while majority of peaceful people will notify the peaceful society. So, it knew that peaceful person can



react in good manner while disturbed person cannot react normally because of disturbance and problems. This thing actually tells us that inner peace is also necessary for right behavior of persons.

In society, it is observed that those people who are disturbed from family affairs or due to any other financial affairs, or due to work place, they cannot treat with other people in normal and peaceful manner. In reverse, those people who are contented and satisfied in their work place, people also feel satisfaction from their attitude because they are behaving normally. If we observe the value of peace for development of societies, it becomes clear that peaceful, satisfied & mannered person will sustain a happy life. And efficiency of happy workers remains greater than the disturbed person. On the whole, such peaceful society containing peaceful happy workers will develop more rapidly than the society containing disturbances or disturbed persons.

Inner peace in Islam

Islam does mean peace. Not only does Islam mean peace but it also has a strong affiliation with inner peace through the tranquility and peace, it offers as a result of internalizing the Islamic faith..... Most of the Islamic literature related to inner peace is encompassed with in tasawwuf (Islamic spirituality) and extensively discussed in Arabic, Persian and Turkish.⁶ Every sensible man knows that in the condition of worship of God, the person's inner feeling and outer feeling become same in a peaceful way. Actually, this regularity of worship and meditation develops the inner peace for persons. Definitely, the adjacent people will also be same in a peaceful condition if all are doing the same practices together or individually.



The sorrowful thing in the present Muslim Ummah is that now the tasawwaf or Sufism is not remaining pure from snobbery. This is why; this aspect is used to earn worldly benefits or earning money in this world. Then who will believe on true sense of Sufism as the present people have not seen true and pure Sufism as was in the earlier ages.

The term inner-peace is used only in religion Islam. Islamic teachings not only remain calm and peace as external but also it is guided by many verses and hadith sciences to remain positive in thinking about others. This is why for contentment of hearts; it is guided that Allah's remembrance provides satisfaction to hearts. Therefore, it may be stated that the religion who guides inner peace satisfaction of hearts and encourage peace in society for social development, then there is no issue that such type of society might not be developed economically.

The protection of pluralism thus unlocks the "spiritual capital" of faith-based actors. Religious pluralism is strongly related to host of other goods that are hallmarks of stable societies including" better health outcomes" higher level of earned income & better educational opportunities for women. ⁷

No doubt, the women will also perform better duties if they are living in good conditions and in calm atmosphere otherwise there will be problems for all family members and their influence will spread on the different organizations of societies. Therefore, it may be stated that if unit of family will be in peaceful conditions, its effects will be occurred on the society also. For stability of family and for the members, importance of economic conditions cannot be



neglected. As stable family can enjoy from the worldly blessings and can fulfill their necessities of life in a better and reasonable way. In this way stable family can do worship of God in a peaceful way. Otherwise hungry person cannot perform worship of God in a normal way. This is why, it is commanded in hadith sciences that if the person is hungry and it is also prayer time then person should eat the meal before offering his prayer. Therefore, it may be stated that for establishing societal peace, economic conditions of society cannot be neglected for establishing peace in the societies.

Meaning of Tolerance

The heart of tolerance is self-control. This means when we bear such things or actions or even the people to whom we do not like but we are bearing and behaving in normal attitude, this shows that we are demonstrating the tolerance. In 17th century, Europe, the concept of tolerance was developed as liberal thinkers sought to limit the coercive action of government and the church. ⁸

The truth about human beings is that man should always consider about the reality that he will not remain in this mundane life always. Therefore, he should do such steps by which he might be remembered in good words after the death. Similarly, for a Muslim, it is necessary to do such acts so that he might be rewarded with good reward, as death only ends mundane life and transforms to man for eternal life. As after the death, new life is also the part of Muslim's belief also. Therefore, doing good deeds for hereafter life are more necessary for Muslims than the secular minded persons.

They often bear the connotation of being anti-religions, anti-Islamic, atheist, agnostic, modern, Western and materialistic. Yousuf



al-Qardāwī, one of best-known religious figures of Muslim World sees secularism as distinctly Western. Since Islam is a comprehensive system of worship and legislation, and preference of secularism over Islamic legislation is denial of Islamic legislation. So, this anti-Islamic approach may not be considered as true.⁹

In practical life, fear of God is such value that encourages us to do noble acts or for deeds of kindness. When the person will have fear of God, this thing will forbid the persons to do evil acts or wrong deeds. Fear of God is that value that changes person's thinking about mundane life and the life hereafter.

Society is formed by groups of individuals who possess different elements that make them human. We all have our unique characteristics and personalities that make us different from each other. In era of globalization boundaries of countries are interlinked to one another, no one can eschew from the effects of other's cultures. For stability and development of a society, the peace is necessary while tolerant behavior encourages the peaceful activities for members of a society. As concerned development of any society, it depends upon the crimeless atmosphere or such surroundings in which people remain with satisfaction and feel inner satisfaction in performing their duties.

Importance of Tolerance

The importance and value of tolerance do not depend on simple relationship between people. Tolerance is a societal need & the foundation of all human societies. Tolerance may be seen in the behavior of person, society, in the systems of nations. It is considered a well-mannered attitude and act of patience too. No





one can deny from the positive effects of tolerance if he is sensible and good mannered. In every walk of life, tolerant people not only presenting practical individual examples through their behavior but they are presenting practical model for other adjacent people.

In a society in which people do not bear patience or have strict behavior about one another, this thing creates problem in society's atmosphere. In the response of intolerant behavior, there may be problem in society as the emotions of brotherhood disappear due to this intolerant behavior. This means people are not living in an Islamic society because practically their responses are against the spirits of Islam.

The Holy Quran has especially emphasized that the matter of religion relates to the conscience of every individual. Hence, there should be absolutely no force and compulsion in religion.¹² But practically, there is stress lies between different schools of thoughts even within any of one religion. Whether the religion is of Hinduism, Jewish, Christianity or Islam & etc., It is practically observed that even the teaching of Islam is not interpreted in a same manner in all Muslim countries. For example, in Saudi Arabia, in Iran, in India, in Pakistan while In Arabian and African states, the different interpretations are made besides the fact base is the same and unchanged. Due to different interpretations, different schools of thoughts are present in different Islamic countries. And sometimes, due to ignorance some followers of any school of thought blame with such statement and sentiments that have no links with real teaching of Islam. Here, point to note is that sometimes, wrong behavior or attitude of Muslim or some Muslims



is considered as Islam without knowing the real teachings of Islam regarding particular action or attitude.

The very first treaty of Islam was the one settled by the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) with the Jewish Population of Medina. The very foundation of this treaty was based on principle of religious freedom and tolerance. In the very lifetime of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.), we also find instances when Jews of Khayban & Christians of Najran entered the Islamic state, the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) granted them complete freedom in both belief & practice in the Masjid-e-Nabavi also. ¹³ From this, it may be stated that when Holy Prophet did not impose any kind of condition on the followers of other religion, then who are we to ban others' religious activities. The practical situation of tolerant may be imagined from this poster which is hanging in the mosque of one sect that no other sect is allowed to preach his sect in mosque. Unfortunately, we are Muslims just by faith but our actions do not testify that we are practical Muslims also.

Islam provides a sound frame work that is the combination of the Quran and Sunnah and form a complete discipline for living with the name of Islam. Allah says in the Quran (3:19), indeed, the only (correct &acceptable) religion with Allah is Islam. In the present era, when Muslims are neglecting ethical values in the world whose prophet's guides them that I have been sent for completion of ethics, from this it became clear that Muslims are following their prophet's teachings at what level. In present era, the problem arises when some persons consider Islam just for doing worship in mosques. This type of person's attitude actually gives limitations till



mosque while they neglect that Islam commands us in every individual and societal aspect of life.

Secular & Secularism

The Encyclopedia Britannica defines, "secular" as non-spiritual having no concern with religious or spiritual matters. ¹⁵ The term Secular means, "of this world" in Latin & is the opposite of religious. ¹⁶ Actually, it may be stated that all norms and principles guides us to live in a better way in this mundane life. No doubt, the mundane life must be better and every one tries to live in a better way or to gain successes of this world which is the secular point may be but every person has a right to live in as he wishes.

The word 'secular'& 'secularism', invoked by Sachedina and others are widely understood in the Muslim World to be terms of opprobrium. Islam is believed to all-encompassing and all-pervasive; secularism is therefore considered by many to be a concept not only alien to, but also incompatible with Islam.¹⁷ The reason of this incompatibility is that Islamic commandments are not man-made then in what way it may be compared with man-made norms. The superiority of norms will be for those who will adopt in practical lives whether he is Muslim or non-Muslim.

The secular liberal framework, grounded in protection both of and from religion in plural-religious states and founded on rule of law principles stands on a fragile (weak) foundation where social will is not committed to neutrality and where one political stake holder-a dominant institutionalized religious community participates in political action on par with non/ religious political parties.¹⁸



In reality, the states that are counted in Islamic states or have majority of inhabitants as Muslims, these are not following Islamic principles in their rules and regulations. Therefore, it may be stated that different Islamic states have different interpretations of Islam. In Pakistan and India, interpretation of Islamic teachings is different from the Turkey and Iran. While in Russian states Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Azerbaijan the interpretation of Islamic teachings is quite different and in all these states rules and regulations are not same in implantation.

When it is discussed about decreasing the role of religion and increasing the authority of state, this thing and approach is considered as secularism while Muslim society of every country stresses more on the role of religion. ¹⁹ It is observed that in secularism there are two groups' Atheists and liberals have their own attitude. In this, former group is one extreme while the latter is on the other side. One group is denying the creator and the divine commandments while other does not deny the creator while this denies the divine commandments due to their liberal attitude.

While divine commandment clearly declares that most of the people just adopt behavior to follow their imaginations rather than solid arguments. As it is declared in chapter6, verseII9 of the Holy Quran in the same meanings to follow argument. The reason is that imagination may be true and it may be true, & this is not necessary to adopt imagination, this becomes clear that Islamic teachings ordains us to follow the reality rather than scam and fake things.

Social & Economic Values in Secularism & Islam



The essence of word 'Secularism' depends upon a variety of factors existing in a particular state, e.g., the society's composition, political history & the potential of its minority groups as well as the prevailing international circumstances.²⁰ Furthermore, if Muslims are not following or Muslim scholars are not guiding to ignorant Muslims, this shows that these scholars are neglecting their duties of preaching Islam. Another point of view may be stated that either these scholars are impressed by foreign or secular teaching or they have any confusion in their point of view regarding Islam or they have no courage to present Islam with arguments.

Before we deal with the question of Islam and secularism, I would be like to throw some light on religion and secularism. Here too there are different views, of rationalists and atheists who consider religion and secularism quite contrary to each other. ²¹ Atheists deny the divine so question to believe divine commandments cannot be arisen. While the rationalists that have liberal ideas but they do not deny the supreme power but they prefer their own ideas to follow and spend life in a liberal way.

It is quite different from the actual scenario that some Muslim countries have secular attitudes while some non-Muslim countries have Islamic values in practice. This is why, the countries who are applying Islamic values in practical lives, have better conditions as compared to those who are Muslim by faith but in practice attitude are different. The divine commandments are for all human beings who will follow, the better condition will be provided by divine blessings.

In Wilson's views, secular and Islamic values are incompatible. In his views, secular society has no link with religion and religious





people.²² From Wilson's views, it may be stated that secular does not support any religion but in actual in secular countries there are many rules and regulations that favor religious activities of particular sects. For example, in India being secular state, Hindu communities are living in freedom as compared to Muslims or Christians.

The adjective of secularism has brutal realities do exist, but we ignore them for the fear that they constitute the contradiction in terms that will inevitably desecrate the wrongly supposed sanctity of 'secularism.' ²³ The truth about the secularism and the Islamic state may be presented that practically Islamic states are not practicing as Islamic doctrines are, similarly the secular countries are not secular for all religion as for some particular religion, they have soft corner.

Some political philosophies such as Marxism generally hold the belief that any religion influence in a state or society is a negative thing. And in European secular states, it is tried to do adopt such policies to prevail its effects on Muslim states also.²⁴ The public interest differs one from the other. This is why policies regarding treating with them are also different in practical lives of the public.

Many Western democratic nations place a high importance on separation of the institution of church and the state. Some nations such as the U.S. A., Australia& Canada, even have specific clauses in their constitutions.²⁵ Furthermore, besides the different clauses are present in the laws but authorities of state do different from these clauses in their countries. This may be declared as hypocrisy but it is considered the better policy for ruling.

Role of Europe in secularism





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Secularism came to be understood in diverse senses according to distinct political set up.²⁶ However, with the passage of time, word 'secularism' emerged as a universally recognized antonym of theocracy and form secular view point and its doctrines too.²⁷ In secularism, it is considered as neutrality of state but in actual this cannot be found even within the secular states. Therefore, if the Islamic states are not acting upon the principles of Islam or not formatting Islamic laws, this thing become objectionable but when the secular countries don not implement all secular rules or Acts, this thing must also be objectionable.

Islamic Commandment & secular values

Quran in fact directly encourages pluralism vide its verse 5:48, this verse clearly states that every person has its own law and a way, i.e., every nation is unique in its way of life, its rules etc. It also says that Allah had pleased he would have created all human being a single nation but He did not do so in order to test them. Thus, it is clear assertion of pluralism. Quran asserts also that every people have their own way of worshiping God, one should not quarrel about this. Instead, one should try to excel each other in good deeds.

In the verse 60:7-8, we find that Allah will bring about friendship between Muslims and those whom you hold as enemies. And Allah does not forbid you from respecting those who fight you not for religion nor drive you from justly. Allah loves doers of justice.²⁸ No doubt, about the justice system, Muslim countries are behind than developed and secular countries. In the ranking of 136 countries of the world, Pakistan's justice system and courts are at 130 numbers, in the list of 136 countries while the facilities of judicial staff have like the developed ones.



Also in 6:109, the Quran Prohibits Muslims from abusing people of other faith or their gods as in turn they will abuse Allah.²⁹ This commandment do clear and give detail for living peaceful manner. It is common phenomenon when someone will abuse others, in response, how someone can rely good things from others. Therefore, teasing others means you are disturbing others as well as you are demanding disturbance. So, you can remain calm if your neighbor is in peaceful condition and you are also. This why it is called in famous proverb, do well and have well.

Every Muslim is the recipient, guardian and executor of God's order on earth; his responsibilities are all encompassing. A Muslim's duty is to do his action for spreading virtues and forbidding evil deeds.³⁰ In this way, wrong things will not be emerged and if someone will do wrong actions and things, other persons will forbid him and discourage his actions. Therefore, peace will prevail because of peaceful activities in the society. But the situation becomes contradictive and conflictive when the followers of Islam do anti-Islamic activities.

In present situation of Muslim countries, there are many such people who see wrong things and actions but they do not forbid them even in the many homes where elder think that youngers are doing wrong things or wasting time in illegal things but the elders do not stop them thinking itself, they will dislike these advices. This is why now the gap is increasing day by day within families and the elders and Youngers. In this way, offspring has lost the chances to learn from elder family members as well as they are going beyond from our Islamic values. Furthermore, by using social media, they



are imitating the habits of other cultures. And right things and actions are being replaced by the things of other cultures without considering its status.

In Holy Quran, it is stated as, "By no means shall you attain righteousness unless you give (freely) of that which you love, and whatever you give, of truth God knows it well." This verse encourages us to adopt right things and right actions in personal as well as societal life. In this verse, it is ordained that human beings should avoid adopting un-necessary things and desires if they want to gain Allah's pleasures. Because, if we observe in practical life, the people who follow their desires they remain un-contented in presence of huge income resources of earning while those people who do not try to fulfill un-necessary desires, they remain contented in the low or normal earnings. This is why, moderate behavior is recommended to adopt in the economic or the societal lives for improvement of conditions of societies.

Islamic teachings ordain its followers to do actions for the success of this world and the world hereafter. Collective morality is expressed in the Quran in such terms as equality, justice, fairness, brotherhood, mercy, compassion, solidarity and freedom of choice. And it was the care of Islamic states, that in personal matters, they do not use official things and material. They use official material only in the matters of official or of public related matters.

In Holy Quran, it is stated as: "And to be firm and patient, in pain (or suffering) and adversity, and throughout all periods of panic. Such are the people of truth, the God fearing." ³² This is actually, the training of followers of Islam to face the problematic conditions in the life. As by keeping fasts, actually Muslims are



trained to remain hungry themselves and this thing train them and prepare them to face bad conditions. Furthermore, as a cumulative, feelings about the poor are created in the hearts of the rich people. As when the rich people keep fasts and remain hungry a day long continuously in the month of Ramadan, they can feel about hunger of the hungry poor people.

It is true that in this world, there are such people who deceive the people and harm the others but take pardon from God. In the present world, most of the problems are created by men for men. But in prayers, some of them take pardon from Allah. About such people famous Iranian scholar Sheikh Saa'di wrote these words (meaning): "On this earth, majority of people are those who give pain, tension and deception to the other people but pray for pardon from the creator." This quotation also reflects that we should care about others' rights; this will become possible when we will fulfill our duties in true manner without any kind of snobbery.

Equality

The equality of all Muslims is emphasized separately throughout the Quran. In Quranic teachings, it is commanded that both men and women are equal according to their rights. However, each gender has its own importance due to physique and mind set qualities. But for children, mother has more rights than father because she cares more than father and children remain happy to mothers than fathers. But combination of both qualities of man and woman actually prepares children for future life. It is empirical fact that those children are deprived from father or mother, or both



affection, they do not perform better role in the life except some rare cases or some noble spirits of noble personalities.

In the Holy Quran, 49:13, it is stated as "O mankind, indeed, we have created you from male & 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 knows and acquainted (aware).33 The above meaning of divine's commandment clearly denotes that all are equal as human but the superiority is because of most righteousness rather than creed, color and tribe. So, we should try to be most righteous if we want greatness near God. Furthermore, some people stress on the verse of Holy Quran in which it is commanded that men are supervisor of the women. Actually, they neglect the other portion of verse in which it is ordained that each gender has its own importance because both are bound in relation of husband and wife because Nikah agreement, and in agreement both will have to be considered each other otherwise this institution will not develop in right and good way.

Individual Responsibility

In the Holy Quran, it is stated as: "Serve God, and joint not any partners with Him; and do good- to parents, orphans, those in need, neighbors who are strangers; the companion by your side, the way-farer (you meet) and what your right hands possess, for God loves not the arrogant, the vain glorious.³⁴ It is upon the person that he should perform duty as required but problem creates when duties are not performed in true manner. In present era, there are different movements and different organizations that are working for human rights but in actual human are deprived from their rights. Simply





reason is that we have ignored our duties and liabilities in our personal and social lives. The absence of liability and responsibility definitely creates others' rights problems. While if everyone tries to perform his liabilities and duties in right way, then other problems will not emerge and other people will not have to demand their rights in the society.

Forbearance & Forgiveness

Allah is described in the Quran as the Forgiving and the Merciful. In this, it may be stated that except shirk or the person who believes or thinks fellow of creator, this person will not be forgiven, in the light of divine commandments. In Holy Quran, it is stated as: "O mankind Lo, we have created you male & female and have made you nations & tribes that you may know one another, Lo, the noblest of you in the sight of Allah is the best in conduct." In Islam, personal attitude is so much important rather than having links to status of tribe or any other distinctions because best in conduct will be near to Allah. If the person has higher worldly rank or status but low in conduct, will be at low level from the poor that is high in conduct.

Education

In education too, woman have the same rights as men. In contemporary Muslim society, in fact, women have attained the same levels of education as men. Furthermore, in universities, it has been tried that tolerance, patience, multi-cultural and multi-religion behaviors and attitudes should be taught to the students of universities. But opposite and parallel powers are doing their own



work so we cannot stop or control them but these may be decreased by our behaviors.

In present era, there is problem regarding educational systems also prevailing in the societies, due to this, in Muslim societies, it has been thinking that to Islamize our educational institutions or reformation is required in Islamic teaching and third approach is also developing that if we want to gain success of life and want to sustain in modern world then western educational system will have to adopt just like the Western world, this later approach is actually the thinking of secular minded personalities.

Freedom

In Holly Quran, 2:256, it is stated that there shall be no compulsion in the religion. The right course has become clear from the wrong. ³⁶ This divine commandment also favors the freedom to choose religion according to his choice. But this refers to person's will to choose what he thinks as complete way of life or straight path by which person could led his life in a successful manner.

High uphold Justice

In Holy Quran, it is stated as "O you who believe, you shall be people who always uphold (the truth) for Allah, bearing witness with justice. And do not let the hatred of a people, encouraging you to justice."³⁷ No doubt, maintaining of justice demands that that every aspect of life must be free from any kind of wrong action. It is crucial for justice that it must be provided in time otherwise it not true justice.

Justice is such value which enhances the trust of people on ruling authorities. And it is the foremost condition for applying





justice that it must be provided in time. Otherwise delay in justice will be considered as deny in justice. As practically in many Muslim countries, the justice situation is not which must be commended. While in actual it is objectionable thing for non-Islamic countries but it is also shameful thing for an Islamic country.

Importance of Peace

Islam essentially meaning 'peace', and socialize peace. Islam leads to the path of peace, leads to be patient, all on the basis of truth and justice. Geographically, Islam was spread all corners of the earth. Most are in Asia & Africa, there are the largest numbers of religious communities worldwide. ³⁸ In the Western world, there is a problem that sometimes the action of some Muslim people is considered as Islamic point of view, without knowing the Islamic teachings and the reality of the action from the doer people. In actual, the extreme behavior or attitude of every one is discouraged by Islamic teachings. If anyone is doing extreme behavior or action, even the matter of worship, it is prohibited to become cutoff from the world and adopt rahabaniya only or worship of God all the time with negation of worldly requirements.

It is most strange thing that word Islam that is derived from the word 'salam' that has meaning of peace. But, in practical lives, we observe that most of the Muslim countries are in problem of peace less situation. No doubt, some of them will have extreme views for the other sects of Islam but all the sects or school of thoughts may not be blamed as extremist or terrorist. Because, this type of extremist views may be observed in every religion of the country. Therefore, due to intolerant attitude of some people, that particular



religion or all followers of that particular religion cannot be cursed or blamed.

Peace in the broadest sense is adjusting his creator on the one hand and to their neighbors on the other. This applies to the entire concentric relationship between a person with other persons, a person with society, nation by nation& in short between the whole humanity. Peace can also describe the emotional state of inner peace.³⁹ Inner peace is reflected by personal ideas or worldly action. This is why happy person spreads but only happy but the person who is not happy or involve in any dispute, will spread but tension only through his behavior and actions but create problems for the others also.

State in the sense Secular

Fundamentally the state should be "secular" in the sense that religion should not influence support or control state power. This is Audi's version of the non-establishment principle. ⁴⁰ The fact is that, some of the well-known states that often considered constitutively secular are: France, Turkey, India, Mexico& South Korea. Though, none of these nations have identical poems of governance with respect to religion.

Talal Asad stated that Secularism as a political doctrine.⁴¹ In Asad's views; my concern is the genealogies of religion were to trace some of the ways.⁴² No doubt, Some Muslim majority countries do secularism has. For example, countries like Indonesia, Malaysia and



Turkey. These countries do allow all their citizens, including the non-Muslims, equal political rights and religious rights. ⁴³ This behavior may become popular because of educated and qualified persons of foreign universities, due to social media effects on our cultures and internet techniques &data.

The problem of equal human rights is such is still unsolved till the present era. The reason is that whether we or religious minded or not, in practical lives, we follow such behavior which reflects that there is difference between our sayings and our actions. While the Qura'nic commandment clearly ordains us why we say such things what we do not do. Unfortunately, mostly people do not follow their own sayings. As the Holy Quran ordains us to leave the sinful action whether it is obvious or disguised but Muslims are not acting upon this commandment also in practical lives.

The essence of secularism is to respect the beliefs of everyone in the society so long as they do not harm others, give equal treatment without any discrimination of caste, color and creed."⁴⁴In simpler terms, there is no disagreement between Islam & secularism. Islam teaches secularism to all Muslims.⁴⁵ As the Islamic teachings also ordains that there is no coercion in choosing religion. It is every person's will to adopt the way of worship but in present era Muslims have become so much narrow in things that they have clashes among different schools of thoughts within the religion Islam.

In Abu Sufian Islahi's point of view, the main problem within the Muslims is that what we should give importance in our lives, but tragedy is that we have neglected to give importance to that sacred



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holy book but majority of the Muslims did not try to understand while the reality is that most of Muslims cannot understand these divine ordains. And those have understood, from these very few persons are acting upon as it must be required. So, our all the worldly problems are because of neglecting the understanding of divine ordains and not practicing in lives. By acting upon divine commandments, we can solve our worldly problems by seeking guidance from this holy book. In practical scenario, western scholars and publishers have translated the popular and rare books of Muslims in their own languages but Muslims did not do proper care.

Muslim jurists confidently claimed that applied Islam, based on Quranic doctrine about human nature and its resources, provides practical and spiritual knowledge that satisfies the canons of reason, a reason unaffected by our capacity of sin. The sacred law (shariah literature, a path: Al-Quran, 45:18 also shariah at (Al-Quran, 5:48) derived from Quran and the prophet's exemplar specifies in meticulous (particular) detail the correct exercise of the will in our imperfect attempt to attain purity of heart and intention. ⁴⁷

Quranic teachings regarding secular values

- I. Islam, in fact is the first religion which legally recognized other religions and gave them dignified status and also accepted the concept of dignity of all children. ⁴⁸
- II. And, irrespective of their (of human being) faith, race, tribe nationality or language (49:13).⁴⁹



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- III. The Holy Quran also states: O mankind we have created you from a male & female." And we set you up as nation & tribes that you may be able to recognize each other. (49:13)⁵⁰
- **IV.** He had divided his people into different classes.... And he supposed one group of (at the cost of others. (28:4)⁵¹
- V. Quran says, "There should be no coercion in the matter of faith. (2:256)⁵²
- **VI.** The verse 2:213 is also quite significant on the unity of all human being and is Allah's intention.⁵³
- VII. All the differences are human & not divine and these differences should be resolved in democratic & goodly manner. (29:46)⁵⁴
- VIII. The Quran, in fact directly encourages secularism vide its verse 5:48.⁵⁵

In Islamic state additional rights & privileges of non-Muslim citizen, these are:

- I. Political representation council (shura);
- 2. Freedom of expression;
- 3. Education;
- 4. Government service;
- 5. Trade & profession.

Difference between Quranic Commandments and Secularism

These are presented as under:





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- I. First difference is novelty in human life. Islamic law sought to establish truth & justice liberates man from oppression, be kind to him and protect his interest in life.(7:157). As compared to secular law, it expressed the desire to enslave mankind and to serve the oppressor.
- II. The second difference is the spiritual aspect of man. Islamic law tackled both apparent and hidden action secular law only tackles the apparent sides and completely neglects the spiritual sides. (17:85-86)
- III. Third difference is humanitarianism. In Islamic law, the core of Islam is addressed to human race as a whole. (4:I). As compared to secular law, it is full of human concept such as racialism and class differences.
- IV. The fourth difference is depth & inclusiveness. In Islamic law, the sources of human rights are deeper. (2:30). (Adam creation) as compared to secular law, the sources of human rights are limited and prove to error.
- V. The fifth difference is rectitude, truth and justice. Islamic law has corresponded with rectitude, truth & justice to avoid errors and injustice. (4:58), (4:65). As compared to secular law, it is made according to whims of mankind and is prone to error.
- VI. The sixth difference is objectivity (neutrality). The objectivity of Islamic law is being free from personal interests of desires. As compared to secular, it is influenced by environment's factors like reality and personal characteristic. ⁵⁶



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- VII. The seventh difference is everlastingness. Islamic law is everlasting because it represents only the will of its makers and away from the logic of truth & justice.
- VIII. The eighth difference is the prohibited actions. Islamic law prohibits heinous (wicked) act such as adultery. (24:2) (adultery). As compared to secular law, the prohibited actions such as fornication and homo sexuality are considered as the human rights or the portion of human rights.
- **IX.** The ninth difference is agreement & suitability. Islamic law suits all people of different natures, races and language, since it was legislated by Allah. (30:30) As compared to secular law, it does not suit everyone as it is made by man.
- X. The tenth difference is the human nature of man. Islamic law formulated by Allah to suit human nature and His creation.(25:61)), (Allah will lighten difficulties). As compared to secular law, it is made according to temperament and interests of mankind.
- **XI.** The eleventh difference is the protection and guarantee. Islamic law preserves human rights & seeks absolute justice, (7:29) & (16:90). As compared to secular law, human rights have not given assurance to prevent violation.
- XII. The twelfth difference is harmony and non-contradiction. Islamic law forms perfect responsive and objective units when it fixes connection among all its rules and laws. For example, Islam prohibits usurped property in order to protect people's rights and their private possession. (2:188), (4:29) (property).⁵⁷



Religion & Economic Growth

The literature on the economics of religion finds that increased participation or religious density is associated with positive socio-economic outcomes. A plural market for religion, i.e., the coexistence of multiple religions in a country, increases religious participation and potentiality religious beliefs indirectly.⁵⁸ The fact is that when there will be compound and different group of the people or communities will work without considering the religion or among the different followers of different religion harmony exists, this thing will encourage teamwork and will create competition in a positive sense.

As Ghazi declares that Western's agenda is multi-purpose agenda in which politics, economics & financing, education & culture all are included for individual to whole society. Some thinks in the Eastern countries all things are done by chance while some thinks that all are done under supervision of Western agenda. ⁵⁹ There is a large literature showing that religious participation enhances labor market outcomes and human capital such as higher income, educational attachment and achievement. ⁶⁰ It is true than human capital is that capital that gives us greater return, developed countries have higher standard of living because of investment human while developing countries have low per capita income & standard of living is also low because of neglecting their inhabitants.

The effect of religion on Economic growth has been widely exposed and in general found to be positive.⁶¹ For example, a study exploring a cross-section sample of countries between 1965 and 1990 shows estimates that are positive, but not across all measures of religious beliefs and religious participation. In contrast, for a



given level of beliefs religious attendance is negatively associated with economic growth. 62 This shows that there is negative relation with religious practices with economic growth and earnings. In this regard, it is true in materialistic point of view but it is not true in spiritual point of view. Furthermore, this thing refers that secularism is against the spiritual aspects or negation of spiritual values. When one will be busy in spiritual worship, definitely at that time no one will do economic activities so this thing stresses the devotion of followers also.

Karl Marx is famously paraphrased as writing that "Religion is.... the opium of the masses." While economic research suggests that there is no empirical evidence to support this statement, it does suggest that religion is associated with improved labor market outcomes, better educational attainment, and lower engagement in risky behavior among youth. The truth of Marxian views can be seen and visualized in practical lives because sometimes, due to religious activities or due to difference of opinion of one school of thought from the other within one religion, some quarrels end on the death or judicial clashes. These judicial clashes remain continue till many steps of their offspring.

Islam recognizes three types of public associations for group activities; firstly, they formed for the purpose of promoting the general welfare, like charitable associations. Secondly, it is encouraged to go beyond in the field of knowledge to lead. Thirdly, those established for the purpose of peaceful settlement of disputes in the societies.⁶⁴ The dark facet is that many rich Muslims do not give compulsory poor-due to the poor, this is why the gap between



rich and the poor is increasing day by day especially in Muslim societies. But the second thing that is especially ordained to seek knowledge and increase their knowledge, Muslims are lack behind in getting the knowledge. Muslims are understood to solve disputes in peaceful manners but in the world, mostly Muslim countries are indulged with the disputes of other Muslim fellows or with other school of thoughts or with non-Muslims involved in dispute or war for many years. Then how can be the nation developed who is not in peaceful condition. As the war and dispute not only restrain the development but it also wastes the resources of countries and decreases the standard of living of the people.

Modern Era Situation

Presently we are, now in the midst of a digital revolution. The rise of social media & online technologies is expected to become a positive force creating better human cooperation and mobilizing masses to from solidarity against human rights abuses. The 'infamous Arab spring' which stated in 2010 and mobilized young people across the Arab Muslims World was largely enabled by use of social media. The social media has been playing crucial role in limiting the geographical boundaries of the world. As because of social media, the different of rites and habits are being adopted in other countries of the world. In this way ideas and approaches of one society or country are being adopted by other after getting knowledge through social media. Besides many advantages and many disadvantages, the key point is that it is making us unsocial.

In present era, in Muslim countries, secularism is prevailing due to some foreign qualified Muslim persons or from foreigners who are working in Muslim countries. In Muslim societies some





things are polluting the societies because of powerful and attractive things in presence of filter plant or measures of Muslim societies. It is sorrowful thing that sometimes-extremist attitudes are encouraged by an organized way. This is why some common men think, may be extremist attitude is true for survival in present era. This thinking is more dangerous for the atmosphere of society as well as for new generation.

As concerned the religious status in Pakistan, it may be guessed from the social media news which was published in daily newspaper also that, "In Tando Muhammad village Bakhshoo khan, official administration with support of police has banned the call for prayer in speaker for Fajar prayer. It is stated that through the speaker voice, the judge was disturbed due to loud voice of speaker so he ordered to the local administrative authorities to ban at Fajar time calling for prayer. So, in response, imam masjid has viral his video on social media about this ban orders. In this regard, social activist Mahmood Somorro also claimed and declared that it is ordered that at Fajar time, speaker must not be used in Fajar prayer. This critical situation regarding religion in the country shows situation of country that was established in the name Islam, on the map of the world. 66 So, these types of incidents actually notify the situation of Islamic countries in which secular approaches and secular ideas are promoting day by day. If we observe keenly, these types are orders are just for joke the teachings of Islam or to check the emotions and feeling of followers of Islam. On the other side, if we observe the disturbance of judge as it was said, the man who had to awoke at morning for his works and responsibilities, he wants to



sleep at the awakening time. In actual, all persons who are Muslim or not Muslim, all must be thankful to the person who is calling for prayer and awakening after the sleeping time for preparation of works timely.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights & Muslim Majority States

Five of most frequently invoked examples of Muslim-majority state practices that are inconsistent with the UDHR (Universal Declaration of Human Rights) include:

- **A.** Contrary to UDHR Article 2, Article 6, some Muslim majority states prohibit Muslim women from marrying non-Muslim men;
- **B.** Contrary to UDHR preamble and Article 2, some Muslim majority states operate laws that provide different distribution of inheritance;
- C. Contrary to UDHR Article 18, some Muslim majority states prohibit non-Muslims from adopting Muslim children;
- **D.** Contrary to UDHR preamble and Article 18, some Muslim majority states prohibit Muslims from converting to another religion while allowing non-Muslim to convert to Islam; and
- **E.** Contrary to UDHR preamble and Article 18, some Muslimmajority states require that head of state be a Muslim.⁶⁷

As preamble UDHR, Article 2, prohibition in marriage of Muslim woman with non-Muslim man, it is actually according to the divine commandment of verse 22I of chapter 2, in which Muslim man and woman are commanded to marry with counterpart believers, as it is useful for them. As it is objected in Article 2 of



UDHR that in Muslim states, in inheritance men and female are not granted equal share, this is divine commandment and real philosophy is that women have right from parents as well as from his husband after the marriage while men take only from the parents while he is married or un-married. As concerned the prohibition in adaptation of child through Article 18, so it is not only banned to non-Muslim but it is also for Muslims in Muslim state as it is also from divine commandments that real children may be deserved for property and other legal matters otherwise, there will be problem in inheritance and other issues in division of property. Article 18, in which renouncing Islam is prohibited while converting to Islam is allowed, it is divine commandment for Muslims to remain on true religion and for non-Muslims to give chance to adopt true religion for success of hereafter life. As concerned Article 18 of UDHR for being a Muslim state leader it is according to teaching of Islam that the Imam or leader must be ideal for the Muslims so that other could follow him. As the non-Muslim cannot become the imam of Muslims so in what way, it can become the leader of Islamic state.

According to theme of Qura'nic teachings, it is better for Muslims that they should worship Allah, become obedience to Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) and serve the creatures to get divine pleasure but in secularism, there is stress only to serve the humanity especially who is living in their territorial boundaries.

Though Muslims might imagine that there could be an ideal Muslim state that properly enforces Islamic law, they need only look to the actual political authorities in majority-Muslim states to see that such people are not the religious models for which one would



hope.⁶⁸ In Islamic countries, on the name of religion Islam such games are being played that are not suitable but are shameful to some extent. As from the elite and cream class of Pakistan, there are many people who prefer to wear English dress, prefer to speak in English, and want to adopt western culture and civilization but they are Muslims just by faith only. In this, no doubt in wearing dress, or using foreign language is not bad thing but using foreign language refers to a skill. But problem is in preferring other things and even foreign culture also, so it becomes clear that such types of people have impressed or depressed from Western culture. It is true that useful things which are not against Islamic teachings must be adopted, but ignoring our religious things or civilizations may not be considered well for us being the Muslims.

It is sorrowful to state that being a Muslims, from us, mostly have not clear point of view about Islamic teachings and especially within the any particular school of thought, religious leaders have not real tolerant behavior about the other school of thoughts rather than the other religion. Due to this, different incidents just like Youhana abad of Lahore & Sialkot incident and Charsadah incident of attack of mob on police station are occurring in Islamic societies. This clearly shows that Muslims are acting upon the principles of Islam in real sense and some schools of thoughts are increasing extremism in thoughts and ignoring the tolerant teachings.

Modern, perhaps secularized, Muslims need not reject the tradition of Islam. They often wish merely to negotiate a more empowered place in it. So, it may be stated that Muslims women have more rights and respect than others imagination.⁶⁹ In Muslim states, women have more respect than the other non-Muslim states



even though in Western states, it is considered that women are bound to their home or they cannot perform societal activities freely. In actual Islam has provided to them a permanent supervisor & guide to perform their societal activities rather than narrowness or limitation.

As concerned Ghazi's point of view about the difference between worldly education and religious education, this is not Islamic concept but in actual this is a gift of Western Secularism and its effects on Islamic countries. From Ghazi's point, it may be stated that Western has policies not only to handle their issues as well as to control the Eastern people. But it may not be considered cent per truth but this point of view cannot be neglected but foreign authors also write about Islamic and Eastern countries. As book, "The Future of Pakistan is written by Stephen Cohen about the policies and strategies of Pakistan while sitting in the West. But the Eastern authors are still no efficient and keen about their problems and solution as the Western are doing work.

The foundation of all modern studies have been laid down on secular thoughts, for example, if we talk about medical, engineering, geology, sociology, business, trade and commerce etc. we are compelled to follow that thoughts which have been emerged in our life.⁷¹Secular criticism is thus also an invitation to the crossing of boundaries-boundaries of nation, tradition, religion, race and language- and carries the implication that the world as a whole can be the only authentic horizon of critical practice.⁷² But in Muslim countries, there are so much religious tanzīms and school of



thoughts of religion Islam that every school of thought considers himself as right and the privilege of paradise in hereafter lives.

Not all legally secular states are completely secular in practice. In France for example, many Christian holy days are official holidays for the public administration and teachers in Catholic schools are salaried by the state. In India, the government gives subsidy in airfare for Muslims going on Hajj pilgrimage. In 2007, the government had to send IRs. 47454 per passenger. For long, the world's only Hindu Kingdom Nepal recently declared itself secular.⁷³ Therefore, it may be stated that no secular state is as it is considered in their secular theoretical views & idea or their approach. Besides this, all secular states are considered similar in their approaches, may be some aspects are similar and some may be opposite to some extent.

But it is sorrowful to say that in the whole world, concessions are made on religious festivals except the Muslims who increase the price of edibles and other items to get abnormal profit while these are the followers of religion Islam in which illegal profit and illegal attainment of things is prohibited. This thing clearly denotes the in practice, where the Muslims are standing.

Islam has its own unique and complete fundamentals, which are quite different from other religions. Preliminary Islam is a matter of faith.... Islam has also set certain morals; that are religious, social, moral, intellectual, cultural, and political and international.⁷⁴ Therefore, it may be stated that if the influence of worship and prayer does not seem out of mosque, this means, the worship and prayer is not offered in real and actual way. This is not a real worship but it may be stated as custom (routine) only. In Muslim countries, there is a class of such people who consider the religion



just for offering prayer and keeping fast, performing Hajj. While they forget that speaking truth, trading fairly, observing balance truly, doing justice in matters, avoiding from prohibited things, is also Islam. So, it may be stated about the behavior of those people who limit the religion till mosque or any other worship place, this means such people are not following the teachings of Islam and they are not secular but near to secular approach within an Islamic state.

Global Gallup surveys give us a clear view of relationship between secularization and economic development that the world's poorest countries are also its most religious. But before the days of modern surveys, the steam-powered scholars of the 20th century has already noticed that industrialized societies tended to be less religious than agrarian ones.⁷⁵ Therefore, it may be stated that non-religious countries are more developed than religious countries. This may have question mark for creditability of religious values or the religious persons are not acting upon Principles in true manners.

Another good example of Hajj& Umra can be analyzed for seeing religious values linked with growth & development, as from the whole of the world; people go for offering pilgrimage while in those days, income of Saudi Arabia and other related countries increases as people also feel pleasure with more religious practices. But only some people remain on true path after the completion of Hajj rituals otherwise actions of mostly people remain varied from real divine commandments.

It is fact that, in the West, the common phenomenon is that they say that Islam is not wrong but in actual present Muslims are wrong. This is another opinion that why they say such words, the



main reason is that Muslims have no proper attitudes according the teachings of Islam. Due to this, the Western people are right in their quotation about the Muslims. The difference between Western world and Islamic world is that western is struggling hard to apparent development rather than real development & satisfaction but the Muslims are lack behind in the field of development and acting upon the Islamic teachings in their practical lives.

Some scholars suggest that living among a high density of one's ancestry is negatively related to labor market outcome, but living among a high density of one's religious ancestry is associated with batter labor market outcome. ⁷⁶ From this, it may be stated that the persons living from out of families, have high productivity as compared to those who are living with their ancestors. This may be because of business hours and the loneliness hours of persons who are living within the families and of those who are living lonely. But this may not be declared hundred percent for all in all places and in all surroundings.

Concluding Remarks

In nutshell, it may be stated that European secular movement has become popular even in many Islamic countries also. There are some values of secularism that are compatible to Islamic values just as peace, justice, right to choose religion and tolerance but problem lies in both secularism and Islamism, i.e. because of not practicing according to true teachings. And all the destructions of different nations, those are mentioned in Islamic basic sources, there is no single one nation whose destruction was done due to not following the fasts, prayers, Hajj and Zakat or not performing any other worship of God. But all destructions were made due to short



measuring, corruption, deception, gossip other rights, or killing any persons and adulteration. Simply, it may be stated as that the matter was not of rights of God but it was the matter of Human rights. Therefore, it may be stated with sorrow that in present era, there are so many movements and organizations that are showing their struggle for human rights but in actual human rights are being neglected in family to state level organizations. It may be stated in sorrow that the matter is become stranger as rights of human and the rights of Allah all are not being followed in true sense. In this, the situation for calling divine calamity has become more serious than ever. Therefore, it is up to us that we should try to avoid these things which are against divine commandments. So that, we could deserve for divine blessings rather than divine's destruction.

Precisely, it may be stated that Islamic values have superiority over secular values but secular values are becoming popular even in the Islamic countries because of imitation and negation of divine commandments in practical lives. Thus, it is mandatory for Muslims that they must perform their duties according to the teachings of Islam in true sense then Muslims can regain their noble status in world otherwise secular countries just like Japan that is at lowest rate in crimes, will be example to follow for the world.

To conclude, it may be stated that Islamic values of peace, tolerance and justice are compatible to secular values but the purpose, the approach and the main theme of Islamic values is quite different from the main theme and purpose of secular values i.e., the spiritual aspect. The spiritual aspect, virtue and noble deeds that encourage followers of Islam for attaining success of hereafter while



secular values are just for gaining peace & success of mundane life. This is why; scholars of each ism have difference of understandings & interpretations regarding their values. Therefore, it is required that Muslims scholars must not rely on the interpretations of foreign philosophers and scholars of other isms regarding the compatible values too. As the Islamic values of divine have superiority over all the values of man-made isms besides the bitter fact that the followers of Islam have problem of practical interpretations due to some individual and multi-culture aspects. Besides this, the practical implementation of secular values has attraction for many educated persons of Muslim countries because of their economic and societal conditions. It is upon the ruling authorities of Islamic states and the intelligentsia to adopt real Islamic teachings in all fields of life \with removal of shortcomings and negative aspects of all policies and sectors to prove and regain the noble status of Muslims.

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