

Is Islam Perfect For Implementation?

Islam has been fought for many centuries by many enemies. Islam has stood up to all fights and vicious attacks and defeated them. However, Muslims have not. The enemies of Islam have tried many different tactics and various plans to defeat the Muslims. The most effective of which is the attack on the beliefs and ideas of Islam. And, whatever they could not attack outright, they planted doubt in order to weaken Muslims by weakening Islam itself.

A basic idea that the Kuffar surrounded with doubt was the possibility of the implementation of Islam on the individual and on the society. At one time the Kuffar would attack Islam as a whole saying that it is merely a collection of ideas that could be implemented in the past, but is invalid for the present time. Another time, they would say that Islam calls for perfection, and its rules and regulations are only applicable on a perfect individual and/or a perfect society.

I would like to address the second claim. The Kuffar have claimed that Islam is too perfect to be implemented. And since humans are not perfect, then Islam can not be implemented. Those who claim this do not realise that the message of Islam is for humans. The rules and regulations of Islam are given to solve the problems of human beings. It is true that Islam is perfect; but, it is also true that Islam is applicable. And, while Islam regulates the affairs of the individual, it regulates them with the full realisation that it is regulating for human beings who forget, weaken, lust, get greedy, etc.

To guarantee the success of the implementation of its rules, Islam emphasises two factors. The first is the building up of the fear of Allah (Taqwa) in the individual. According to so many ayat and hadiths, taqwa is the most important factor. The importance of this factor is the fact that it builds an alarm system in the individual, which in turn keeps him away from the disobedience of Allah. The other factor is the punishments that are prescribed for disobedient individuals. Thus, when the alarm system in the individual fails, punishments are introduced to keep him aware of the consequences of his actions.

It is true that, sometimes, Islamic rules are hard to abide by and humans make mistakes. This is also considered in Islam. The Prophet (saw) says: "Paradise is surrounded by hardship, and hell fire is surrounded by desires." This hadith realises the existence of difficulties and hardships in abiding by the Islamic rules. Furthermore, Prophet Muhammad (saw) says: "All children of Adam make mistakes, and the best of those who make mistakes are those who repent." The imperfection of humans, and the awareness in Islam of this imperfection, is a fact as stated by the Prophet in the previous hadith. In addition, humans are asked to repent to Allah and ask His forgiveness for their sins. Therefore, from the above two mentioned hadiths, not only is the imperfection of humans addressed, but also the treatment of it is provided.

Moreover, history tells us about individuals who practised Islam and implemented it. In the companions of the Prophet (saw) and their life stories is a clear proof of people who implemented Islam. Furthermore, there are people from us and around us nowadays who implement Islam on themselves. The companions of the Prophet (saw) were not angels, nor are the people we know now. But, still Islam was implemented fully then, to the degree that Allah was pleased with them (*Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him. At-Taubah:100*). And, it is implemented, nowadays, by those people we know, maybe to the same degree as the companions and maybe more (as the Prophet tells in the hadith that some people will). So are we supposed to trust not what we see and believe those Kuffar who put doubts in our beliefs? Of course not!

As for the implementation of Islam on the society, Islam has given all the systems needed by the society to prosper. There are the economical, social, ruling, and punishment systems, to mention a few. Those systems are given by Allah (SWT) to regulate the society and put it in order. These systems are applicable and can be implemented.

A quick look at history states the fact that these systems were implemented and put in practice for thirteen centuries. When looking at societies, the fact that they are societies of humans has to be kept in mind. Therefore, they are not robotic societies where no mistakes are made. On the

contrary, individuals in societies are humans, and humans do make mistakes. Thus, to judge whether the Islamic society was successful or not, it must be compared with another society. It is a fact that the higher the society elevates, the more prosperous it becomes. As for the Islamic society, the more strict people become in implementing Islam, the higher the level this society will reach, compared to other societies.

This held true in the Islamic society, at the time of our Prophet (saw) and after him. The highest level any society could reach was the level of the Islamic society, at the time of our Prophet (saw). In spite of the level this society was on, there were hypocrites, people who stole, people who committed adultery, people who committed murder, etc. The same was true at the time of the companions. So, are we supposed to doubt the facts of history, and believe those enemies of Islam who put doubts in our Islam? Of course not!

We Muslims must be sure that Islam is applicable now just as it was yesterday. And we must know that it can be implemented just as it was by the Prophet (saw), the companions after him, and by the millions of Muslims throughout thirteen centuries. We Muslims should be aware of our enemies and their plots against us. And we Muslims must work hard to see Islam implemented in society. And then those who have doubts or plant doubts about Islam and the implementation of Islam will see their falsehood.

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