

**The Clash of Civilizations:
Its Meaning, Reality, Status Quo,
Beginning, and End**

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In the Name of Allah the Most Merciful the Most Gracious.

Introduction

All praise is due to Allah; we thank Him and ask for His aid and forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allah from the evil within us and from the bad consequences of our deeds. Whomsoever Allah guides, none will misguide; and whomsoever Allah misguides, none will guide.

I bear witness that there is no god but Allah; He has no partner. And I bear witness that Mohammad is His Slave and Messenger. Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, and companions.

Oh, Allah, Lord of Arch-Angel Gabriel, Michael, and Israfeel, Creator of the heavens and Earth, Knowledgeable of the Unseen: You judge among your slaves in what they dispute about, guide us to the Right. Verily, You guide whomsoever You want to the straight path.

Arguments are still heated among politicians, intellectuals, researchers, and media persons all over the world about the concept of the “Clash of Civilizations”, and what it means both in principle and in reality. What they are talking about in particular is the clash between the Western capitalistic, democratic, and essentially Christian civilization on one hand, and the Islamic Civilization on the other. They are still in doubt whether this “clash” exists altogether these days, existed in the past, or will exist in the future. Also, they are questioning -if it is really there- when it started when it can end, and whether it can be avoided and stopped, and how.

As a matter of fact, a group of such politicians and intellectuals -including some of those who are considered as “Islamists”- is actually claiming that they are working on stopping the clash of civilizations, that it must be stopped, and that they are capable of stopping it. They are also claiming that they will not allow a rash group

of Muslims to “cause” this clash. Added to this claim, this group states other thoughtless claims which only tell you about the ignorance of such people as much as their lack of understanding of the meaning and essence of the clash of civilizations. These people have in mind that this clash simply means a clash between two war machines, industry against industry, modern buildings, and giant bridges clashing and fighting to obliterate each other! Or they would think that the whole thing only means a group of people fighting another!

Therefore, all such mistaken ideas made it a must for me to research the whole concept of the “Clash of Civilizations” in order to answer the following questions, “What is the concept of the clash of civilizations? What does it mean in our days? Does it exist now? What is the attitude of the proofs of Sharia as well the proofs of logic towards this clash?” among many other related questions.

I ask Allah to guide me, accept this book, and make this book a facilitator of Right and an obstacle in the face of Falsehood, He is the All-Hearer, Near, and Responsive.

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The meaning of “Civilization” and its concept

To begin with, the word “civilization” or “Hadarah” in Arabic language denotes the residence in an urban area -which is the opposite of rurality. It was called as such because its people came¹ to live in the inhabitable urban areas in which they could settle down and have stable abodes, as opposed to the state of living in the rural areas which is characterized by constant movement in search of grass and water for the cattle. And the latter is not a stable lifestyle.

¹ This means “hadara” in Arabic.

In Arabic, if a person is described as “Hadari” or urban, this means he/she is a resident of “Hadr” or an urban place; but if someone is called a “Bedouin”, this means that he/she is a dweller of the desert, “Badw” in Arabic. It should be noted that the “Hadari” or urban person has the advantage of leading a stable lifestyle which gives him/her the chance to enrich their civilization [where they live] by several scopes of development and creative scientific, artistic, architectural, and social aspects. So, “civilization” in Arabic means the home of every human development or achievement.

However, in concept, “civilization” means the totality of conceptions, values, notions, beliefs, laws, principles, and traditions which all lead to a certain behaviour in a given person, and which also set for him/her a specific way of rule, living, and dealing with others.

For example, honesty is a civilized value and a manner which leads to goodwill, and which also brings about positive behaviour on the level of individuals and society as a whole. This is not true for telling lies and being false which is a condemned, uncivilized manner leading to dishonesty and corruption, and which also forms negative and destructive manners for both individuals and society.

The same can be said about the manners of: integrity, loyalty to covenants, justice, Shura, selflessness, gratitude, generosity, courage, modesty, politeness, contentment, humbleness, helping those in need, philanthropy, discretion about using time in a good way, frugality which is midway between stinginess and squandering. Add to that: punctuality, systemization and order, cleanliness, constructive sports which produce a healthy and strong body. Moreover, love of exploration, serious and reliable reading, and devotion to science, learning, teaching, and experimental and applied sciences. Also, love of work and production, and self-reliance -because the working person is dearer to Allah than the one not working.

All of the above-mentioned are civilized values and concepts which lead to a positive, useful, and civilized behaviour which in turn will lead to the construction of the land in a good manner for its inhabitants. Therefore, it goes without saying that the opposite of a civilized concept is naturally an uncivilized one. And acting upon uncivilized values leads to negative manners which will badly affect the land and its inhabitants. For instance, when we say that loyalty to covenants is a civilized concept, this means that breaching covenants is an uncivilized manner. The same can be said about justice the opposite of which is injustice which is an uncivilized value, and so on.

Beware that the greatest and most noble of civilized concepts ever is the concept of “Tawheed” or “Islamic Monotheism” which leads the person to worship God, and only God in all aspects of worship which include, but not are restricted to: supplication, obedience, love for the sake of Allah, referring to His judgement...etc. This concept of *Tawheed* also liberates the humans of being slaves to other humans delivering them from the worship of other slaves like themselves to the worship of the Creator of them all.

On the other hand, the worst and most horrible, uncivilized concept of all is *Shirk* or polytheism which gets the slaves of Allah to be slaves of other slaves! It also leads the person to attribute partners to Allah, then worship them, obey them, refer to them for judgment, and sacrifice in their cause rather than that of Allah’s. *Shirk* divides societies -which refuse to refer to Allah’s judgment and His laws- to two classes, no questions asked: the class of lords or masters, and the class of slaves or those who obey the first.

It is for this civilized concept i.e. *Tawheed* there existed, and will continue to exist, the historic ongoing war or clash between the people of *Tawheed* and the people of *Shirk* regardless of their designations, religions, or groups.

This discrepancy about the civilizational concept of *Tawheed* has led to disagreements on other related civilizational concepts. For example, the concept of “freedom”: is it unrestrained or confined by certain rules? What is allowed and what is prohibited? And who is in charge of defining the amount of freedom granted to humans?

Also, there sprang up a disagreement about the concept of supreme sovereignty on Earth. Whose is it? Who is the one to refer to for judgement? Who is to be obeyed [as a god]? Who has the right to ordain things as lawful or unlawful? Is it the Creator or the created? Is it Allah alone, or the created slave of Allah?

Moreover, disagreements went on about other civilizational concepts related to the issue of defining the authority and rights of God [exalted be He] VS. the authority and rights of the human. This very type of concepts and values is a battlefield for disagreement between the Islamic Nation and Civilization and the other civilizations with all their different names and representations.

Actually, I will get back to talk in detail about this very idea when I get to discuss the ways of discrepancy between the civilizational concepts of the Islamic Civilization VS. those of other civilizations’.

Having said all of the above, it should be clear now that when anyone behaves in a good, sophisticated, ethical, and responsible manner, we say, “this is a civilized person.” However, if he/she behaves in a wrong, barbarous, unethical, and irresponsible manner, we say, “this is an uncivilized, uncultured, and barbaric person”. This is because the human behaviour, whatever it may be and whatever results come out of it, is NOT *the* civilization itself. It is merely reflects the totality of cultural values and concepts in which this or that person believes and acts upon. Those are the things that lead him/her to behave in the manner they do. Therefore, if it is a good manner that comes out of such concepts, this is a proof that a whole set of positive civilized values exists in this person. But if the behaviour resulting is negative and atrocious, it is a proof of the lack of civilized values in that person. To repeat, the

human behaviour is simply the true embodiment of the quality and excellence of the existing cultural and civilizational values within any given person.

For instance, experimental scientific achievements, in the past and the present, is something that all humanity shares, and which can be attained by anyone. So, it is not a proof, let alone be a standard, that can tell whether a group of people is civilized or not. It only means that such people have several civilized concepts, like the value of dedication and adherence to experimental sciences which results in considerable scientific achievements.

Therefore, the industrial machinery -no matter how huge, important, or developed- cannot be considered as “civilization” itself. Rather, civilization is the totality of concepts, values, and notions which are the reason behind the very existence of such machinery, and which control and specify how this machinery should be used. This is “civilization”, and through it we can judge a nation as civilized or not.

Having said so, we can easily agree that whoever produces developed, highly-destructive weaponry to use it for evil purposes leading to the damaging of the land, or for personal purposes, cannot be considered as a “civilized” party. And even if this party is falsely described as having a “civilization,” this would be a barbaric and cruel “civilization.”

For example, a party which produces a huge, fatal bomb in order to kill children and women, and destroy the homes over the heads of their owners cannot be described as a civilized party which has developed or civilized values whatsoever!

A party whose methods are Machiavellian, dirty, unethical, and bad cannot be considered as “civilized” no matter how much developed in industry and architecture it is, or how profitable they may be!

The reason I am saying so is because many researchers, not to mention laymen, measure “civilization” by the scientific achievements and developments only. They - mistakenly- think that the modern machinery and the tall buildings -which a given society may have- are what we call “civilization”; and they think that these things are a proof of the civilization and development of the people of that society. Apparently, this is a grave, popular misconception which must be corrected.²

Even though the first Islamic community in Medina [which was led by Prophet Muhammad, *may peace of Allah and His blessings be upon him*] did not have any tall or fancy buildings, or any developed, heavy industry, it was the greatest of all human communities in terms of civilization because it was based upon a set of noble civilizational concepts and values which in no way can be equalled by any other concepts or values in any time or any place. Those values brought forth their good results which were reflected in a good manner to the whole world in a few years only. So, the whole human history was changed from a dark, bleak phase into one of enlightenment and justice.³

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The existence of the Clash of Civilizations

² The scientific achievements and development in military industry which were achieved in Germany under *Hitler* were more than the totality of the European countries had. However, when *Hitler* and his Nazi regime used such achievements and military advancement for negative and evil purposes, he was classified as a racist and as an enemy of civilization!

³ I think that the greatest and most civilized state in the history of humanity is the Medina State under the leadership of Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him. And I hereby express my readiness to debate those who oppose this point of view among those who are specialized in studying civilizations, to whatever religion or ideology they may belong.

Having said all of the above, I say here, the clash between civilizations does exist and cannot be denied. Basically, it is a clash between the conflicting values, principles, concepts, and beliefs which determine the ways and lifestyles of every single civilization or nation.

It is a clash and conflict between the values of Evil, oppression, and injustice and those who follow them VS. the values of good, Right, and justice and those who follow them.

It is a clash between Monotheism [Tawheed] and its followers VS. Polytheism [Shirk], Disbelief, and Atheism with its followers.

This sort of conflict between Right and Falsehood, Tawheed and Shirk, Justice and Injustice, corruption of the land and the love of peace and construction of the land, and between the followers of this party or that *is* what is meant by the “Clash of Civilisations.” And this is a clash that has been there ever since God created Adam [peace be upon him] and Satan, where He made them proclaimed enemies, destined the existence of good and evil on Earth, and created followers for each.

We can also see that this conflict between good and evil can exist within one human! That is because God has created in every human the motives of good as well as evil. He also created things and their antitheses; so, this conflict between these opposites will continue to exist as long as Allah wills, and until He ends the existence of Earth and those living on it. This conflict is a must, and life cannot be without it because it is the way of Allah in His universe, and it cannot be stopped.

Therefore, we say to those who claim that they want to stop the clash of civilizations, “Stop Satan and his followers from plotting against humans and corrupting the land if you could. Annihilate Satan and his soldiers of both humans and Jinns if you could. But if you are not able -and you will never be-, how can you stop the clash of civilizations especially when you are aware of some modern

“civilizations” which are all based on the worship of Satan, in one way or another, and on the rule, laws, and values of Satan, add to that their fighting for the devil and its laws?”

This is a clear and obvious fact which is evidenced by all the logical, reality, as well as Quran and Sunnah proofs. It cannot be denied, overlooked, or cancelled. Contrariwise, it should be taken for granted whenever there is an incident of conflict between any two civilizations, the forces of Good VS. Evil, or the soldiers of God VS. the soldiers of the Devil.

Allah [glorified be He] says, “Those who believe fight in the cause of Allah, and those who reject Faith Fight in the cause of Evil: So fight ye against the friends of Satan: feeble indeed is the cunning of Satan.” [An-Nisaa, 76]. Hence, this conflict exists, whether we like it or not, and every party is going to keep up on their way to achieve its goals until Doomsday.⁴

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The Proofs from Quran and Sunnah about the existence of the clash of civilizations:

As it was previously mentioned, this clash or conflict started ever since God created Adam [peace be upon him] and told him and his offspring that Satan -and whoever follows his ways- is their main enemy, so that he [Adam] can be careful of Satan, avoid him, and take him up as an enemy.

⁴ It should be noted that this conflict does not necessarily exist between two different religions or two different nations in terms of civilization. As a matter of fact, the clash could extend to include parties who belong to the same religion or nation, but who are different in the civilizational values to which each party belongs. For example, notice the conflict between the Protestants and the Catholics; also the conflict between South and North Korea since the first belongs to the Western Democratic civilizational values, whereas the latter belongs to the Communist, Socialist civilizational values. This is happening although both Koreas belong to one nation, have one language, and do have many similar characteristics. There are plenty of examples like these which must be understood in terms of the civilization angle.

Allah [exalted be He] says, “Then We said: "O Adam! Verily, this [Satan] is an enemy to you and to your wife. So let him not get you both out of Paradise, so that you be distressed in misery. [Surah 20, Ayah 117].

Allah -out of His vast wisdom- prohibited Adam from eating the fruit of a specific tree in Heaven, “And O Adam! Dwell you and your wife in Paradise, and eat thereof as you both wish, but approach not this tree otherwise you both will be of the Zalimun (unjust and wrong-doers).” [Surah 7, Ayah 19].

However, Satan was determined to conspire against Adam and convince him to disobey Allah: “Then Satan whispered to him, saying : "O Adam! Shall I lead you to the Tree of Eternity and to a kingdom that will never waste away?!” [Surah 20, Ayah 120].

Allah says in another Surah, “Then Satan whispered suggestions to them both in order to uncover that which was hidden from them of their private parts (before); he said: "Your Lord did not forbid you this tree save you should become angels or become of the immortals.” [Surah, 7, Ayah, 19].

So, temptation was achieved because of a piece of *advice* that was offered to Adam by his very enemy Satan. Adam ate from the tree disobeying Allah; as a result, he was in distress, and was sent down to toil in Earth. Therefore, the enmity and conflict between the “civilization” of Satan and his soldiers with their corrupt, false values on one side against the civilization of Iman which comes about by the offspring of Adam who believe in God Almighty and follow the teachings of the Prophets, on another.

Allah says, “Then they both ate of the tree, and so their private parts appeared to them, and they began to stick on themselves the leaves from Paradise for their covering. Thus did Adam disobey his Lord, so he went astray.” [Surah 20, Ayah 120]. He also says, “Then the Shaitan (Satan) made them slip therefrom (the Paradise), and got them out from that in which they were. We said: "Get you down, all, with enmity

between yourselves. On earth will be a dwelling place for you and an enjoyment for a time.” [Surah 2, Ayah 36.]

In Surat al-Araf Allah says: “Allah said: Get down, one of you an enemy to the other [i.e. Adam, Hawwa (Eve), and Satan]. On earth will be a dwelling place for you and an enjoyment, - for a time.” [Surah 7, Ayah 24].

He also says, “Allah said: "Get you down (from the Paradise to the earth), both of you, together, some of you are an enemy to some others. Then if there comes to you guidance from Me, then whoever follows My Guidance shall neither go astray, nor fall into distress and misery.” [Surah 20, Ayah 123].

He also says, “Surely, Satan is an enemy to you, so take (treat) him as an enemy. He only invites his Hizb (followers) that they may become the dwellers of the blazing Fire.” [Surah 35, Ayah 6].

We can see that since the very beginning, this has been the essence and principle of the clash between Right and Falsehood; and this is how it will be like until the Day of Judgment.

It was always like this: God sends a prophet to correct what Satan and his followers have corrupted in Earth, but the arrogant followers of Satan confront him and try to stop his reformation on the pretext of “preserving” the religion, values, concepts, and traditions they got used to. Moreover, these people would claim that that prophet is calling to civilizational values which contradict their own values and principles upon which they established their “civilization,” and found their forefathers practicing!

God Almighty exemplifies this in Quran when He says about Pharaoh, “Fir’aun (Pharaoh) said: “Leave me to kill Musa (Moses), and let him call his Lord (to stop me from killing him)! I fear that he may change your religion, or that he may cause mischief to appear in the land.” [Surah 40, Ayah 26]. Thus, Pharaoh justifies his wish to kill Moses [peace be upon him] and his followers on the grounds that he, Pharaoh,

is concerned about the fact that Moses wants to change the religion of Pharaoh's people. Put in another way, Moses was keen on changing the lifestyle of these people, their perceptions and values to which they got used; all of such values were based on the servitude to Pharaoh who claimed that Moses, by trying to change these, was trying to cause corruption! This kind of claim has been the pretext of tyrant kings before and after Pharaoh in rejecting Right and stirring up the mobs against it. It has been the habit of tyrant rulers to justify their fighting and killing of believers, who follow the prophets, by claiming that these believers are corruptors, and by killing them, they are stopping the spreading of corruption in Earth! The reality of the situation is, this very act of these tyrants is sheer corruption, criminality, and despotism.

Ibn Katheer said in his Tafseer,

“I fear that he may change your religion” meaning Moses. Pharaoh is worried that Moses might ‘lead people astray’ by changing their patterns and habits! This reminds us of the common sarcastic saying “Pharaoh has become a preacher,” mocking his false “concern” over his people from Moses’ ‘misguidance.’

There is nothing more horrendous than when the criminal tyrants moralize and claim to be concerned about morals. We see a lot of these in our time.

Allah says, [“They said: "Verily! These are two magicians. Their object is to drive you out from your land with magic, and overcome your chiefs and nobles.”](#) [Surah 20, Ayah, 63]. The magicians under Pharaoh said this meaning that Moses and Aaron wanted to drive the people of Israel out of Egypt by “practicing magic” and wishing to do away with the “method” referring to “magic” which rendered these magicians privileges and high esteem. This claim can be, and is, the mostly-used pretext for all the tyrants in all ages to repel Right, fight it and those who follow it. This is because

tyrants tell their people that they fight their opposers only to “preserve the people’s best method of lifestyle!”

Another example of the enmity of ancient peoples is provided in the Holy Quran referring to the people of Shuaib (Jethro) and their attitude towards his call to believe in Allah,

“The chiefs of those who were arrogant among his people said: "We shall certainly drive you out, O Shuaib, and those who have believed with you from our town, or else you (all) shall return to our religion." He said: "Even though we hate it!" [Surah 7, Ayah, 88].

They rationalized their conflict and disagreement with Shuaib [peace be upon him], and those who believed in him, on the basis that they follow a religion, and a lifestyle different from theirs. Consequently, the clash would exist and continue to do, and cannot be stopped except by either of two ways: Shuaib and his followers renounce their religion and go back to the religion of their people and be a part of their corruption, misguidance, and perversion, or they be expelled out of their town.

The choices that people of Shuaib gave him over here echo what all the infidels said to their prophets and their followers throughout history. Allah exalted be He says, “And those who disbelieved, said to their Messengers: "Surely, we shall drive you out of our land, or you shall return to our religion." So their Lord inspired them: "Truly, We shall destroy the Zalimun (polytheists, disbelievers and wrong-doers.” [Surah 14, Ayah 13]. Obviously, the clash is not about technology or industry, or whatever means that humans can invent to aid them in building. Rather, it is about the principles, beliefs, faith, and values which specify the lifestyle and the kind of system that should rule the land and its people. Therefore, all those who disbelieved used to tell their prophets and those who believed with them, throughout all ages, “Surely, we shall drive you out of our land, or you shall return to our religion.” This means they

had to go back to their religion, perceptions, value, habits, and lifestyle which they would not accept to be determined by anything other than what their desires told them to do.

The case was the same with the people of Lot where the only thing they detested about Lot -and those believing in him- was that they did not practice sodomy like them, that they did not commit sins, and that they were people of purity which was not consistent with the immorality and bad habits they were used to.

“There was no other answer given by his people except that they said: "Drive out the family of Lout (Lot) from your city."” For what reason? What was their crime which would result in them being driven out of their own city? “Verily, these are men who want to be clean and pure.” [Surah 27, Ayah 56]. As such, the values of purity and chastity cannot coexist with the values of immorality and depravation. One of them has to drive the other out. The sight of purity, chastity, and virtue symbolized by the headscarf or Hijab offends immoral people as it reminds them of their wicked situation and how low they have gotten; therefore, the decision was final, “There was no other answer given by his people except that they said: "Drive out the family of Lot from your city."”

This spiteful, uncivilized attitude the people of Lot had towards him and his followers is obnoxiously repeated in our time, the 21st century. It is repeated in the age of personal freedoms and so called democracies, and in the societies of those who boisterously claim they respect human rights and freedoms! It is indeed *history repeating itself*. Those corrupt and immoral people who came later in history are following in the footsteps of those immoral people who came before them! Like father like son!

We wonder about the many modern countries and governments who claim advancement, culture, civilization, and respect of human rights and freedom which at

the same time force Muslim women to take off their Hijabs and prevent them from frequenting their institutions, universities, or schools with their Hijabs covering their heads. Just remember the attitude of France and the like of “democratic” countries towards Hijab and those who wear it.

In a sense, their attitude can only be translated as bluntly saying, “drive out of your cities, universities, schools, and institutions every single chaste girl wearing the Hijab because her purity and chastity offend us. Moreover, it is not consistent with our preferred lifestyle. Freedom only means immorality, perversion, depravity, and exposing women’s bodies. It is not freedom to abide by virtue, Hijab, chastity, or purity. Right then, freedom is inhibited⁵.”

To mention more of the Quranic evidence about the existence of this kind of clash and conflict, a Holy verse reads, “*And they will never cease fighting you until they turn you back from your religion (Islamic Monotheism) if they can. And whosoever of you turns back from his religion and dies as a disbeliever...*” [Surah 2, Ayah 217]. Allah Almighty makes it clear that disbelievers, in all times and until the Day of Judgment, will continue to fight the believers, conspire against them only to

⁵ To mention an example, some media outlets reported that some of the immigration conditions to Holland entail that the immigrant applicant, Muslims to be specific, is shown a pornographic movie clip without him showing any signs of shock. If anything of the sort shows on his face, he fails the test, his application gets rejected, and is sent back to his home country. Their aim behind this, they claim, is that they want the immigrant to adapt to the values and habits of the Dutch society!

Another one is in Germany where one of the requirements to accept a Muslim immigrant to get permanent residency or the citizenship to the country is that he should answer 30 questions. Some of these: “how would you react if your elder son told you he was homosexual and intends to live with another man? What would you do as a father or as a brother if your daughter or sister told you she was sexually harassed? What is your opinion of a man in Germany who is married to two women at the same time? Would you allow your daughter to swim and play sports in public? If not, why? Would you prefer to be treated by a male or female doctor, and why?” Among many other questions. Now, if the immigration applicant answers these in the manner that they want, he gets to stay in their country. If not, he fails, is denied residency, and gets sent back to his country.

The question to ask over here: is not this course of action the same thing that the people of Lot did when they told their prophet, “Drive out the family of Lot from your city. Verily, these are men who want to be clean and pure”?!

make them turn their backs on their religion, faith, and values in order to embrace the religion and values of disbelief, polytheism, and corruption. Hence, this kind of clash and conflict is existent and will be ongoing until the Day of Judgment. This is what Allah says, and whoever rejects this is actually accusing Allah of lying, and rejecting His words; whoever does this is simply a Kafir.

Also, Allah says, “Many of the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians) wish that if they could turn you away as disbelievers after you have believed, out of envy from their ownelves, even, after the truth (that Muhammad Peace be upon him is Allah's Messenger) has become manifest unto them.” [Surah 2, Ayah 109]. Therefore, this deep desire, on the part of the disbelievers of the People of the Book, cannot be denied in that they want the Believers to get back to infidelity. So, what does the clash of civilization really mean anything else other than this?

Moreover, Allah says, “Those who were deemed weak will say to those who were arrogant: "Nay, but it was your plotting by night and day;” plot after plot, and stratagem after stratagem. It is not at night only, or during the day only, and then the plotted-against people would find some time to rest, contemplate, and deeply meditate...no! It is a non-stop plotting going on all the time, and that uses up the entire lifetime of those people plotted-against, lest they find an opportunity to contemplate, hold themselves accountable, and abandon sinning and misguidance. Now, what is the aim of this plotting? “when you ordered us to disbelieve in Allah and set up rivals to Him.” This is the purpose of this day-and-night plotting: so that people disbelieve in Allah and the values, principles, and laws He ordained through His prophets.

What is more, its purpose is directed at making people believe in polytheism by attributing equals to Him, whom they would obey and love as much as obeying Allah and loving Him. However, it is in the Day of Judgment, when everything will get

exposed, when the plotters and those who were plotted against will be recognized, that both of these parties will be sorry, where being sorry is of no use. “And each of them (parties) will conceal their own regrets (for disobeying Allah during this worldly life), when they behold the torment. And We shall put iron collars round the necks of those who disbelieved. Are they requited aught except what they used to do?!”

[Surah 34, Ayah 33].

Allah glorified be He also says, “Thus have We made for every Prophet an enemy among the Mujrimun (disbelievers, polytheists, criminals, etc.)” [Surah 25, Ayah 31]. “Every Prophet” is a general truth that includes all prophets and messengers because all of them were confronted by an enemy, or enemies, who fought them and tried to fend people off their way and teachings. This kind of enmity is ongoing and also influences those believers who follow the paths of the prophets. Having said so, it is easy to conclude that whoever follows the way and paths of the prophets will have his/her share of enmity by those sinners and criminals who do not believe in God.

Additionally, Allah says about the Hypocrites, “The hypocrites, men and women, are from one another, they enjoin (on the people) Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief and polytheism of all kinds and all that Islam has forbidden), and forbid (people) from Al-Ma'ruf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam orders one to do).” [Surah 9, Ayah 67]. However, this contrasted with what He describes the Believers, “The believers, men and women, are Auliya' (helpers, supporters, friends, protectors) of one another, they enjoin (on the people) Al-Ma'ruf, and forbid (people) from Al-Munkar.” [Surah 9, Ayah 71]. As we can see, these are two contradictory groups; one enjoining evil and forbidding what is just, but the other is doing the exact opposite. As a result, the process of clash or conflict between the two is inevitable, and the invitation for peaceful, harmonious coexistence between these is like saying the thing and its antithesis.

Another thing is what Allah says, “And if Allah did not check one set of people by means of another,” meaning if Allah did not push those believing in Him to fight against those who fight for the cause of Taghut and who want to corrupt the land, then “the earth would indeed be full of mischief.” This means there would be a state of chaos, corruption, and devastation in the Earth because the disbelievers gained the upper hand and would be spreading their own rule, laws, falsehood, and corruption through preventing the monotheistic, reforming believers from freely expressing their religion. However, “Allah is full of Bounty to the Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists).” [Surah 2, Ayah 251]. This is so because He allowed for Jihad and the clash to happen. For that reason, He smites the criminal disbelievers and their falsehood with the monotheistic believers. He says, “Nay, We fling the truth against the falsehood (disbelief), so it destroys it, and behold, it (falsehood) is vanished. And woe to you for that lie which you ascribe to Us.” [Surah 21, Ayah 18].

And He also says, “And say: "Truth (i.e. Islamic Monotheism or this Quran or Jihad against polytheists) has come and Batil (falsehood, i.e. Satan or polytheism, etc.) has vanished. Surely! Batil is ever bound to vanish.” [Surah 17, Ayah 81].

Similar to the above-mentioned is, “For had it not been that Allah checks one set of people by means of another, monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques, wherein the Name of Allah is mentioned much would surely have been pulled down. Verily, Allah will help those who help His Cause. Truly, Allah is All-Strong, All-Mighty.” [Surah 22, Ayah 40]. This can be easily noticed when the people of Right ease off on defending Right and stop pushing away Evil in order to obstruct its falsehood, transgression, and aggression. Besides, when they become oblivious of the fact of clash between Right and Evil, and they incline to the pleasures of this life Dunia, their enemy will triumph over them: destroying their mosques and worship-

places, preventing them from worshipping Allah therein, and transgressing over their sacred things.

There is a multitude of examples proving this: how many mosques were transformed - on the hands of aggressor tyrants- into museums, nightclubs, houses for usurpers, or cattle pens? This was the case in the Islamic lands which were occupied by the dissolved Communist Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and has been the case in occupied Andalusia, Turkey?⁶, Palestine, and Chechnya, among many other Muslim countries.

Now, in the Saheeh Hadith of Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him, he said, “When you enter into the inah transaction, hold the tails of oxen, are pleased with agriculture, and give up conducting jihad (struggle in the way of Allah), Allah will make disgrace prevail over you, and will not withdraw it until you return to your original religion.” [Ahmad, Abu Dawud, & others. Silsila Sahiha, 11] Such disgrace takes effect and prevails over the Islamic Ummah due to abandoning the Sunnah of “Tadafu” meaning fighting off Evil, and giving up on Jihad in the Cause of Allah.

Furthermore, Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him said, “The people will soon summon one another to attack you as people when eating invite others to share their dish. Someone asked: Will that be because of our small numbers at that time? He replied: No, you will be numerous at that time: but you will be scum and rubbish like that carried down by a torrent, and Allah will take fear of you from the breasts of your enemy and cast *wahn* (enervation) into your hearts. Someone asked: What is *wahn* (enervation), oh Apostle of Allah? He replied: Love of the world and dislike of death.” [Abu Dawud, Silsilah Sahiha 958].

The consequences of abandoning the Sunnah of Tadafu, and inclining to the illusion of the coexistence of civilizations are that the nations of Kufr, polytheism, and

⁶ Dear proofreader, please consider this.

misguidance would attack the Islamic Ummah as when hungry people stampede over a meal. This is happening in today's world, in front of everybody's sight.

The Prophet said, “The example of the person abiding by Allah's order and restrictions in comparison to those who violate them is like the example of those persons who drew lots for their seats in a boat. Some of them got seats in the upper part, and the others in the lower. When the latter needed water, they had to go up to bring water (and that troubled the others), so they said, ‘Let us make a hole in our share of the ship (and get water) saving those who are above us from troubling them. So, if the people in the upper part left the others do what they had suggested, all the people of the ship would be destroyed, but if they prevented them, both parties would be safe.’ [Bukhari]. This stands as an example about the importance of heeding the Sunnah of Tadafu, fending off falsehood and its followers by Right and its followers. This is so because if the people of falsehood are given the freedom, under whatsoever claim, to “scuttle the ship” and spread corruption in society without anybody trying to stop them, everybody will be destroyed: the good, and the evil, the sinner and the pure. However, if they are stopped -even if there happens some kind of clash resulting in relative pain- everybody will be safe.

Allah exalted be He says, “Those (Muslim rulers) who, if We give them power in the land, they order for Iqamat-as-Salat. [i.e. to perform the five compulsory congregational prayers in mosques], to pay the Zakat and they enjoin Al-Ma'ruf, and forbid Al-Munkar. And with Allah rests the end of all matters of creatures.” [Surah 22, Ayah 41]. This is the aim when the believers are given power: they worship Allah alone, enjoin good, and forbid evil. Unless this happens, there would be no reason for them to be in power; and as a result, corruption would spread, and Allah would give power to other people.

It is reported in the Athar what the Companion Rib'i ibn Amer [may Allah be pleased with him] replied to the commander of the Persian army who asked him about the reason why Muslims were fighting against Persia, "Allah has chosen us to help move His slaves from being slaves of other men to being His slaves only, to move them from the injustice of false religions to the justice of Islam, and from the limitedness of this worldly life to the vastness of *both* worlds and lives: this one and the Hereafter."

These are the reasons and goals of the believers' empowerment and their fighting; they do not care for personal gains, like others do. Rather, their sublime goal is to emancipate the people from being slaves to other people into being slaves of the Lord of all people so they live freely in peace and justice under Islam.

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Logic proofs on the existence of the Clash of Civilizations

Since I have mentioned the Sharii proofs about the Sunnah of Tadafu' and clash of civilizations between Right and Falsehood, we can now move to discuss the logical and real-world proofs that can be noticed in our time, and which provide more evidence bolstering the Sharii proofs mentioned.

Let it be known that there is not any contradiction between logic and Sharii texts/narrated reports. What the authentic proof establishes is definitely compatible with what minds find as reasonable. Logic ordains that it is impossible for the thing and its antithesis to happen at the same time, or that they would succumb to each other, like for example the coexistence between Good and Evil, monotheism and polytheism, Belief and Disbelief, morality and immorality, purity and impurity, loyalty and betrayal, fidelity and infidelity, truthfulness and lying, justice and injustice, corruption and reformation, and construction and destruction of the land. For

these to come to terms with each other, one of them would always try to bring the opposing party to its own domain, laws, ways, and methods. Understandably, this cannot happen unless one of the parties involved would make concessions about its own characteristics to meet the other party's standards.

On the one hand, Right can never obey Falsehood let alone follow its laws, methods, and ways of living in life no matter how hard the people of Falsehood strive to achieve this. On the other hand, Falsehood, along with whoever follow it of people, does not accept to give in willingly to Right as long as it is able to keep going with its falsehood, aggression, injustice, and achieving its own gains through its twisted, immoral ways. Hence comes the inevitability of the clash between these two camps and methods, and this is what is known today as *the clash of civilizations*: the civilization of Right and its followers on one side against Falsehood and its followers, soldiers, and ideologies on the other.

It was reported in the Sahih Hadith that the Prophet [peace be upon him] said, [“I find it amazing that some people will enter Heaven in chains.”](#) In another narration, he said, [“I saw some groups of my Ummah being unwillingly led to Heaven in chains!”](#) He was asked who those were, so he said, [“they are some foreigners who were captured by Muhajroun which leads to their embracing Islam⁷.”](#) [Silsilah Saheeha, 2874].

The above-mentioned kind of clash can even be found within one human being's psyche because every human has an innate natural inclination to wrongdoing, or an “evil-prompting Self.”

⁷ The fact that the Prophet [p.b.u.h] said “which leads to their embracing Islam” means that they do it willingly because, as it is ordained in the Holy Quran, there is no compulsion in accepting Islam. However, the chains they had, referring to the fact that they were first introduced to Islam through their capture, were the reason for them to know about the greatness of Islam and therefore, they willingly accepted it. This certainly made them of the dwellers of Heaven. One man's poison, another man's meat! This is how the Hadith should be understood. [Author's note].

Allah exalted be He said, “And I free not myself (from the blame). Verily, the human self is inclined to evil, except when my Lord bestows His Mercy (upon whom He wills). Verily, my Lord is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.” [Surah 12, Ayah 53].

However, every human also has an innate good natural inclination which blames him for wrongdoing and prevents him from so doing; this is the “evil-eschewing Self.”

Allah says, “And I swear by the person’s (a believer’s) self-reproaching Self.” [Sura 75, Ayah 2].

Both of these “Selves” are in constant conflict until one beats the other, so a human being finds himself inclined to either doing Good or Evil according to whichever Self wins over.

The same thing can be said about Faith in the heart, which is always increasing or decreasing according to the deeds a human does. If he performs good deeds, his Iman increases and gets much as strong as his deed; but if he commits sins, his Iman decreases and gets less according to the gravity of the sin.

Similarly, in the human being’s blood, as it is known, there are the white blood cells which represent the human immune system. Their job is to attack and kill bacteria and infectious diseases once they attack the body. If these cells defeat the micro-organisms, the human body gets healthier and stronger. However, if these cells are defeated by the foreign materials, the body gets weaker and ill.

This conflict or clash between opposites can be easily noticed in every single aspect of life.

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The proofs of Reality about the Clash of Civilizations

Such examples are abundant about this kind of conflict or clash among civilizations or nations so much so they are beyond the scope of this book. Yet, I can

safely contend that there is never a conflict in today's world without this dimension of clash being present at its heart or as a key factor provoking it.

It is not my intention over here to scrutinize the dim and distant past to find events exemplifying this kind of clash or conflict. I am not doing this so that nobody would say "this is dredged up out of ancient times and has no relation to today's world of openness, globalization, freedoms, democracy, coexistence, peace, and international law. This is an age which is entirely different from the previous ages which were dominated by violence and fanaticism."

Therefore, I would be looking at some events that have happened in our modern life which still have their negative influence on people, and which can be observed by reasonable people no matter how ignorant or forgetful some of them might be!

One of the examples is what has happened, and been happening, in Palestine where the Zionist have usurped the land, are violating sacred things, committing mass murdering, destroying the homes over their residents, and besieging and starving the women and children. All of this is happening with the international, mostly Christian, community turning a blind eye -in a sense, giving the green light to the Jewish-Zionist criminals to go on with their crimes.

Would any of this have happened if the Palestinians were Christians or Buddhists, or of any religion other than Islam?

Would America or all the Democratic Christian Western civilization have the same attitude about these crimes right then?

Why is America, along with the West, turning a blind eye to the aggression that the Zionists are performing in Palestine and elsewhere?

Why is it that when the Muslim Palestinians, or anyone else, retaliate on the basis of "any eye for an eye," and to take back some of their usurped rights the whole Christian Democratic Western civilization threatens to pay back, condemns these acts,

shed crocodile tears over “human rights,” and deafen our ears about the “brutality of Muslims?”

Why? And what is the correct reading of this phenomenon?

How about the killing, destruction, and aggression that the Americans, and their allies, are doing in Afghanistan?

Would any of that have happened if the Afghani people were Christians, or of any religion other than Islam?

Would America or all the Democratic crusader Western civilization have the same attitude about these crimes right then?

Would the Taliban have gotten the same treatment they are getting now if they had a secular state subserviently in harmony with the American and Western policy?

What is it really that made America, and 48 Western ally countries, invade Afghanistan to overthrow a regime that had full sovereignty over the country only to replace it with a puppet regime ruled by a bunch of gangsters and drug traffickers!

The same questions can be asked about what is happening in Iraq: the sanctions, invasion, destruction, killing, and violating all that is sacred.

Would any of this have happened if the Iraqi people were Christians, or of any other religion than Islam?

Would America or all the Democratic crusader Western civilization have the same attitude about these crimes right then?

The killings and massacres happening in Chechnya, would they have happened if the Chechen people were Christians, or of any other religion than Islam?

Would America or all the Democratic Christian Western civilization have the same attitude about these crimes right then? Would they support Russia in its occupation of

that country and subjugation of its people, or overlook the crimes Russia is committing against the unarmed, peaceful civilians?

Why did America, along with the crusader West, frenziedly support Christian Georgia in its independence from Russia until the latter pulled out, whereas the Muslims in Chechnya have no supporter? Everybody is against them and is actually backing up the Russian “hangman” against them!

Also, remember the heinous mass murders done by the Christian Serbs, with the collaboration of the Western Christians, against tens of thousands of the peaceful, civilian Muslims in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Kosovo. The vague details of these massacres are still being unearthed. If the victims of these massacres were Christians or non-Muslims, would America, along with the crusader West, have allowed them to happen?

Would they have simply condemned or just sentenced few criminals for a number of years in prisons with full accommodation facilities throughout their sentence times as did the biased courts of The Hague?

If the prisoners in Guantanamo or Abu Ghareib prisons were Christians, or of any other religion than Islam, would America have treated them with the current degrading treatment? Or would the democratic, crusader Western civilization have been deadly silent towards these inhuman crimes that will not be forgotten by history?

Why did Catholic West Timor, the city of crucifixes, obtain its complete freedom from Muslim Indonesia, and is unquestionably recognized by the international community as a free state, whereas Palestine, Kashmir, Chechnya, and after a decades-long independence struggle, cannot have their independence? They

even do not get the slightest attention, recognition, or support from the “international community!”

Why are the American and Western societies showing this avid solidarity with the case of Christian Southern Sudan by trying to coerce the Sudanese Government to succumb to the demands and wishes of the Southern Christians, which include obscuring the Islamic identity of Sudan?

Why did it happen that when the Islamic Courts of Somalia spread peace and security in the country that America, along with the crusader West, instigated their subservient follower, crusader Ethiopia, and allowed it to invade Somalia to commit genocides against civilians? All of this done with the “international community’s” diplomatic, economic, and media support!

Why is America, along with the crusader West, adopting this conspiring attitude backing up India against Kashmir and its Muslim people who has been seeking independence for decades, but still has not obtained it?

Why is it the case that whenever a Muslim population, in whichever part of the planet, seek to establish an Islamic regime or want to be ruled by the Sharia Law of their own faith, Islam, or even thinks of an Islamic reviving project that can benefit the Ummah, that they are confronted by the “democratic,” Christian American and Western veto, the American and Western bombardment, and the American and Western sanctions?

Why is it that simply dreaming or thinking about establishing an Islamic State -that rules with God’s Laws- is considered as a felony and lawbreaking?

Why do all the peoples and ideologies of the world have the full right to establish their own states which represent them, their culture, and their faith, whereas Muslims cannot have a state to represent them, their culture, or religion?

What is the reason for this extreme sensitivity towards the Muslim women's Hijab which led to prohibiting them from wearing it under the authority of law, as has happened in "democratic" France and elsewhere?

Why is all the sympathy, collaboration, support, and approval spared to whatever is non-Islamic, whereas everything Islamic is fought, imprisoned, killed, and transgressed upon without any shred of sympathy? In addition to that, everybody is "battering up" to everybody by attacking everything Islamic and usurping its rights.

Why is this all-out war against Islamic charities or activities on the pretext of fighting terrorism, whereas all the programs and activities aimed at attacking Islam have full freedom and rights to do whatever they want even if it is illegal or criminal?!

Why is it that everybody's conspiring against the Muslim blood everywhere without anybody saying a word of protest or denouncing as if the Muslim blood is less in value than the polluted water?

Remember the bloodshed that the idolatry Thai army did -killing more than a hundred Muslims in a mosque in Southern Thailand.

Also remember the genocides that the crusader Christians did in Nigeria killing 700 Muslims without anybody protesting or condemning this.

And the most recent of these massacres is what the Zionists have committed against the Muslims in Gaza, Palestine, using their tanks and jetfighters, where they killed three thousand people, most of whom were women and children.

Why is this frenzied campaign against the school curricula in the Muslim countries, even though these are characterized by shortage of Islamic teachings and full of deviance and degeneration, just to meet the wishes of America and its allies of the “democratic” crusader West?

Why was it that with every war that the crusader American president, Bush, launched, backed up by his allies of the democratic crusader West, he announced that the reason behind it was to spread the culture of democracy based on the American understanding of it? That happened no matter how it cost, and even if it led to the annihilation of a whole people, overthrowing of states, and destruction of societies as is happening now in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other countries?!

Remember the collaboration in smearing Prophet Muhammad, the best of humans may the blessings of Allah be upon him. This was, and is, done by the “democratic” crusader West and its media who considered this smearing, making fun of Allah and His verses and Prophet as an essential part of their civilizational values which they do not apologize for, let alone backtrack.

Why, and why, and why? If I wanted to list more “why’s,” that would have needed volumes!

The answer is clear: the motive for all of this is the religious, cultural, ideological, sectarian, crusader dimensions for these people. Moreover, it is their fervent wish to put out the light of Allah’s on Earth. It is the spite, malice, and hatred that have filled up their hearts against the Religion of Allah and what He revealed to His noble Prophet [p.b.u.h]. This motive is shyly termed on TV, and actually by some intellectuals, as the “civilizational motive/clash” only to misrepresent the gravity of its truth.

The motive is their deep fear of Islam because they know it is the Religion of Allah, which cannot be fought since it is undefeatable. Besides, Islam is always victorious even if it loses for a while, but at the end of the day, it is preserved against the wills of the criminal disbelievers.

In our time, Islam has got no established state or political regime which adopts it or defends it. Even so, they are afraid of it, and classify it as their greatest enemy which is a threat to their immoral, falling-apart, Western civilization along with other idolatry civilizations!

If these disgraceful acts of theirs are not termed/classified under “the clash of civilizations,” then what is the clash of civilizations really?

Moreover, what are the acts which can be categorized under the “Clash of Civilizations?”

The matter for us, Muslims, is quite clear because Allah [exalted be He] has clarified it in the best manner, and detailed it elaborately as He said, “O you who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians as Auliya’ (friends, protectors, helpers, etc.), they are but Auliya’ to one another. And if any amongst you takes them as Auliya’, then surely he is one of them. Verily, Allah guides not those people who are the Zalimun.” [Surah 5, Ayah 51].

Also, “And those who disbelieve are allies to one another.” [Surah 8, Ayah 73].

Also, “And they will never cease fighting you until they turn you back from your religion (Islamic Monotheism) if they can.” [Surah 2, Ayah 217].

Also, “Those who believe, fight in the Cause of Allah, and those who disbelieve, fight in the cause of Taghut (Satan, etc.). So fight you against the friends of Shaitan (Satan); Ever feeble indeed is the plot of Shaitan (Satan).” [Surah 4, Ayah 76].

Therefore, the only way we interpret any kind of conflict between the people of Right against the people of Falsehood, whatever their coalitions or ideologies may be, is in the light of these holy verses. On the other hand, any interpretation of such events that is inconsistent with what these holy verses talked about is a mistaken reading which is rejected for its unrealism and unworthiness.

As a result, the issue is absolutely obvious to us and is one which does not require a grasp of political sciences or more and more analyses let alone large-scale studies and researches. Nor does it call for complicated academic specializations! Moreover, we do not need the proofs of reality so we believe that disbelievers, with all their backgrounds, cannot but be “allies to one another” against the monotheistic believers. Nonetheless, there are some of our people, who use our own language and who would like to be referred to as “enlightened, open-minded, and liberal.” These cast doubt on this inevitable truth which is one way of how this whole Universe goes. They even demand that the clash of civilization stop; this is why we have to resort to the reality proofs which can be noticed so they are convinced of the truth, or simply shut up!

They want to stop the Clash unilaterally! That they want to do on the part of the Muslims who are actually the ones wronged, and whose sacred things, lands, and rights are transgressed at. However, the other side represented, and led, by the international terrorism-sponsoring America, followed by the so-called democratic West, has not stopped their aggression, clash, or invasion for a second. They are

constantly spreading their aggression so much so they now are controlling the natural resources of the Muslim countries. More to it, they do not hesitate about interfering with the style of our food, drink, clothing, or lifestyle. They have stuck their noses in all our matters, public and personal alike!

The other party has not stopped its aggression or invasion and is keen on maintaining the conflict, hatred, and spite, in addition to enhancing the differences amongst peoples. On the other hand, we find our simpleton “intellectuals” calling the Muslim victims to patience, submission, disgrace, the necessity of coexistence with the oppressors, and the must for stopping the clash of civilization. They are speaking as if the problem lies with the Muslims, and as if it is the Muslims who are oppressing the other party!

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Reconciling the idea of the Clash of Civilization with the religious freedoms granted to Muslims in the West

Some would ask, “how do we reconcile the attitude of the capitalistic, international and Western democracies which allow for the religious freedom permitting Muslims to practice their religion with the idea that they are at war with Islam and Muslims, and that they exacerbate the clash of civilizations?”

I reply saying that they only allow the Islamic rituals which are at the level of the individual’s relation to God, exalted be He. However, they do not allow for political Islam or a strong Islam which is equipped with the necessities of military power which may be able to confront the other civilizations to stop their interfering with Muslims. Nor do they allow for an independent Islam that would rule the land

and people by its own faith, methods, and Sharii Laws -as should be the case according to the orders of Allah. Also, they do not accept the Islam that would regulate people's lives and their public matters because they, the Western countries, abide by their famous rule on which their whole civilization was established, "separation of Church and state." And by Church, they refer to established religion. They believe in "Render unto God the things that are God's," which refers to the limited scope of individual rituals, and which can only be allowed in mosques and other worship-places. Moreover, they believe in "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's," referring to the rest of life and sovereignty domains.

However, even the limited amount of personal, religious freedom is prohibited and denied if it stands to represent a certain political significance, or if it reflects itself on the people's lifestyle in a manner these Western countries do not like.

Remember the attitude of the so-called "freedom patron," France, and many other Western countries, of the Muslim women's Hijab; and keep in mind that Hijab is nothing more of a personal religious practice.

Also, notice their strict, discriminatory attitude towards the Muslim men's beard, or any kind of clothing that would refer to their Islamic identity!

Add to all of this, their intervention with the policies and activities of the mosques: their times of opening and closing, who is allowed in, in addition to specifying the topic of the Friday Prayer's oration, and preparing -or actually *programming*- the Imams to be consistent with the Western values and habits.

To make things even worse, they also plant spies in these mosques to spy on the Muslims for the sake of the tyrants who want to "put out the light of Allah."⁸

⁸ What I just mentioned is considered now as an old way of interfering with and spying on the Mosques and mosque-goers. These days, most of Europe's mosques are bugged with cameras hidden or otherwise which capture footage of whoever gets in and out to be sent to the intelligence authorities concerned. Therefore, there is no need to plant spies anymore. On the other hand,

Thus, by doing so, they have done exactly what their polytheist ancestors did before. Allah exalted be He says, “And they assign to Allah a share of the tilth and cattle which He has created, and they say: “This is for Allah according to their pretending, and this is for our (Allah’s so-called) partners. “But the share of their (Allah’s so-called) “partners” reaches not Allah, while the share of Allah reaches their (Allah’s so-called) “partners”! Evil is the way they judge.” [Surah 6, Ayah 136]. Their hearts are alike, so no wonder their evil words and deeds perfectly match!

This alleged freedom is getting constantly curtailed, especially when it is channelled in a direction that would serve Islam and Muslims. Right then, this freedom is deemed as a culprit, incriminated, termed as terrorist and aiding terrorism, and is liable to suing and execution. However, when freedom goes in a direction that is harmful for Islam and Muslims, it is sanctified and meddling with it is an unforgivable crime!

More to the argument is that this amount of religious freedom granted to Muslims, which is continuously reduced, is actually a part of the freedom offered to all the other religions and sects in their countries. Thus, it is not easy for them to issue laws bluntly excluding Muslims or Islam out of this freedom which is offered to everybody.

In addition, out of the cunning and plotting of masterminds of the crusader Western civilization against any serious attempt at inciting the Islamic Ummah to establish an orthodox Islamic life, they planted in the Arab and Muslim lands a lot of obstacles to thwart the Muslims’ attempts at achieving their goals. Some examples are the idol-rulers and tyrants with their dictatorial regimes -which are characterized by complex

churches in the “Middle East,” and especially in Egypt, are an unknown territory. Nobody can meddle with them or even has the right to know what goes on inside them. The Copts kidnap female Muslim converts from Christianity and coerce them to renounce their religion, and nobody even dares to come close to the churches where all of these things are happening!

Kufr- who are fighting and rooting out any serious Islamic movements. These infidel, fascist, and dictatorial regimes get all the support they need from the West to perform suchlike missions; the support, sanction, and approval increase when such missions are carried out effectively.

One of the tactics that the Christian democratic Western countries apply in the “Middle East” is that they take two courses of action: one in which they support the tyrant dictators against their oppressed people, especially when the first perform their services and treason competently in eradicating any diligent Islamic activity. In the other course of action, they approach the oppressed people with some kind of compassion and “philanthropy” by sympathizing with some human rights cases. This they do only to gain the support of these peoples and use their potential rage and revolution to blackmail the tyrant rulers if the latter do not follow the policies formulated for them.

This is the policy of double standards.

They blackmailed many, many oppressing tyrants by the idea of supporting the people revolting against them, and once he yields to all of their [Western countries’] demands and subserviently follows their policies, giving full access to the country and its resources, they generously support him so he can oppress the people. Right then, he is no more a “dictator.” Rather, he magically turns into a “democratic” leader.

Nevertheless, if he does not take part in their plans, serve their policies, or take into account their interests, he *is* a “dictator”! Thus, they aid his people to overthrow him!

It is a simple, filthy equation: at times, they pose to the tyrant rulers the threat of their people, and other times, they pose to the people the threat of the rulers. It all depends on their own personal interests. So, this kind of policy calls for establishing ties with both parties: the regimes and the opposing people; and it is through this double-faced

policy they are able to control both parties. Unfortunately, even though this is a self-evident fact, my people are oblivious of it.

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The Aspects of Difference between the Islamic Civilization and the crusader, democratic Western Civilization

One might say, “Since we have recognized the root causes of the clash, its aims, and inevitability, is not there a kind of agreement between the crusader, democratic Western Civilization and the Islamic Civilization? What are the significant differences? Does that mean that the Western Civilization is void of positive civilizational values?”

I say to that: these are key questions, some of which I may have answered in the introduction of this work, but I am going to expand on these in detail over here, and will start by answering the following question:

-What are the aspects of difference between the two Civilizations: the crusader, democratic Western Civilization and the Islamic Civilization⁹?

⁹ If one asks why I have specified my comparison about the capitalistic, Christian Western Civilization versus the Islamic Civilization, and not any other dominant civilization, like the Sino-Communist Civilization, the idolatry civilizations of Buddhism or Hinduism, or even the Jewish Civilization?

I reply: I did that for a multiple reasons: first, these civilizations do not have well-rooted civilizational values that would enable them to confront the Islamic Civilization and its cultural and values spreading. Also, they have not got the sufficient cultural heritage that is worthy of research or discussion. Second, the totality of these civilizations has allied with the Western Civilization in its modern, yet ancient, war –whether declared or surreptitious- against Islam and its civilization. Therefore, they are allies in any war waged against Islam. Third, the Christian Western Civilization has a long history full of conspiracies, war, and aggression towards Islam and its civilization. For this reason, the Western Civilization tries to revive this kind of enmity from time to time, especially when it gets empowered weaponry-wise, as we can notice in today’s world. Fourth, the End of Time wars are going to be with the “Romans” near the Levant. This is going to be before the Anti-Christ appears, and then Jesus Christ will descend from Heaven to kill him. Right then, nobody is going to rejoice in getting their share of inheritance or war booties due to the abundance of killings and those

To that I would say: There are a number of differences between the two Civilizations:

First, the source of the Islamic Civilization is godly as the totality of its civilizational values is drawn from the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Prophet [p.b.u.h].

On the other hand, the source of the capitalistic Western Civilization is human as all of its civilizational values are drawn from humans' minds, desires, and experiments i.e. devoid of anything heavenly.

Second, the Islamic Civilization is based on the creed of Tawheed or Monotheism: the belief that Allah alone is responsible for creation, commandment, sovereignty, and legislation, and is worthy of worship and obedience. It is logical for Allah to have the commandment since the creation is His.

However, the Western Civilization is established on the creeds of polytheism, paganism, disbelief, and atheism. They associated Allah with other gods, and established themselves as legislating gods without referring to Allah. And even if they acknowledge that the creation is God's, they attribute the commandment of the creation to others, not Allah.

Third, the Islamic Civilization is based on the principle of belief in all the prophets and messengers, we make no distinction between one another of God's messengers peace be upon all of them.

Contrarily, the Christian Western Civilization believes in some of the prophets and messengers and disbelieves in others. Therefore, they made distinction in the belief in

killed, as it is mentioned in Sahih Hadiths of the Prophet [p.b.u.h.]. I may mention some of these later on. All of this being said, we conclude that the "Romans" are the enemies of Islam in the past, the present, and the future!

prophets and messengers. At any rate, whoever the Western Civilization believes in from these messengers, it does not link that faith with deeds or following of them.

Fourth, the Islamic Civilization is all-encompassing of life domains: ritualistic, moral, social, economic, political, scientific...etc. There is no inconsistency between the Islamic Creed and this comprehensiveness, unlike the Christian Western Civilization which is based on the creed and culture of separating the Church from the State, politics, or other life domains. For Westerners, religion is limited to the belief level only. This is so because the Western Civilization does not recognize of its religion anything else other than the crusader, sectarian fanaticism and holding on to the symbol of the cross. They do not relate to that any sign of abiding by the teachings and principles of Christianity even after it was twisted and manipulated on the hands of ecclesiastics and clergymen. This has led them into the conclusion that their own religion cannot satisfy the needs and ambitions of peoples and societies, let alone be valid for matters of sovereignty, politics, or other life domains!

Fifth, the Islamic Civilization is based on the belief that the supreme sovereignty in both Earth and Heaven is that of God's alone. Allah says, [“It is He \(Allah\) Who is the only Ilah \(God to be worshipped\) in the heaven and the only Ilah \(God to be worshipped\) on the earth. And He is the All-Wise, the All-Knower.”](#) [Surah 43, Ayah 84]. Also, it maintains that this whole universe, with all it encompasses, is the Kingdom of Allah's; He created it, and runs it as He wishes. [“He cannot be questioned as to what He does, while they will be questioned.”](#) [Surah 21, Ayah 23]. Consequently, humans -God's creatures- are placed in Earth [as vicegerents] to construct it according to the Laws of Allah, and they are going to be held accountable for what they are responsible for what they have taken into custody. They cannot disregard the Law and teachings of the Owner and Creator of this Universe.

Contrary to this, the Christian Western Civilization is based on the premise that the supreme sovereignty is for the humans; also that humans are the real owners of things, and that they are the gods to be obeyed on this Earth. Therefore, it is their right to accept whatever they want, and reject whatever they want; ordain lawful whatever they want, and ordain unlawful whatever they want; and actually do whatever they want according to their own desires. They cannot be questioned about what they do as long as their acts are lawful according to the man-made laws made by the clergy.

As a result of the above-mentioned, the Islamic Civilization is known for preserving good values and morals which Allah ordained for His slaves, unlike the Western Civilization which is known for its degeneration, decadence, immorality, perversion, and disobedience of the teachings and values of religion.

Moreover, the Islamic civilizational values are characterized by being constant which do not change no matter how long time passes by and until the Day of Judgment. However, the civilizational values in the Christian, democratic Western Civilization are forever changing, never stable. For example, what their desires show them as good one day might be viewed as bad the next day, and vice versa!

Hence, a logical result of what was mentioned above is that the human behaviour in the Islamic Civilization is subject to the feeling of God's constant watching over his/her deeds. Therefore, s/he is disciplined and committed to the principles and morals of his/her religion and civilization publicly and privately, willingly and unwillingly, and whether there is a human supervision or not.

This is in direct contradiction to the human behaviour in the Christian Western civilization where there is no value of God's watching. The whole value is placed on the watch of the ruler and his soldiers and the watch of his law and his cameras. The Western individuals abide by the law as long as they feel it is watching them, and the minute they sense its absence, they become other individuals: lawbreaking ones. What

about the many times when the cameras are off, and the law's watch is not there? This means that the Christian Western individuals lack the sense of self-censorship which might push them to abide by the laws, morals, and positive behaviours imposed on them. That is why they need the watch of the authorities as well as security cameras - hidden and shown- all the time¹⁰.

If we keep this in mind, it is easy for us to understand why the "civilized" Europeans or Americans act as uncivilized monsters when they invade other people's countries as is disgracefully happening in Iraq and Afghanistan, and elsewhere. In these countries, they do not show any sign of consideration for human rights simply because these countries do not have surveillance cameras watching them all the time, everywhere; unlike what they were used to in their countries.

Sixth, the Islamic Civilization is based on the balance between the Soul and the Material, and gives each what it deserves without excess or negligence. Conversely, the Christian Western Civilization is based only on the material side to an excessive level which accounts for the spiritual emptiness leading to the phenomena of psychological anxieties, depression, and suicide in Europe and America. This focus on the material side alone explains the extreme attention paid to fiction -whether in novels or movies- in order to fill up that fatal, soul-shattering emptiness they are living.

¹⁰ It might be surprising to learn that a store whose size is 20 square meters has in it more than 10 security cameras watching the customers during their shopping, even when they are in the bathrooms. This is happening even though the people are relatively not in need, so how about if they were poor whose own dire need pushes them to ask for charity?! As a result, when any city of theirs gets an electricity blackout, therefore resulting in switching off security cameras, just imagine the acts of trespassing on both the public and private properties!

Seventh, the Islamic Civilization has a long history of productivity, sophistication, and tolerance which were proved by both enemies and friends. This history includes all the prophets and messengers all the way back to Adam [peace be upon him] because the civilization of prophets, which was characterized by great accomplishments extending to our present day, is part of the Islamic Civilization. On the other hand, the Christian Western Civilization has no considerable history or a humane civilizational past which they can talk about proudly to the new generations. The reality of the situation is that each time they wage a single war, they find themselves obligated to apologize for the atrocities they have committed in them; atrocities which cannot be a characteristic of even barbaric humans! Notice their ongoing debate about the violations of human rights they have committed in Guantanamo or Abu Ghareib in Iraq among many other prisons of theirs.

You can review and scrutinize what has been written about the early Crusader Wars. Then, review what has been written about the modern Crusader Invasion and colonization of Muslim's lands. Also, read about the genocides that America committed against the Native Americans as well as the Africans. More to it, notice the massacres and violations of human rights that America, with the endorsement of the Crusader West, has been doing in Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine, among other countries¹¹. These are examples of the Western "Civilization."

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Does the Western Civilization have considerable civilizational values?

¹¹ An article entitled "New York's African Foundation" was published on the BBC-Arabic website in which it said, "the remains of twenty-thousand men and women have been lying under the crowded streets of New York City for almost three centuries waiting to tell the story of slavery in the City." What history is there for a civilization that establishes its buildings on mass graves, and by massacring thousands of people whose only crime was the black colour of their skin?! [On this link: http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/hi/arabic/world_news/newsid_3663000/3663611.stm]

One might ask, “does all of what you said mean that the Christian Western Civilization have no good civilizational values?”

I say: we cannot claim that the Western Civilization is void of considerable civilizational values as this would simply mean the downfall and end of the Western Civilization having lost its *raison d'être*: because the utter loss of the reasons of existence to any people means the loss of their civilization.

That is *not* what I am saying about the Western Civilization. However, what I am saying -complying with the fairness ordained by our religion- is that the modern Western Civilization, irrespective of all the shortcomings we mentioned above, is still characterized by some considerable civilizational and moral values which are breathing life into it.

The first set of these values is: commitment to the experimental scientific research, systemization, order; making use of time and natural resources in what benefits them in this world; punctuality, good work quality, love of acquiring new knowledge and scientific exploration, and a strong will for improvement. All of these are positive civilizational values which are inherent in Westerners and are playing a key role in their progress and the very establishment of their civilization.

Second, the values of fair and just dealing among themselves. Everybody, ruler or ruled, high- or low-class people, the powerful or the powerless are equal in the eyes of their law¹².

¹² However, this kind of justice is reserved only when they deal with each other within their countries, unlike the way in which they deal with others outside their countries: a way that is characterized by aggressions, injustice, terrorism, and violation of the most basic of human rights. A lot of examples were provided here. On the other hand, the justice of Islam binds Muslims to be just among themselves and with others, even enemies, inside and outside their countries. Allah says, “O

Third, the dominant values of freedom and tolerance in their countries and among themselves, but bearing in mind that some of these freedoms cannot be classified as considerable civilizational values due to its destructive effects on the minds, morals, and accomplishments of the people!

Fourth, the value of social solidarity in their countries: where you cannot find a beggar, a person in dire poverty, or a sick person who cannot afford treatment. This is the case because the government is required, by their law, to secure everyone a residence, food and drink, clothing, medical treatment, and school learning. You cannot find a person lacking these life basics.

Fifth, the value of systemization and interest in institutional activities. Also, the value of counselling among themselves as there is no one individual who can make decisions affecting the interests of the whole people, society, and the state!

Sixth, the value of calling to account their leaders if they show any sign of negligence that they can avoid, or if they are involved in official corruption, cheating, dishonesty, or squandering the public's money for their own personal interest or the interest of their family or political party! It is very easy for the people to ask their leaders, "where did you get this from?" This is surely a sophisticated, civilizational value which has been missing in the Islamic world for a long time because of the injustice and aggression of the unelected leaders who are dominating the lands and resources of Muslims'.

you who believe! Stand out firmly for Allah and be just witnesses and let not the enmity and hatred of others make you avoid justice. Be just: that is nearer to piety, and fear Allah. Verily, Allah is Well-Acquainted with what you do." [Surah 5, Ayah 8]. Therefore, here lies the greatness of the Islamic Civilization which is committed to justice even with those who oppose and fight it as much as it is committed to it to itself and its followers, and which is committed to treating others justly in states of satisfaction and dissatisfaction equally.

Seventh, the value of helping the oppressed to get their right back from the oppressing rulers or kings, even if it takes a while. This value was referred to by Amr ibn Al-As [may Allah be pleased with him] more than 1400 years ago drawing it from a hadith he heard from the Prophet [p.b.u.h.]

Imam Muslim reported in his Saheeh, “Mustawrid al-Qurashi reported: “I heard Allah’s Messenger (peace be upon him) as saying: The Last Hour would come (when) the Romans would form a majority amongst people”. Amr said to him (Mustawrid Qurashi): “See what you are saying?” He said: “I am telling what I heard from Allah’s Messenger (peace be upon him).” Thereupon Amr said: “If you say that, it is a fact for they have four qualities.

They have the patience to undergo a trial and immediately restore themselves to sanity after trouble and attack again after flight. They have the quality of being good to the destitute and the orphans, to the weak and, fifthly, the good quality in them is that *they put resistance against the oppression of kings.*” Meaning they protect their peoples and individuals against the oppression of their kings or leaders!

I say: these civilizational features which Amr ibn Al-As [may Allah be please with him] referred to, more than a millennium and a half ago, we can obviously see them in our times which are, in addition to other values, the reason of their power, excelling other civilizations, and their scientific and technological advancement. More else, they are the reason why they are the superpower subjugating the whole world to their countries, rule, policies, and rulers!

Sheikh Mohammad Naser ed-Deen al-Albani said in his comment on this hadith, “Siddiq Hasan Khan said, *Imam Nawawi did not explain this hadith, nor did he say what was meant by “Romans”. What I believe is that it stands for the Christians; and these five characteristics are indeed present in them, and they are the rulers of most of the countries in the world. This is a clear prophetic miracle for our Messenger [peace*

be upon him] because what he said did happen exactly, and Allah is the Disposer of the affair of things.” [Mukhtasr Sahih Muslim].

I say: that this was said in the time of Siddiq Hassan Khan (d.1890), how about if he saw them now in our time and how they have dominated the land and its people?!

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Civilizational Values cannot solely establish Civilization without people adopting and representing them in real life

Once again, it is Islam which ordains all of the previously-mentioned civilizational values that the West is currently renowned for. It may not be fallacious to say that others have derived these from the Islamic Civilization. But when Muslims in their times of decline abandoned these values, whereas disbelieving others applied them, they were unable to lead the other nations and peoples, nay, lead themselves! That happened after they were the leaders of world due to their sophisticated Islamic civilizational values. Unfortunately, now the tasks of leadership and pioneering are done by others.

Allah Almighty is not partial towards any party, God forbid. He created this life according to constant laws which are unchanging; whosoever abides by these laws will earn high regard and achieve his goals even if he is a disbeliever; and whoever abandons them and falls behind will not be of any esteem, and his life will be one of disgrace and degradation.

Sheikh al-Islam Ibn Taimyyeh [may God have mercy on his soul] said in his fatawi Volume 28, p. 146:

Allah lets the just state be established even if it is an infidel state, but does not let the unjust state be established even if it is a Muslim state. It is said, “the world goes on fine with justice and disbelief, but does not last with injustice and Islam.” The Prophet [peace be upon him] said, “there is no sooner punishment for a sin as that of wrongdoing and severing the ties of kinship.” The wrongdoer will be punished in this world even if s/he is going to be included in Allah’s mercy in the Hereafter. This is because justice is the core system of everything. If the affairs of this life were established justly, life will go on even if the one establishing them will have no share of happiness in the Judgment Day [due to his disbelief]. Moreover, if the affairs of life are not established justly, it will not go on even if the one responsible for such injustice will have Iman to save him in the Judgment Day.

If the Islamic Nation would wish to reinstate its old glory and high ranking in addition to its leading, pioneering role that our righteous Predecessors established, it has to go back, and hold fast to the totality of the Islamic civilizational values because these were the main reason for its old glory.

We must be more just and merciful towards people, if we want the victory of Allah to come down upon us, and if we want our Ummah to restore its glory, distinction, and pioneering role once again. This because Allah loves justice, and supports its people; He also detests injustice and denies victory to its people.

In the holy Qudsi Hadith Allah, the Exalted and Glorious, says: “My servants, I have made oppression unlawful for Me and unlawful for you, so do not commit oppression against one another.”

The Prophet [p.b.u.h.] said, “beware of the Duaa’ of the oppressed, even if it was a disbeliever, because there is no obstacle between it and Allah.” [Narrated by Ahmad and others. Silsilah Sahiha: 767].

There is no significance or effect for the civilizational values in establishing civilizations if they are not embodied in the behaviour of everyday life. This is because values, no matter how great or sophisticated they may be, are simply abstracts which have no impact on reality unless somebody adopts them firmly and honestly, fights over them, and embodies them by his own behaviour and lifestyle; this leads to their revival

Therefore, it is not enough for us to talk about the greatness of Islam as a faith, law, ethics, and sophisticated civilizational values without this being translated into our own behaviour and reality in all of our life aspects.

When the Mother of Believers, Aicha, [may Allah be pleased with her] was asked about the character of the Prophet [peace be upon him], she said, “his character was the Quran.” This means his morals and actions were the best embodiment of the Holy Quran. If you want to see the Quran exemplified and epitomized, just take a look at the Prophet’s [peace be upon him] biography, attitudes, and actions.

Hence we understand the grim warning to those who say what they do not do, know and teach what they do not abide by themselves, prohibit a kind of character but practice it! Allah exalted be He says, “O you who believe! Why do you say that which you do not do? * Most hateful it is with Allah that you say that which you do not do.” [Surah 61, Ayahs 2-3]. It is not enough for us to brag about the accomplishments of our ancestors and keep living off their memories! It is a must that we should say “here we are” by making our own glory with our own hands, by sweating our blood, and by performing Jihad as they did.

In spite of the many, many obstacles that the rulers of Kufr in the Muslim lands pose in the path of the change process, the aforementioned truth is bringing back a lot of Muslims to reason, to their own Islam, to the morals and values of their true religion. And, thank God, we are now witnessing a blessed Islamic Revival seriously

and honestly bringing back to Right many different types of Muslims, throughout the whole Muslim countries. These are, inshallah, the first steps to victory, empowerment, and sovereignty.

“Verily, Allah will help those who help His (Cause). Truly, Allah is All-Strong, All-Mighty.” [Surah 22, Ayah 40].

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Dialogue among Civilizations

A question may raise “does the idea of the inevitability of the clash of civilizations -which are poles apart in their concepts, values, principles- mean that there is no point of having a dialogue amongst them, and particularly the Islamic Civilization vs. the democratic, Christian Western Civilization?”

I would say that the dialogue between the Islamic Civilization and others by arguing with them in the best ways is an ever-available choice because Islam is the Religion of mercy to all humans. As a result, the Religion should be presented to others in effective ways and in an ethical style that matches its greatness. Add to that the fact that there is no compulsion in accepting Islam.

Allah says, “There is no compulsion in religion. Verily, the Right Path has become distinct from the wrong path.” [Surah 2, Ayah 256].

He also says, “Invite (mankind, O Muhammad SAW) to the Way of your Lord (i.e. Islam) with wisdom (i.e. with the Divine Inspiration and the Quran) and fair preaching, and argue with them in a way that is better. Truly, your Lord knows best who has gone astray from His Path, and He is the Best Aware of those who are guided.” [Surah 16, Ayah 125].

So, Allah [exalted be He] ordered us to argue with them in the best manners possible which will endear Islam to their heart rather than repel them.

He also says, “Say (to them O Muhammad SAW): “I exhort you on one (thing) only: that you stand up for Allah’s sake in pairs and singly, and reflect (within yourselves the life history of the Prophet SAW): there is no madness in your companion (Muhammad SAW), he is only a warner to you in face of a severe torment.” [Surah 34, Ayah 56].

Allah also says, “Say (O Muhammad SAW): “O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians): Come to a word that is just between us and you, that we worship none but Allah, and that we associate no partners with Him, and that none of us shall take others as lords besides Allah.” Then, if they turn away, say: “Bear witness that we are Muslims.” [Surah 3, Ayah 64].

The dialogue has got to be characterized by this kind of frankness and clarity: “Come to a word that is just between us and you, that we worship none but Allah, and that we associate no partners with Him, and that none of us shall take others as lords besides Allah.” If they turn away and insist on associating one another as partners besides Allah, and to enslave the slaves of Allah to humans, the dialogue comes to an end, and the sharp distinction is recognized without any doubt or hesitation. Thus we say to them, “bear witness that we are Muslims.” To you be your religion, and to us ours.

Narrated by al-Bukhari that Ali [may Allah be pleased with him] asked the Prophet [peace be upon him], “do we fight them until they become like us?” The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “Advance cautiously, until you reach their open space, then invite them to Islam, and tell them of their duties before Allah. By Allah, if Allah were to guide one man through you, that would be better for you than having red camels.” Out of such Sharii texts, Islamic scholars

concluded that making efforts to invite people to Islam and advising them is a priority and must come first before direct combat.

The Prophet [p.b.u.h.] also said, “Make things easy (for people) and do not make things difficult, give glad tidings and do not put people off.” [Bukhari]

Therefore, the dialogue is ordained, ongoing, and available even to the worst of tyrants provided that it is based on Sharii principles. Its sole aim should be bringing justice to Right, clarifying it, and driving the wrongdoer back to it. Moreover, everybody should follow Right and establish it as a judge. It is not the aim of the dialogue to appease or please Falsehood side following the principle, “They wish that you should compromise (in religion out of courtesy) with them, so they (too) would compromise with you.” [Surah 68, Ayah 9].

Nor is the aim of such a dialogue to just get the opposing parties together to have a sit-down after which they leave with the rift between them deepened!

Nor is the aim of such a dialogue to attribute rightfulness to Falsehood or its followers. Nor is its aim to get Right and Falsehood into a halfway point of agreement by way of reconciling the thing and its antithesis.

Nor can it be achieved through the so-called “Islamic Moderation” which only means being in a midway position between Right and Falsehood, in neither camp! The description of this in Quran is: “They are swaying between this and that, belonging neither to these nor to those.” [Surah 4, Ayah 143].

Unfortunately, this is what a lot of those who call to the dialogue among civilizations these days do which is usually of no avail whatsoever.¹³

¹³ I have come across an article published in “Al Sharq Al-Awsat” newspaper on May, 6th, 2004 of an interview with a person identified as the secretary general of the Higher Assembly for Islamic Affairs in Egypt, Abdel Sabour Marzouq. He said, “there is no point of the dialogue of religions and civilizations because it is a dialogue of the deaf and is a waste of time.”

It is a dialogue of the deaf and a waste of time because the aim of such dialogues is directed at twisting facts, cancelling the idea of the clash itself between Right and Falsehood and their civilizations. Moreover, the dialogue was not based on intellectual basics or good faith to show the

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When does of the Clash of Civilizations End?

One might ask, “when will this clash among civilizations end? Does it not have a point where it will come to stop?”

To which the answer is: this clash and conflict will continue to exist, in one way or another, between Right and its followers on one side against Falsehood and its followers on the other until the coming of the Anti-Christ with his trials. He will represent the last leader of Kufr and misguidance. About that time will be the descent of Jesus Christ [peace be upon him], the last leader of Right. There will be a crucial battle between Right and its people led by Jesus Christ against Falsehood and its people led by the Anti-Christ along with his Jewish followers among others. In this battle, rocks and trees will address the Muslims telling them about the hideouts of the Jews, except for one kind of tree known as Gharqad, boxthorn. This battle marks the end of the clash of civilizations¹⁴; peace and security will prevail, and all religions will die out except for Islam as Jesus Christ [peace be upon him] will cancel the Jizyah system: it is either Islam or killing. He will destroy the cross, kill the pig, and will stay

correct manner of the disputed-upon matters. The mere holding of such dialogues is for obsequiousness and flattery, referring back to desires as a judge, and to: first, undermine the concept of Islamic faith even more, and second, undermine the alliance to this faith. Also, this kind of dialogues establishes legitimacy for the Falsehood in the minds of the coming peoples and generations, especially when some followers of the Right flatter the Falsehood. Finally, one basic aim of such dialogues is to get the Right to surrender to a “halfway” point of agreement which is actually NOT halfway because it is closer to the side of Falsehood. Bearing all of the above in mind, it becomes clear that such dialogues are ineffective.

¹⁴ After this battle there emerge Gog and Magog, and their fitnah will spread. However, they perish because of a natural cause Allah sends in mercy of the believers. “Allah will send to them insects which will attack their necks, and in the morning, they will all perish like one single person.” They will not confront the people of Right, that is why I said that the last battle between Right and Falsehood is the one in which Jesus Christ [peace be upon him] kills the Anti-Christ.

on Earth for forty years which will be the best of all times where peace and security will spread; then, he dies, and Allah will send a pleasant wind -which is musk-scented and smoother than silk- that does not leave a human soul with a speck of faith in it untaken to death. Then, the wicked will survive and upon them the Last Hour will come.

Since these things are matters of the Unseen, where there is no place for opinion, let us listen to the authentic Sharii texts talk to us about them:

The following hadiths prove the idea that the clash, combat, Jihad, and conflict between Right and Falsehood is ongoing until Allah's decision comes, and the Last Hour will come -subsequent to its greater signs.

The Prophet [p.b.u.h.] said, “A group of my ummah will continue fighting for the truth, and those who let them down or differ from them do not harm them. They will keep adhering to this path until the decree of Allah reaches them.” [Muslim].

The Prophet also said, “Some people of my Ummah will remain victorious over the people until the decree of Allah reaches them.” [Muslim]. They will be victorious over their opposers due to their holding fast to Right.

The Prophet also said, “A group of my Ummah will continue fighting for the truth, and will prevail over those who oppose them, until the Day of Judgment.” [Muslim].

The Prophet also said, “This religion will be victorious as a group of Muslims will always defend it until the Judgment Day.” [Muslim].

Also, the Prophet said, “a group of my Ummah which carries out the commands of Allah will continue to exist; those who let them down or differ from them do not harm them until the decree of Allah reaches of them while they are still victorious over the people.” [Muslim].

Salama ibn Nufail al-Kindi said, “I was sitting with the Prophet of Allah [peace be upon him] when a man said, *oh Prophet of Allah, people have humiliated the horses, put down their arms and said there is no Jihad as the war is over!* He said, “they lied. Now is the time for fighting. There shall be a group of my Ummah who fight for the Right, and Allah will swerve the hearts of some other people to fight them so they get their booty off them. They will be as such until the Last Hour comes and Allah’s promise is here. Also good will remain (as a permanent quality) in the foreheads of horses (for Jihad) until the Day of Resurrection.” [Sahih Sunan an-Nassa’i, 333].

The Prophet of Allah [p.b.u.h.] also said, “there is a group of my Umma who will be victorious, and not harmed by those who let them down, until the Last Hour comes.” [Sahih Sunan Ibn Majah: 6].

These are just samples of the many Hadiths and texts which prove the existence of such a victorious group throughout the times, whether the Muslims have a general Caliph or Imam Leader or not. This group fights for Right and are victorious because of it; and no harm can be done to them by whoever opposes them until the Day of Judgement.

Now, let us take a look at the Sharii proofs about the emergence of the Anti-Christ, and the descent of Jesus Christ who will kill the Dajjal:

Allah’s Messenger (may peace be upon him) said: **The Last Hour will not come until the Romans will land at al –A’maq or in Dabiq¹⁵. An army consisting of the best**

¹⁵ Two areas nearby Aleppo City, Syria, on the borders with Turkey. This indicates the Turkey right then will be under the rule of Romans, following their own sovereignty and politics. We can interpret modern day Turkey’s attempts to join the European Union as a reason for that result the Hadith referred to.

soldiers of the people of the Earth at that time will come from Medina to counteract them. When they will arrange themselves in ranks, the Romans will say: “Do not stand between us and those Muslims who took prisoners from amongst us. Let us fight them;” but the Muslims will say: “Nay, by Allah, we will never get aside from you and from our brethren¹⁶ that you may fight.” They will then fight and a third (part) of the army will run away, whom Allah will never forgive. A third part of the army - which will be constituted of excellent martyrs in Allah’s eyes- will be killed and the third -who will never be put to trial- will win and they will be conquerors of Constantinople¹⁷. And as they will be busy distributing the spoils of war amongst themselves after hanging their swords on the olive trees, Satan would cry: “The Dajjal has taken your place among your families.” They will then come out, but it will not be true what they heard. It is when they will come to Syria that he will come out -while they will be still preparing themselves for battle drawing up the ranks. Certainly, the time of prayer shall come and then Jesus (peace be upon him) son of Mary will descend and will lead them in prayer. When the enemy of Allah will see him, he [Dajjal] will disappear just as the salt dissolves in water. Even if Jesus were to leave him, he would dissolve completely, but Allah will kill him by Jesus’ hand, and he will show them (his Muslim followers and soldiers) his blood on his lance (the lance of Jesus Christ).” [Muslim].

The Prophet (p.b.u.h.) said: “There is no prophet between me and him, that is, Jesus (p.b.u.h.). He will descent (to the Earth). When you see him, recognise him: a man of medium height, reddish fair, wearing two light yellow garments, looking as if

¹⁶ Thus indicating that good will still be in Medina and its people, and that the regional or national barriers forced today will be removed and will not stop Muslims from supporting each other, no matter how different their countries will be. Also, this indicates that the political decision will be in the hands of Muslims themselves and not taken from the West or the East!

¹⁷ This will be the second Islamic Conquest of the City. And the Hadith signifies the fact that Constantinople will revert back to the camp of Kufr, as is its reality now, and that it will be opened and liberated again after the first Conquest on the hands of the heroic Ottoman Mujahid Muammad Al-Fateh.

drops were falling down from his head though it will not be wet. He will fight the people for the cause of Islam. He will break the cross¹⁸, kill swine, and abolish jizyah¹⁹. Allah will perish all religions except Islam. He will destroy the Antichrist and will live on the Earth for forty years and then he will die. The Muslims will pray over him.” [Saheeh Sunan Abi Dawud: 3635].

The next Hadith is about killing the Jews who will be accompanying the Anti-Christ then, and the rocks and trees will call the Muslims to come kill the Jews hiding behind them. The Messenger [peace be upon him] said, “The last hour will not come unless the Muslims will fight against the Jews, and the Muslims will kill them until the Jews will hide themselves behind stones and trees. These stones and trees will say: O Muslim²⁰, or servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me; come kill him; but the tree Gharqad (boxthorn) will not say, for it is the tree of the Jews.” [Muslim].

The prophet [peace be upon him] said, “Jesus Christ will say, “open the gate,” and it is opened, behind it will be the Antichrist along with seventy thousand Jews with swords. When the Dajjaal sees him, he will start to melt like salt melting in water and will start to flee, but Jesus (peace be upon him) will say to him, “I have some business with you, you will not get away from me.” Then he will catch up with him at the gate of Eastern Ludd (in Palestine) and will kill him. Therefore, Allah defeats the Jews who will flee, pursued by the Muslims, who will kill them. Rocks, trees, walls, and

¹⁸ Meaning he will prevent it as it is a symbol signifying Kufr and untruthfulness about his “crucifixion.”

¹⁹ He will not accept it from the unbelievers; it is either Islam or killing.

²⁰ Not, “Oh Arab, or Kurdish, or Turkish, or Persian!” No, it is “Oh Muslim, oh Monotheist.” This hadith indicates that the full liberation will come at the hands of monotheistic believers and not the disbelieving secularists or the traitor hypocrites.

animals will say, ‘O Muslim, O slave of Allah, there is Jew behind me – come and kill him!’ – apart from the gharqad (box thorn), for it is one of the trees of the Jews.²¹

The fact that the clashes and fights will cease by fighting and killing the Dajjal and his followers after which Earth will know an age of peace and security is drawn from the following Hadith: “A group of my ummah will continue fighting for the truth, and will prevail over those who oppose them, until the last of them will kill al-Maseeh al-Dajjaal (the Anti-Christ).” [Sahih Sunan Abi Dawud: 2170]. The very fact that the last of this victorious is going to fight the Anti-Christ means that there is going to be no more fighting after that.

The Prophet [p.b.u.h.] said, “Jesus son of Mary will be a just ruler in my Ummah and a fair Imam. He will break the cross, kill the swine, abolish the jizyah, and give up on charity because of the abundance of wealth. Hatred and animosity will be removed, and venom will be taken out from poisonous animals so much so the infant will hold a snake without it harming him. And an infant will also play with the lion without it harming her.

The wolf will be to the sheep as if its watchdog. The Earth will be filled with security as a vessel is filled with water. There will be one religion only, none worshipped other than Allah. War will end, and power will be taken away from Quraish. The land will be like a table of silver restoring its blessing of the age of Adam so much so a group of people will share one bunch of grape or one pomegranate and that will feed them to their full. Oxen will be very expensive, whereas horses will drop in value.” They asked, “Oh Messenger of Allah! What makes horses so cheap?” He said, “They will

²¹ Authenticated by Sheikh Naser ed-Deen al-Alabni in his book “The Emergence of the Maseeh Dajjal and the Descent of Jesus peace be upon him”.

never be ridden for war purposes ever after.” It was asked, “and what makes oxen so expensive?” He said, “They will be used to plough the whole land.”²²

The following Hadith is regarding the fact that Jesus Christ [peace be upon him] will stay among the Muslims for forty years after which he will die. And Allah’s decree will come, so He sends a musk-scented wind that feels like silk, and which will take away the souls of believers, and then the Judgment Day will come on the wicked of humans.

The Prophet [peace be upon him] said, “Jesus will remain for forty years and then will die. Muslims will offer the janaza/funeral prayer for him.”

The Prophet also said, “at that time –amid the bliss that prevailed after the war with the Anti-Christ and the demise of Gog and Magog- Allah will send a pleasant wind which will soothe people under their armpits, and will take the life of every Muslim. Only the wicked will survive who will commit adultery like asses, and the Last Hour will come to them.” [Muslim].

Furthermore, the Prophet said, “Allah will send a light wind from the side of Yemen, which is smoother than silk, to take away the souls of those who have even one speck of faith in their hearts.” [Muslim].

It has been narrated on the authority of Abd al -Rahman ibn Shamasa al -Mahri who said: I was in the company of Maslama ibn Mukhallad, and Abdullah ibn Amr ibn al-As was with him. Abdullah said: “The Hour shall come only when the worst types of people are left on Earth. They will be worse than the people of pre-Islamic days. They will get whatever they ask of Allah.” While we were yet sitting when Uqba ibn Amir came, and Maslama said to him: Uqba, “listen to what Abdullah says.” Uqba said:

²² Ibid.

He knows better; so far as I am concerned, I heard the Messenger of Allah (may peace be upon him) say: “A group of people from my Umma will continue to fight in obedience to the Command of Allah, remaining dominant over their enemies. Those who will oppose them shall not do them any harm. They will remain in this condition until the Hour overtakes them. At this, Abdullah said: Yes. Then Allah will raise a wind which will be fragrant like musk and whose touch will be like the touch of silk; but it will cause the death of all faithful persons, not leaving behind a single person with an iota of faith in his heart. Then, the worst of men will remain only to be overwhelmed by the Hour.” [Muslim].

Therefore, what the Messenger meant by “until the Judgment Day” is that “they will still be holding fast to Right until light wind will take their souls so close to the coming of the Judgment Day and right around the time where its signs are eminent. Hence, in this Hadith, he recognized that their existence will go on until the Judgment Day and the approach of its signs, and Allah knows best.” [Imam Nawawi in his Explanation of Sahih Muslim, Volume 2, page 132].

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In conclusion, the start, finish, reality, and nature of the clash have been mapped out. Its characteristics are clear-cut and straightforward. There is no way of denying, misrepresenting, or escaping from reality.

If our Ummah wants to recommence its life of glory, honour, and dignity, it should be ready to take full responsibility towards its religion, lands, sacred things, existence, and the whole world. Otherwise, it should expect more disgrace, subservience, and disasters. Add to that, the considerable sacrifices it is making to Falsehood and its people; on the expense of its religion, people, honour, dignity, lands, property, existence, and freedom; making these sacrifices on the altar of the desires and wishes of the criminal, unjust taghut rulers.

To top it all off, it is subjecting itself to substitution, and to God's anger and torment, "The Day whereon neither wealth nor sons will avail * Except him who brings to Allah a clean heart (clean from Shirk)." [Surah 26, Ayahs 88-89].

And also, Allah glorified be He says, "O you who believe! Whoever from among you turns back from his religion (Islam), Allah will bring a people whom He will love and they will love Him; humble towards the believers, stern towards the disbelievers, fighting in the Way of Allah, and never afraid of the blame of the blamers. That is the Grace of Allah which He bestows on whom He wills. And Allah is All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-Knower." [Surah 5, Ayah 54].

Oh Allah, I have delivered the message, so bear witness.

May Allah send His mercies and blessings on our Master, Prophet, Leader, Teacher, and beloved Muhammad and his family and companions.

And the last prayer is praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds.

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