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Question of Civilization

Why did Arab not Advanced yet?

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*Foundation of Moral Obligation meets the
two wills: Will of Allah, and will of human
beings*

*(Some of) You desire the commodities of this world,
but Allah desires (for you) the Hereafter (Anfal: 67)*

*It seems that the dispute in the Qur'an is revolving
around these two wills!*

*No But you love the immediate (20) and leave the ~~✽~~
Hereafter (21)- (Al-Qiyamah 20-21)*

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First Edition

Question of civilization

The most dangerous question in the atheistic sense -

Fascination with the physical appearance

The question of civilization maybe the origin of Arab atheism by all means.

Why are we regressing while others are progressing (materially)?

Why are we in the bottom and others at the top?

Why are we lagging behind but others are centuries ahead of us, culturally?

This is the question of civilization!

This is the most difficult question in the history of propagation of the message.

Indeed, how much did the prophets suffer in dealing with the consequences of this question.

And how much did the followers misbehave and how many a messenger felt sorry for the misbehavior of their nations.

The question of civilization is where the disbelief of nations originated throughout the ages.

We have clarified in the previous article how the material advancement and technological development of the disbelievers tempts people away from the following the truth.

Allah Almighty says: {And when our verses are recited to them as clear evidences, those who disbelieve say to those who believe, "Which of (our) two parties is best in position and best in association"} (Mariam: 73)

The researcher Ibrahim Al-Sakran, Allah bless him, says "When the people of Aad received the succession on earth as Allah said about them: {And remember when He made you successors after the people of Noah} (Al-A'raf: 69)

They cultivated the southern Arabia in Ahqaaf and Iram, and they were enjoying stupendous physical power as they had exceptional physical attributes and population density which enabled them to have a very high living standard alongside the architectural expertise, and they acquired the military despotism over the world; they wallowed in their arrogance due to their physical prowess and they neglected the belief in Allah and

refused to submit to the revelation, as Allah Almighty mentions their physical strength in Surat Al-A'raf:

{And remember when He made you successors after the people of Noah and increased you in stature extensively..} (Surah Al-A'raf: 69).

Allah Almighty confirms their exceptional physique in Surat Al-Fajr:

{Have you not considered how your Lord dealt with 'Aad (6)-(With) Iram-who lofty pillars (7) The likes of whom had never been created in the land (8)}(Surah Al-Fajr: 6-8).

The Quran describes their huge palaces, strength and their military despotism, Allah Almighty says in Surat Ash-Shu'ara:

{Do you construct on every elevation a sign, amusing yourselves, (128)

And take for yourselves palaces and fortresses that you might abide eternally? (129)

And when you strike, you strike as tyrants (139) } (Surah Ash-Shu'ara: 128-130).

Their pride in their physical strength blinded them as they asked this hollow question filled with arrogance towards Allah's prophet and they said with political haughtiness: "Who is greater than us in strength?"

And Allah Almighty narrated their story:

{As for 'Aad, they were arrogant upon the earth without right and said, "Who is greater than us in strength?"}(Surah Fussilat:15)

By Allah ... reconsider their arrogant question:

{Who is greater than us in strength}

then look at the response of the Omnipotent in the heavens and the earth when He responded to them saying:

{Did they not consider that Allah who created them was greater than them in strength?}(Surah Fussilat:15)

Their physical abilities made them very arrogant, and they neglected the solemnity of belief so didn't care about their meeting with their Lord and said irresponsibly: {Does he promise you that when you have died and become dust and bones that you will be brought forth (once more)}(35) How far, how far, is that which you are promised (36)} (Al-Mu'minun (35-36).

"The opulent class" among the people of Aad - as is the case in history- was the most opposed to the call of revelation, as Allah Almighty said about them in Surat Al-Mu'minun:

﴿And the eminent among his people who disbelieved and denied the meeting of the Hereafter while we had given them luxury in the worldly life said, "This isn't but a man like yourselves. He eat of that from which you eat and drinks of what you drink﴾(Surah Al-Mu'minun:33)

The nation of Aad had barely disappeared after the disaster of the known hurricanes which lasted for one week, that the civilization of Al-Madaen appeared in Al-Hijr in Northern Arabia, and it repeated the same series of arrogant question due to their civil and physical strength.

Thamud also enjoyed the succession in the land after the people of Aad, and they delved into the arts of carving stones and building magnificent architecture out of stones, and some of their monuments are still in existence as a witness of their splendid city, Allah Almighty said about their succession and palaces:

﴿And remember when He made you successors after the 'Aad and settled you in the land, (and) you take for yourselves palaces from its plains and crave from the mountains, homes﴾(Surah Al-Ar'af: 74).

And Allah Almighty said in Surat Ash-Shu'ara describing their luxury and carving: ﴿Will you be left in what is here, secure (from death) (146) Within gardens and springs(147)

And fields of crops and palm trees with softened fruit(148)

And you carve out of the mountains, homes with skill(149) (Ash-Shu'ara 146:149).

And their innovation in the carving of mountains gave them a safe structure as Allah Almighty referred in Surat Al-Hijr when He said:

﴿And they used to carve from the mountains, houses, feeling secure﴾ (Surah Al-Hijr:82).

And Allah Almighty said referring to their construction on the earth:

﴿And to Thamud (We sent) their brother Salih. He said "O my people, worship Allah; you have no deity other than Him. He has produced you from the earth and settled you in it, so ask forgiveness of Him﴾ (Surah Hud:61).

Their physical abilities and their civil excellence over their generation deluded them, and they would judge others based on the material standard of physical appearances; they denied the revelation brought by the prophet of Allah, Salih, peace be upon him, and they would absolutely reject anyone who did not possess any physical strength that

he could be blessed with revelation and prophecy, as Allah Almighty said:

﴿Thamud denied the warning(23)

And said, "Is it one human being among us that we should follow? Indeed, we would then be in error and madness (24)

Has message been sent down upon him from among us? Rather, he is an insolent liar" (Surah Al-Qamar:23-35).

But .. as is the case according to the cosmic rule and law of history, those who annoyed Allah's Prophet Salih were the elite and physically strong, whereas his followers were the weakest persons, and Allah conveys this dialogue in Surat Al-Araf:

﴿Said the eminent ones who were arrogant among his people to those who were oppressed-to those who believed among them, "Do you (actually) know that Salih is sent from his lord?" They said, "Indeed we, in that with which he was sent are believers (75)

Said those who were arrogant, "Indeed we, in that which you have believed, are disbelievers (Surah A'raf: 75-76)⁽¹⁾.

The human beings throughout the history of Prophethood haven't been afflicted with a greater ordeal such as the pride of physical strength against the competitor.

The response to the question of civilization is found in the meaning of obligation.

And its purpose is just like the separation between the religious principle and the bank balance.

Just because there is an increment in your bank balance, or that or your paunch is showing doesn't mean that you are upon the truth.

And the thinness of your opponent doesn't mean that he is upon falsehood!

But the minds behave like this and imagines this to be the case.

But the religion looks to the physical world, accumulation of wealth and technological development as means to the end, and not the end itself.

And the religion has only turned the question of civilization from a goal into a channel towards the goal.

(1) This has been adapted from The Revelation of Civil Recourse by Ibrahim al-Sakran

{Allah extends provision from whom He will and restricts (it). And they rejoice in the worldly life, while the worldly life is not, compared to the Hereafter, except (brief) enjoyment} (Surah Ar-Ra'd: 26)

Islam warns regularly from depending on the worldly life and rejoicing in it.

{So when they forgot that by which they had been reminded, We opened to them the doors of every (good) thing until, when they rejoiced in that which they were given, We seized them suddenly, and they were (then) in despair} (Surah Al-An'am:44).

The bedazzlement with the physical world and the asceticism towards the revelation comes from the disbelief of unbelievers throughout the ages.

{Indeed, We have made that which is on the earth adornment for it that We may test them (as to) which of them is best in deed} (Surah Al-Kahf:7).

A sincere believer is the person who leaves the profits and business upon hearing the call for Salah

{O you who have believed, when (the adhan) is called for the prayer on the day of Jumu'ah (Friday), then proceed to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade. This is better for you, if you only knew} (Surah Al-Jumu'ah:9).

The world is just like a dead lamb which has no value in the sight of Allah- as mentioned in Hadith-

Jabir b. Abdullah reported that Rasul Allah ﷺ happened to walk through the bazaar coming from the side of 'Aliya and people were on both sides of him. There he found a dead lamb with very short ears. He took hold of its ear and said: 'Who amongst you would like to have this for a dirham?' They said: 'We would not like to have it even for less than that as it is of no use to us.' He said: 'Do you wish to have it (free of any cost)?' They said: 'By Allah, even if it were alive (we would not have liked to possess it), for there is defect in it, as its ear is very short; on top of that it is dead now.' Thereupon, Rasul Allah (sal Allahu alaihi wasallam) said: 'By Allah, this world is more insignificant in the eyes of Allah than (this dead lamb) is in your eyes.'" [Sahih Muslim]

*Here, the question of civilizations dwindles and begins to disappear, and astute is the one who would close the material trade to benefit his religion and leave it for the sake of His Lord!**

Believer and Disbeliever

The problem of the civilization's question is that it divided the human beings on their existential purpose into two divisions from the beginning. A part of them has a physical worldly purpose- centralisation of material, civilization and development of the earth- and another division, its purpose is the submission and spiritual purification - centralisation of the Hereafter-.

Each division subjugates the intelligence of the other division for its centrality.

The materialists use the legal texts, fight the customs and they bring out the charges against the fundamentalists, and they scream day and night that the religion came solely for the construction of this Earth and they focus on the narration: "If the Hour starts to happen and in the hand of one of you is a sapling or seedling, he shall plant it".

While the other division uses the material for Allah's worship, and it does not seek from it anything except that which would enhance his submission to his Lord, and anything goes beyond worship for them revolves either around the axis of luxury or prohibition.

The topmost priority for the believer is to occupy the self with Allah, by seeking Him and fulfilling His commands, whereas, the topmost priority of the materialistic person is to satisfy his desires and take utmost advantage of the resources provided.

The researcher, Ibrahim Al-Sakran, God bless him, says: "What is the function of the human being? This is the question to which significant differences of intellectual directions refer, and there are two main directions in responding to this question:

First of all is the "Civil direction" and he sees that the function of creating the human being is "Construction" and anything else is simply a means of attaining that.

Revelations, legalizations and worships are the means to achieve construction, civilization and a civil society, the construction is the significant purpose and the main priority of the human being, accordingly this recourse is occupied with the matters of civilization as well as directing all sorts of details to it and excusing everything else apart from it, and from thereon, the evaluation of societies, cultures and characters according to their classification in this worldly "civil society".

"Civilization" according to this direction is a comprehensive concept including anything that may achieve the human luxury, happiness of human beings in all fields of worldly life, and development in philosophical, human and natural sciences, arts, etc.

Whereas, the second direction is the "legitimate direction", it sees that the function of human being is "submission", means that Allah created the human beings, sent the messengers and revealed the books to refer the people to Allah and His worship, and show the commands and prohibitions of communicating with Allah Almighty, and rules of organization of right of His slaves. Everything that exists within this world is a temporal form of joy, leisure and entertainment, and it is commendable that one uses the permissible things in the worship of Allah, and anything that doesn't help in worshipping Allah and doesn't lead to this purpose will belong to one of the two categories, with no third option: Either prohibited and must be avoided at all costs, or extravagance and must be abstained from.

Architecture, civilization and civil society is just a means to establish the religion and perform religious rites and follow the regulations, nothing is good from this civilization except what will achieve this purpose of worship.

When Imam Ibn Taymiyyah talked about "State's function" according to the Islamic ideals in his book "Legal Policy", he presented an important summary disclosing the mean of civilization as it is related to the religious purpose, and Ibn Taymiyyah said:

The meaning behind the obligation of authorities:

- 1- Reforming the religion of the human beings, if they miss that they will lose immensely, and they will not gain any benefit from the worldly bounties.*
- 2- Reforming that, without which, the religion will not be established.*

"Submission" according to this direction is a system of comprehensive gradual sections, the uppermost of all these is the testimony of faith (there is no true god except Allah) while the least of them is the removal of harmful object form the road, it begins with Allah only and freeing the heart of everything except Him, which is followed by the individual

obligations and then then communal obligations to the point where all the people benefit in their general affairs.

If there are two branches of slavery come any closer, there will be no room made for the civil discourse, but precise legal rules in the differentiation and balance between priorities, works and public affairs, as the care about virtue comes before the artistic freedom, and provision of the individual obligation over the communal obligation, as well as preferring the multiple benefits over the individual benefit and preferring what shall be required over what is merely preferred.

This is so, because, the majority of the religious obligations come under the heading of "compulsory specifications" as they are the final form of divine purpose, and the majority of the civilian works is listed in "secular specifications" such as cause, reason, condition and deterrent as they are a means for the obligatory judgment.

Thus, the evaluation of societies, cultures and characters is dependent upon this vision according to the classification in this "slavery".

From the difference between these two directions in determining the means and the end, the most significant differences and boundless details of effects resulted, followed by a big difference in situations, in each controversial intellectual case, you will find that a party noticed the impact of this situation on slavery and virtue, and he took a specific position, whereas the other party noticed the relationship of this case to the civilization and it took a different position, and thus, each party is concerned with its final purpose and destination".

Here the human being asks: With whom will the texts of revelation come?

And which response is absolutely true?

Is the earth's construction the main purpose and the worship comes to control social behavior or is the worship the main purpose while the earth's construction is just a means to achieve that end?

Ibrahim Al-Sakran responds: "The truth is that the Book of Allah Almighty doesn't make this case volatile or probabilistic or even proportional, rather, He decided this case in a clear and evident manner. Allah Almighty discloses the purpose for the creation of the human being when He says:

*{And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me"}
(Surah Adh-Dhariyat:56).*

Allah Almighty showed that He created the human being in this world then He will resurrect him after his death to ask him about this specific purpose, which is the worship, Allah Almighty says:

{Indeed, He begins the [process of] creation and then repeats it that He may reward those who have believed and done righteous deeds, in justice.} (Surah Yunus:4)

And in many cases, Allah has notified the purpose and function of creation is that the people be tested in their worship as Allah Almighty said:

{He begins the (process of) creation death and life that He may reward those who have believed and done righteous deeds- and He is the Exalted in Might, the Forgiving-} (Surah al-Mulk:2)

The good deed in this verse and its counterparts is the belief and the good deed varies according to its legal degrees and status.

If the construction of earth was merely by civilization, civil society and the worldly sciences were the main objective behind the performance of good deeds in this world and this world's purpose, Allah wouldn't have sent messengers in the human history, because Allah Almighty affirmed the excellence of these nations indeed in the earth's construction and the depth of their knowledge of the world, as Allah Almighty said about the previous nations:

{They were greater than them in power, and they plowed the earth and build it up more than they have built it up} (Surah Al-Rum:9)

And He said about their civil knowledge:

{They know what is apparent of the worldly life, but they, of the Hereafter, are unaware} (Surah Al-Rum:7).

Allah Almighty showed the function of sending the Prophets, Holy Books and legislations and they all aim to affirm Allah's worship and to be ready for the future life after death and not the global competition in the civil society and worldly civilization, and Allah said about the function of messengers:

{And We certainly sent into every nation a messenger, (saying), "Worship Allah" (Surah An-Nahl: 36).

Allah Almighty mentioned the divine question about achieving this end, he says:

﴿O company of Jinn and mankind, did there not come to you messengers from among you, relating to you My verses and warning you of the meeting of this Day of yours﴾ (Surah Al-An'am: 130),

And Allah Almighty said showing the position of Shari'a:

﴿And they have been commanded no more than this: To worship Allah﴾ (Surah Al-Bayyinah:5).

And many aspects of revelation which disclosed the purpose of creating the human being decisively, as we shall mention some of those events and not merely scrutinise them."

Ibrahim Al-Sakran continues in clarifying the separation between the civil progress and the legal end, he says: "Allah mentioned examples with a great number of nations who innovated in "physical architecture" for use, however, Allah Almighty gave their account in the context of admonishment because they were deficient in "architecture of faith" as Allah Almighty said:

﴿Have they not traveled through the earth and observed how was the end of those before them? They were greater than them in power, and they plowed the earth and built it up more than they have built it up﴾ (Surah Ar-Rum:9).

When Allah sent Moses to the civilly developed Egyptian society, He did not tell him awaken his people in order to benefit from the Egyptian civilization, but He sent him to enlighten them with the revelation from the darkness of their civilization, Allah Almighty says:

﴿And We certainly sent Moses with our signs, (saying), "Bring out your people from darkness into the light﴾ (Surah Ibrahim: 5).

Allah Almighty preferred the Israelites with their divine sciences over the pharaohs with their civilization, Allah Almighty says:

﴿ We did aforetime grant the Israelites the book of power of command, and Prophecy; we gave them, for sustenance, things good and pure; and we favored them above the nations﴾ (Surah Al-Jathiya:16).

If the reader contemplates this situation and how the reasoning behind the preferential treatment of Israelites was the light of prophecy and books, and the civilization of the Pharaohs didn't succeed in taking them out of the darkness, the "Divine scale" appeared to evaluate societies, cultures, characters, civilizations and civil societies, and the Muslim's scale corresponds with the scale of Allah Almighty".

The Prophet- peace be upon him- was sent to the people, and in his era, the world was divided into four empires: Roman, Persian, Indian and the Chinese empire. The first one extended to Europe, the second existed in the Near East, and the other two empires were semi-isolated; the institutes of sciences in those empires were enormous as well as their civil reserves had been accumulated from Greek and Egyptian civilization.

In fact, the civil sciences before the advent of Prophet Muhammad - Peace be upon him- reached their peak in the field of mental perception, and other fields showed great progress such as the significant intellectual laws referring to Law of Identification, Contradiction and the Law of the Excluded Middle, Theory of State, Division of Shapes, Defense Support of Civil Authorities, Geography, Calculation of Mathematical functions, Architecture; Theatre; Poetry and literature, Principles of medicines, Astronomical measurements and others, and these are just various examples to show the level of civil research back then.

However, when Allah Almighty sent His Prophet to the Arabian Peninsula, He did not send him to tell the people: O Arabs, you are suffering from an underdeveloped civil society, and you shall overcome the difference due to their Arabism and learn from the developed nations, nor did He tell them: You should first stand as students before the sciences of logic, medicine, astronomy, philosophy and the like and only then then invite the people; He did not tell them: Know your place before other civilizations, and He did not tell them: You shall partake in the happiness of the the universal family of humans through epistemological progress and innovations!

On the contrary, Allah informed His Prophet of something very different: He told him that these things were contemptible in the scale of Allah (when devoid of faith) for each of these civilizations that witnessed the period of the Prophet -Peace be upon him- and Quran described them as misguidance including their strength; sciences; arts and civilizations and Allah Almighty told us that He is averse to them, holds them in contempt, whether they are Arab authors or philosophers of Athena or physicians of China or the wise men of India, etc.

Imam Muslim said in his Sahih from Hadith of Aiad Al-Magashi that Prophet of Allah- Peace be upon him- said one day in his recourse:

"Verily, Allah looked towards the people of the world and He showed contempt for the Arabs and the non-Arabs, but with the exception of some remnants from the People of the Book. And He (further) said: I have sent thee (the Holy Prophet) in order to put you to test and put (those to test) through you. " - Sahih Muslim

With all the civil sciences, philosophers and authors in the earth, they have no weight in the scale of Allah Almighty whether they are Arabs or foreigners, and few classes of the people were excluded because of what they had of prophethood left with them and some of the revelation. The remnants of prophethood and their divine sciences and knowledge are the real windows of enlightenment on this Earth; enlightenment is not the immersion in philosophical and civilian sciences, and this prophetic recourse is mentioned in the book of Allah, as Allah Almighty says:

{(This is) a Book which We have revealed to you, (O Muhammad), that you might bring mankind out of darkness into the light by permission of their Lord- to the path of the Exalted in Might, the Praiseworthy} (Surah Ibrahim:1).

Allah Almighty judged all mankind before sending the prophet-Peace be upon him- that they are in "darkness" and the enlightenment which they need is the "the light of revelation" and Allah Almighty says in another case:

{It is He who sends down upon His Servant (Muhammad) verses of clear evidence that He may bring you out from darkness into the light} (Surah al-Hadid:9)

Allah Almighty confirmed in yet another theme that the real enlightenment is the light of revelation as Allah Almighty said:

{By which Allah guides those who pursue His pleasure to the ways of peace and brings them out from darkness into the light, by His permission} (Surah Al-Ma'idah:16)

And those who are negligent with this revelation will remain in their darkness regardless of how much progress they've made using civil sciences; Allah Almighty says:

{But those who deny Our verses are deaf and dumb within darkness} (Surah Al-An'am: 39).

And to this enlightenment extracted from the revelation, Imam Ibn Taymiyyah mentioned in his saying: ((Muslims have "Divine sciences"

inherited from the Seal of the Prophets that which filled the world with light and guidance"⁽¹⁾. - Majmoo' al-Fatawa 2/84

And the Prophet- Peace be upon him- shared the glory of "Divine sciences" in his Companions above the small civilizations concerning the glory of Divine knowledge, and he notified his Companions of the real enlightenment and that it is the light of revelation, and he told them that these civilized societies need you more than you needing them, as they own the means but you know the ends, and there is a big difference between the means and the end".

So, the Companions were not disillusioned by the civilizations of their times!

They said repeatedly that they came to save these civilizations from their ignorance.

Look at the dignified companion, Rabee bin Amer -God bless him-when he entered upon Rustum, Commander of the Persians, and he had this seating decorated with cushions of gold, silk carpets, he displayed sapphires and precious pearls, and was wearing a crown bejeweled with other stones, he sat while he was reclining on a golden settee. Rabee entered with poor clothes, a sword, a shield and a short horse; he rode it till he reached the tip of the carpet, then he went down and tied it with a couple of cushions, and he proceeded wearing his shield and weapon. They told him: leave your weapon, he said: I didn't come to you but you invited me, leave me as am I or I will go back. Rustun said: Allow him, he came leaning on his shaft of his sword above the cushions, and he tore most of them, they told him: Why did you come here? He said: Allah has sent us to deliver you from worshiping the creation to worshiping the Creator of the creation and to deliver you from the constriction of this world to the vastness of this world and the after life and from the oppression of the religions to the justice of Islam. Allah has sent us to save you from worshiping each other."

Look at his contempt of the adornment of the unbeliever and his ostentatiousness.

Look at his pride of responding to the great existential questions which the unbeliever had.

And all decorations of the worlds are quelled in front of these questions!

(1) Al-Fatawa 2/84

The absolute success of the Companions was that they did not suffer from the inferiority complex which the current generation is suffering from except a few -with the Mercy of Allah upon them- rather, the pride of the Companions was in the possession of responses to the great existential questions, and their confirmation about the triviality of the worldly life and its despicability compared to the eternal Paradise!

The unbeliever has no pleasure to show except his cushions of gold and luxurious decorations, and being subdued by his worldly luxuries he finishes the battle before it has even begun!

So, Rabee bin Amer did not respond to the ignorance of Rustum except with the great attitude, all his decor was transformed into a tasteless structure that held no value and no end and the Noble Quran describes it perfectly:

{But those who disbelieve enjoy themselves and eat as grazing livestock eat}(Surah Muhammad:12)

The response to the great existential questions promotes their carriers and pulls down the losers.

At this point, there is an important notice mentioned by Ibrahim Al-Sakran and it is: "This degradation and the superiority of legal injunctions on the civilized and technical achievements before advent of the Prophet -Peace be upon him- is not to show disdain for these achievements, but that their keepers did not value the revelation and divine sciences, and they did not attain the real elevation and superiority, rather, they remained within the confines of slavery attached to this worldly competition.

This Prophetic stance shows that the true beneficiary did not signify his majesty, and the acknowledgment of their little worth does not contradict when it comes to benefitting from their wisdom is the lost property of a believer."

Here, a significant question may be that which brings something important into consideration: What is the relation of this discussion with the atheistic case in general?

This discussion is beneficial in the atheistic case or the globalization case?

The response is: Belief in the centrality of foreign values and the universality of these examples is the root cause of the disbelief of the atheists and the origin of their spiritual problems.

To show this we can say: the matter of Islamic inheritance may contradict with process of burial, for example, with the Hindus and with the ceremony of marriage within some African countries, and with methods of purification or food and its type such as with Coastal Asian cities, but none of these contradictions will not cause any problem in the atheistic arena.

The problem is that the methods of Islamic inheritance goes against the standards of the secular West. Here, there is the problem, and here, forums and lectures are delivered, whereby an apology is delivered, and that provides its interpretation and those that share their intellectual product, which addresses this problematic suspicion.

Why is this problematic if the process contradicts the western textual standards?

Why, here and here only, the atheist boasts and considers it his suspicions and begins his evangelism to atheism, and begins to compare between Islamic heritage and western reality?

The case here isn't the contradiction in two different realities, the contradiction is inevitable or the code of law wouldn't come for correction and alteration.

Rather, the case is, that, the west is considered as the center and the centrality is the west and its values must be applicable globally and its heritage shall be central while others will be deemed as mere followers!

Simply, it is just the culture of the majority (applied over the minorities everywhere)!

If the west is displaced from this centrality, as was the case a century and half ago, its values will not be adopted and it'd become futile!

The scenario is such that the youth in nature follows the culture of the dominant society surrenders to the other side's authority as long as it is stronger.

Syrian media anchor, Faisal Al-Qasem, said in his program, "Opposite direction", that, when the French police knew that one of the Muslims in France had two wives and at the same time and this is something forbidden in the French constitution, the police moved to arrest the husband in his apartment and indeed they found the two wives living with him, but the Muslim told them that the first once is his wife while the second one was his mistress, here they apologized to them and left him alone.

This story shows a silly mentality where one can have multiple mistresses and form sexual relations with them while prohibiting marriage with a second woman, and the secular society that makes this a constitution and legislation which the people follow and accept while, in reality, this is an unimaginable and preposterous notion.

If this senseless matter was part of the Indian culture, for example, the atheist would do his best to ridicule it, but, if custom was endorsed by the center (western), the atheist would bid his time to prepare a response and defend the center which is the western values propagated by the west, and he would provide justifications upon justifications by forming his own explanations on the matter.

The truth of the matter is that the atheist tries his best to understand the complex issues of the western society.

He lives under the disillusionment charm of liberal intellectual models in thinking and communicating with others!

Imam Ghazali, God bless his soul (Died in 505H) described them in a distinguished manner when he said: "Then, if there was seen a sect thinking that they are unique compared to their counterparts, with much shrewdness and astuteness, they refused the Islamic legislations of worship, and the source of their unbelief is their hearing of great names such as Socrates, Hippocrates, Plato, Aristotle and their likes, and the exaggerations of their followers in describing their minds, goodness of their origins, accuracy of their philosophies, logic, natural and divine sciences and their tyranny for excessive intelligence and discernments, by extracting these hidden matters, and in spite of their intellectual composure, abundance of their virtue, they are among the deniers of the code of law and rules, as well as details of religions and denominations presuming that they are composed traditions and decorated conspiracies.

When they heard that, and their beliefs were similar to their norms, they adorned themselves by adopting the disbelief, taking up the appearances of the elite and treading on their path while neglecting to help the public and the populace"⁽¹⁾.

The issue is about impressing the other and submitting to his intellectual obsession.

(1) Fluttering of philosophers, P.41

One form of the complete subordination to the West and being infected with the Western virus, as named by George Tarabishi, is that the atheist or the secularist underestimates the rejection of the evils, because the west considers it as commandeering and exclusion!

The west praises the expression of opinion no matter how absurd or disrespectful it is with Allah or His Messengers, whereas the west doesn't tolerate physical assault on those expressing their opinions, the west considers the expression of opinion a basic right and the attack by hand is an aggression, and the atheist follows their lead. Here is a dangerous feature of such a blind following that as the personal right becomes greater than Allah and His Messengers, the poor western secularist doesn't venerate anything except himself and ignores the most important purpose of his existence, and that is, he is Allah's slave, and, besides, perhaps it may be the case that the speech is more dangerous than physical harm, and this case is greater and more comprehensive, so the human beings are not misguided due to the deviant actions as much as they are misguided due to the deviant opinions that justify and adorn the evil and presenting it to them on golden plates!

This is one of evidences of ignorance of the contemporary people: Sheikh of Islam, Ibn Taymiyyah, God bless his soul, said: "The fighting with tongue in the field of religion may be more harmful than fighting by hand"⁽¹⁾.

Another form of western dominance: A westerner tolerates discrimination between people based on the land and the imaginary geographical borders formed, whether in their governmental affairs or personal loyalty!

There is no problem for the westerners in restricting the immigrants and naming them "illegal immigrants" and there is no problem when it comes to depriving them of government services and not treating them equally as the other sons of the motherland.

But to say to this westerner that we do not consider all people equal on the basis of religion, the westerner will not accept that, even though, he is the same guy who will deprive others from their basic rights and label them as "illegal immigrants".

(1) Al-Sarem Al-Masloul 3/735

The basis of loyalty and disavowal shifted from the religion to the homeland and from the love of Allah to the love of particles of sand.

If you make the religious values a basis of your dealings, you will be considered, by the westerner followed by the Arab atheist, a symbol of exclusion, backwardness and underdevelopment!

Whereas, if you put the homeland first in your dealing, then, you will become loyal and faithful, the son of a great land before them!

Here, the discrimination on the basis of homeland becomes goodness and loyalty but the basis of Shariah it becomes backwardness and underdevelopment!

If they understand precisely the meaning of Allah's love, they will prefer Allah's love over the love of sand and imaginary borders.

Throughout the ages, there was no problem with the punishing of the apostate, we never had this sort of pressure on this point and suddenly this point has become a point of contention and so it will be countered!

This did not happen without the help of liberal methodology. Here, when you tell the other person that a liberal person is okay with the killing of a traitor and the foreign constitutions stipulate that frankly, so then, an apostate is similar to someone who commits national treason because he is the person who abandons his society via speech.

Fighting secular models in the west may lead to imprisonment, dismissal from the presidency and the position, and this also happens to any person who denies the Holocaust.

The west enacts laws protecting the prevailing conviction of most of the citizens in the secular state, Law against Holocaust denial, stipulates that the person who denies the Holocaust will be punished by severe imprisonment for a period that may reach 20 years such as in Austria⁽¹⁾.

In the Czech Republic the period of imprisonment may reach 8 years.

There are 14 European states that criminalise doubting the crimes of the Nazi and if any person writes anything that violates the prevailing beliefs, he will be imprisoned immediately⁽²⁾!

The doubt in the prevailing beliefs in the secular states, O atheist, is considered a crime, and great western historians were imprisoned

(1) http://www.nachkriegsjustiz.at/service/gesetze/gs_vg_3_1947.php

(2) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laws_against_Holocaust_denial

simply because of their doubting the belief shared by a large part of their societies, the best examples are David Irving and James Keegstra.

Arnest Zondel was imprisoned for years because he doubted the number 6 million⁽¹⁾.

The secular states, O secularist, enacts exceptional laws to punish even those who think about the doubting the concept of the "Lone wolves"- Can you imagine!

When you talk with the atheist using this tone, he becomes calm and his flame of denial begins to fade because you spoke to him at his intellectual level which considers the west as the absolute center!

The atheist inclines to the gain west's approval, nothing more.

In conclusion, what we ask for is that the human being must take pride in his religion and acknowledges inside him the magnificence of Allah and glorification of His Shariah; the west owned the path but not the purpose, and it has the answers for as to what do we eat but it doesn't have the answer of why do we eat, from here the mindful Muslim sees that the west has no right to participate in the decision with him or to seek any wisdom from it (the west)!

{So turn away from whoever turns his back on Our message and desire not except the worldly life(29) That is their sum of knowledge. Indeed, your Lord is most knowing of who strays from His way, and He is most knowing of who is guided (30)}(Surah An-Najm:29-30).

The separation between the civilization and the piousness

Ibrahim Al-Sakran says: "The era of the Prophet -peace be upon him- was characterized by simplicity and domestic limitations, the Prophet -peace be upon him- worried over his Companions as the difference of financial capabilities between Muslim society and the disbelieving society could have affected their belief, and in this story narrated by Omar Ibn El-Khattab about the internal furniture of the Prophet's home - and the stance of Omar and the reaction of the Prophet- peace be upon him- towards this have significant signs in displaying the scenario, as Bukhari and Muslim and other narrated about Omar Ibn El-Khattab as he said: (I raised my head in the home of the Prophet-peace be upon

(1) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernst_Z%C3%BCndel

him- I swear I didn't find any expensive thing, when I saw the impact of mat on his side, I told him: Praise to Allah O prophet to expand for your people as He expanded the Persians and the Roman and they don't worship Allah, then the Prophet sit and said: "**Do you have any doubts O Ibn El-Khattab?! Those are people whose goodness is given to them in the worldly life**").

When the era of Prophethood ended and the era of rightly-guided Caliphs began, the conquests started, and the countries expanded, the monies increased and the organization of the Muslim state heightened, and there were new administrative staff such as bureaus and the like.

After the era of wise caliphate and beginning of the Umayyad kingdom and the Abbasid kingdom, the knowledge and philosophical and experimental sciences flourished, and the movement of translation prospered and specialized institutes were built for it. The political institutions competed in acquiring the books, holding science councils, debates, close proximity of innovators, and large encyclopedias were authored and classified in various fields and they are used as references up to this day.

The reader of the early Islamic history notices how the civilization advances with the progress of history, the Abbasid kingdom was materially greater than the Umayyad kingdom, and the Umayyad kingdom was materially greater than the era of wise caliphate, and the era of the righteous Caliphs was materially greater than the era of prophecy.

If we compare this scenario, growing in its civil value-according to the historical reality- with the religious value -according to the legal scale- we find that this historical equation is indirectly proportional to the legal scale, there is a controversial contradiction between the rate of civilization and the rate of goodness, whereas the graph line of level of civilization is ascending, the graph line of level of goodness is descending.

The regression of goodness as a given enters into "Clarifiers of shariah" as it is shown undoubtedly from the Prophet-peace be upon him- that the best generation is the generation of the Prophet-peace be upon him- and it is a frequently narrated hadith.

From this what was narrated by the two sheikh (Bukhari and Muslim) that the Prophet-peace be upon him- said: "**The best of my people is the**

generation in which I was sent, then the one following it, then those who come after it".

The historical witness from all of this is that the civilization is on the rise, and the legal proof proved that goodness is decreasing, and this precise equation is one of the greatest proofs that the material civilization isn't the Divine measure of value of societies and nations, as if the civilization -in common understanding- was the primary purpose of Shariah, then the Abbasid era in which intellectual and experimental sciences flourished would have been better than the era of Companions, and the era of Companions in which the state and its regimes expanded would have been better than the era of Prophethood in which the lives of Muhammad and, specifically, his Companions were very simple.

We shall mention here that the said equation isn't a constant cosmic law, i.e. not each civil development resulted in a legal regression, but it is a historical event and we wanted to retrace its evidences, and the significant lesson for it concerning us is that according to our special Islamic conceptions, the goodness is related to the essence of faith and ethics and not the civil and material outlook.

Distinguishing between the civilization as an end and the civilization as a means

The researcher, Ibrahim Al-Sakran says: "The contemporary Islamic position on the civilization, teachings in general, and western civilization in particular, is based on three systematic basis as follows:

The first basis: Distinguishing between the civilization as an end and the civilization as a means to an end

The globalization with the enthusiastic dwellers of the city is an absolute demand and they expect to live therein with a free spirit without any condition imposed from the outside world under the guise of personal freedom to the degree of the absence of the meaning and ambiguity of the purpose, whereas the civilization in the as a legal concept is a directed civilization for the purpose of "achieving the submission" including the appearance of religion, performance of rituals and rites. The desired civilization is the civilization restricted with limitations of Shariah which aspires for the victory of Islam as well as achieving its values and ideals. The cases and parts of civilization take their detailed values according to the conditions leading to the end.

So, the Legislator employed neither civilization nor civilized society but He employed the concept of "strength" and "superiority", Allah Almighty says:

{And prepare against them whatever you are able of power} (Surah Al-Anfal:60), along the Hadith of the Prophet -peace be upon him-: (Strength lies in archery) and Allah Almighty says:

{You are the highest} (Surah Aal Imran: 139) , and Hadith of the Prophet -peace be upon him-: "The upper hand is better than the lower hand". It is known that the imaginary power included in the signs of concept of civilization isn't the same as pushed by the concept of strength, the strength is a concept that serves the principle and it is attached to it, but the civilization is a concept that refers to luxury and prosperity alone.

What is meant here is that the concept of civilization among the Muslims is a "quest" but it is neither the main requirement nor the significant requirement of this life but it is just a mean for achieving the real end which is the submission.

Second basis: Differentiating between scientific, philosophical and political aspects

Enthusiastic dwellers of the city call for the ardent embracing of the western accomplishments in all of its forms, as if nothing of it should go amiss, and they are annoyed by the strictness in the examination and testing and they consider that a type of intolerance, so they call practically for tolerance and negligence of gaps exposed by the western ideologies, or they seek to justify, oppose and search for the unusual opinions to depend on them, whereas the Muslims distinguishes clearly among the main three aspects of the western civilization, their values, strictness and they may arrive at a different conclusion upon examination of the western civilization.

The first aspect is purely the "scientific aspect" including experimental products, natural sciences, manufacturing, technology, communication systems, computing and other objects, so each culture can direct their use according to their values, and in this is a mutual wisdom, and the western world's accuracy in this matter is more than its inexactness.

The fact of the matter is also that the western society doesn't have the sole upper hand here, there are other nations share this technical productions and they may be more superior, particularly Japan, China and India. Outsourcing phenomenon is considered one of the most important phenomena that uncovered the transformation of focusing on the international technical experience, as the pledges of external manufacturing due to cheap labor create new technological experiences not found among the western capitals.

The dominant reasoning in this chapter is that these products are extracted from pure cosmic laws placed by Allah in the nature; this is a mutual fortune that can't be missed because of the religious background. The reality is that the Muslims from all classes and ranks preceded other cultural classes and benefitted from it, and many of the predecessors wrote that the realities of the natural sciences are legal realities, and there is no discipline today from the contemporary disciplines in the world that serves its founders such as the Islamic sciences, and the image of the religious young person in the faculties of medicine, engineering, computer and the like isn't a natural image only but it is a typical image established among the populace, even the francophone extremist Mohammed Arkon referred to this in his researches, hence, I don't know what is the aspect that makes other outbid Muslims and say that Muslims are antagonistic to different cultures and benefitting from the worldly achievements?

*Whereas **the second aspect is the "philosophical aspect"** of the western globalization including the anthological, ecological and epistemological concepts and the other great philosophical fields, such as reality of life, concept of happiness, function of the worldly life, essence of the human being, future of the mankind after its dissolution, the Higher world, background of ethics; its absolute feature and proportionality and sources of knowledge which are the infrastructures of philosophy and the likes of it.*

In this aspect, the deviation of the western thought is more than it hitting the mark, particularly when it comes to the big questions about this life, whereas the details and the specifics of their thought may be in agreement or disagreement with the revelation.

Third basis: Distinguish between the utilization and the bedazzlement:

- *The ardent urban dwellers think that there maybe a correlation between the utilization and bedazzlement, and in order to benefit from the western civilization, we must give jaw-dropping impressions and drool while discussing their philosophy, and adulate their personalities and celebrities, so some of them have coined the phrases like "Western miracle" or "Modernity miracle" and so on to prove this point.*

Accordingly, they look at any disparagement or criticism on the reality of the western civilization as a refusal to benefit from it at all! And they express their discontentment of any religious expression in describing the western civilization such as describing it with deviance, immorality, misconduct, disbelief and other religious expressions, as these concepts and their counterparts are burdened with religion and they want to communicate with such a civil language that excludes the religious content from this evaluation.

The reality is that the misunderstanding of these urban dwellers with regards to the legal position towards the civilizations is the reason for not understanding the contemporary Islamic position as opposed to the western civilization, Shariah has no absolute correlation between the utilization and bring bedazzled, rather, the legal point of view is quite the contrary.

The Prophet -peace be upon him- used the techniques of contemporary civilisation to his benefit in the Battle of the Trench, the legality of assassination, commercial exchange of the disbelieving prisoner of war in exchange for educating the Muslims and teaching them writing, and he took a seal for correspondence as per the customs, accepted their gifts as he accepted the gift of Ayla and Coptic king, he ate from their food and wore their traditional garments. He took part with the Jews of Khaybar in planting their palms, and other aspects of religious exchanges, however, he showed their deviation, perversity and corruption due to their negligence of light of revelation, as the Prophet -peace be upon him- said about the period that preceded his mission: "Allah looked towards the people of the world and He showed contrmpt for the Arabs and the non-Arabs, but with the exception of some remnants from the People of the Book. And

He (further) said: I have sent thee (the Holy Prophet) in order to put you to test and put (those to test) through you." - narrated by Muslim.

Allah Almighty says:

﴿(This is) a Book which We have revealed to you, (O Muhammad), that you might bring mankind out of darkness into the light by permission of their Lord- to the path of the Exalted in Might, the Praiseworthy﴾ (Surah Ibrahim:1).

And Allah Almighty says: ﴿It is He who sends down upon His Servant (Muhammad) verses of clear evidence that He may bring you out from darkness into the light﴾ (Surah al-Hadid:9)

Allah Almighty showed that the nations at the time of the Prophet were in darkness and they were a people obscured from the truth and reality of this life who needed the real enlightenment which is the light of revelation.

These are the three systematic differences: Distinguishing between the civilization as an end and the civilization as a mean, distinguishing between the scientific, philosophical and political aspects and, finally, distinguishing between the utilization and the bedazzlement. Knowing these differences is the main key to the understanding of the situation of the contemporary Muslims from the contemporary civilization, and those who have understood it well, they will know the ignorance of those who say that Muslims are against the civilization, culture and modernization, and he will know that Muslims have detailed and organized structural programs extracted from the essence of balance of legal texts.

But the excessive complaining of the ardent urban dwellers about the social anxiety with the western culture, weakness of trust in its advocates and skepticism of some people about the outcome of the western culture, the real person responsible for this isn't the Muslim but it is the western pettiness adopted by some extremists among the urban dwellers".

Problem of civilization

The ethical aspect of the western society is very confusing; the west with regards to ethics is one of the most ignorant nations ever and you will find that the margin given to enjoyments is very wide. Demonstrations of the the LGBT movements have achieved their results, and prostitutes legalized their livelihood behind glass showcases. There is no limit on the number of mistresses a man can keep or even that the man can forge sexual relations with one thousand women, he will find no blame in their constitutions though if he marries two women he will be imprisoned immediately.

Homosexuality is being normalized and they are attempting now legalize the pedophilic relationship between men and boys by forming a society called "North American Man Boy Love Association" whereas the marriage between a man and a girl under 18 years old is strictly prohibited.

It is their great ignorance in the field of morality, ethics and humanities that may destroy their civilization at any moment.

Researcher, Ibrahim Al-Sakran says: "The collapse of morals with them means the gloomy political aspect; the western political institution is colonial and an imperialist institution that plunders the treasures of other nations, and they have no ethical barriers that can stop them from pursuing their interests.

The western political institution was the institution that stained the history with the bloodiest of massacres; it is responsible for developing the tools of full human annihilation and destroying complete cities with the residents. How can we acquit the civilization from their deeds when it is to be held responsible for the era of racism, nationalism, Nazism, Hiroshima, Nagasaki, colonisation of the Arab and Muslim states, Guantanamo, creation of nuclear weapons, poisonous gases, suspension of investigations pertaining to corruption for higher national interests as well as enacting legislations to prevent the Muslim woman from wearing her scarf and sponsoring press organizations that taunt the Prophets of Islam.

The western society develops technically while regressing philosophically and ethically at a disturbing rate and this difference will generate destructive storms of deterioration.

Great nations and civilizations which followed this pattern have been destroyed in the past.

The western society is a luxurious palace but its foundations may be destroyed easily, is it, then, logical to enjoy the beauty of its appearance and ask people to enter this palace, or to warn the people from its imminent collapse?

The western culture suffers from a severe disorder on the plane of divinities; majority of people in this society are suffering from a deep confusion around this significant subject, most of the elites are secular or the case of religion is deferred and unsettled, the western world as a result of not adopting the belief of Prophethood of Muhammad -peace be upon him- is still deprived of true and precise concepts related to Allah, Day of Judgment and prophethood, the higher world, and the future after death and other essential demands.

This is the significant question: What did the Western world lose when they disbelieved the prophethood of Muhammad -peace be upon him-? The answer to this question is still absent from the minds of most of Muslim intellectuals unfortunately.

The western society lost the achievement of a good future when it disbelieved the prophethood of Muhammad -peace be upon him- after the dissolution of the mankind and it became threatened with the disasters associated with the Hell-fire, they lost also the identification of content of the revelation, and this was the precious message carried by the last prophet sent by the Creator to us.

The western society suffers from the "phenomenon of paganism" which is the lowest level of regression, and most of the ardent urban dwellers don't care about the phenomenon of paganism in the western society as they think that paganism is praying to an idol, whereas the concept of paganism in the Quran is more broad, so the blind following of one's passion and the selfish pleasure is a worship of one's desires, so Allah Almighty says:

{Have you seen he who has taken as his god his (own) desire} (Surah Al-Jathiyah: 23)

Allah Almighty says: {Have you seen the one who takes as his god his own desire? Then would you be responsible for him} (Surah Al-Furqan:43)

About the deification of one's desires, the person who subjects himself fully to the demands of materialism, the Prophet - peace be upon him- called such a person a slave of money- as he said in his Hadith: "Wretched is the slave of dinar, wretched is the slave of dirham".

The western society does not entail many principles and specifics of the justice disclosed by the revelation; they do not fully comprehend the disastrous consequences of indulging in usury or interest, gambling, intoxicating liquors and other obscenities, and its legitimate mind has not fully grasped the knowledge of many details of system of authenticity, judiciary and rules of familial relationships referred by the revelation.

They permit the homosexuality while prohibiting anything that could lead to doubting the universality of their actions.

One of the sins that necessitates the general divine anger of the Lord is the homosexuality- Allah destroyed the villages of Sodom and Amora because of homosexuality - or betrayal in the transaction such as those who intentionally give less than what is due.

No one fights the phenomenon of homosexuality except the institutions of church as a result of what remains with it from the light of prophethood".

The problem of the civilization's question is the lack of purpose!

The question about the purpose is the physical model without an answer or even the shadow of an answer.

Researcher, Ibrahim Al-Sakran, says: "All treasures accumulated by the west do not provide an answer for the philosophical confusion surrounding the great matter about the belief in Allah and submitting to one's destiny, as a result the peace was disseminated by being ignorant of life's origin.

The Muslim reader does not find- in the physical model- evident results that may benefit him and that he can take forward as a social message, but each philosopher refutes the claims of his predecessor, the purpose of the reader in these chapters is not to build his theological standpoint that will be an addition to his intellectual treasures, the purpose here is provide a platform for mindful discussion, response and refutation, in contrary to the loss of virtue of decisiveness and certainty and this is one of the reasons behind religious authority, Allah Almighty says:

{And We made from among them leaders guiding by Our command when they were patient and (when) they were certain of Our signs} (Surah As-Sajdah: 24)

The reader will have doubts, confusion and uncertainty until he reaches a stage where he loses all trust in the religious teachings, and this is a serious phenomenon, and confusion, doubt and hesitation in the great principles are all branches of hypocrisy, God forbid, Allah Almighty says:

{Whose hearts have doubted, and they, in their doubt, are hesitating} (Surah At-Tawbah:45)

So, you see most of ardent urbanists who approached these philosophical studies saying "The most important thing is to pose questions and not the answers" or saying "to pose more questions" and other statements like these are used as drugs by such people who then desensitise themselves and avoid arriving at any conclusion, until it became a common knowledge with the historians of philosophy whereby they said "Philosophy provides questions beyond the provision of answers".

This case came from the spirit of doubt and thus Imam Ibn Taymiyyah said criticizing this idea:

"The virtue of one person is his ability to oppose, dispraise and debate"⁽¹⁾.

The reason is that the main contents written in these fields are purely secular contents and that can be said about the majority of the content, or written and distorted and this is the rarer case, as those who inherited something of the distorted written contents are still considered better than the purely secular contents, the blessing of the remains of the prophethood and its light is better than complete blindness, the person who adheres to the distorted Christianity is better in Allah's sight than the pure disbeliever, the texts of the revelation are united over the preference of the People of the Book over the atheists, and this is from the blessings of what was given to them from the prophethood, the adherent to the Book is better than the Magi, the Magi is better than the atheist, because the Magi has something similar to the book but the atheist has no book, so Imam Ibn Taymiyyah said in Majmoo' al Fatawa: (The most misled denominations among the Christians and the frolicsome Jews have more

(1) Majmoo' al-Fatawa 4-27

knowledge than the philosophers and they follow and obey the truth more compared to others).

Imam Ibn Taymiyyah also said: (It is known that if the disbeliever becomes a Magi, and the Magi becomes a Jew, he ends up in a better state compared to his past).

It worth mentioning that this philosophical aspect isn't the most developed aspect in the western civilization, indeed, but it is the depraved, underdeveloped and debased aspect in spite of multiple claims of extremists of civilization alleging that the philosophy is the reflection of the western development- this is just a historical hope.

The reality is that western and civil excellence goes back to the industrial revolution in the previous stage, then the revolution of technology and communications in the present, all of this resulted from the efforts of laboratories and huge political financing of research centers, and the purpose of philosophy is to find a retrospective interpretation for what took place, this is always an interpretation subsequent to the events that try to give it the meaning after its occurrence, the best of its cases is to become "wise after the occurrence", this is the reason for the decadence of its cognitive importance.

So, Ibn Taymiyyah said that philosophy does not manage the societies: "Have you ever seen a philosopher who benefitted a city from among the cities he lived in, or one town from any of the towns he spent time in⁽¹⁾?"

One of the reasons of retardation of its cognitive importance is its inability to create "regular laws" that can be scientifically verified, it suffers from an old historical inferiority complex in front of the natural sciences that impose its cognitive respect because of its scientific verification, hence, there were many cries in the west in the recent course that declared the death of philosophy amidst the rising of the star of empirical sciences.

The reason for this illusion surrounding the greatness of philosophy is that many extremists of civilizations are impacted by educational writings about "Story of philosophy" which imagined the human history as a direct product of ideas of some philosophers throughout the history, as if the human history in general and the European history in particular is a vehicle in which a community of philosophers is staying in its

(1) Preventing the contradiction between the mind and the text 5-65

cabinet and they replace each other guiding the communities whether to move to the right or to the left!

The reality is that the philosophical books of the educational nature bungled the thoughts of extremists of civilization, the image that appeared in their minds is just a funny delusion neglecting the role of significant historical factors in making the past and the present, such as the role of political leaders, experts, big literary works and the passion of the populists as well as the role of modern media, communications and balances of powers, multinational companies, and various other resources".

Role of Prophethood in forming the history

Researcher, Ibrahim Al-Sakran, says: "The role of prophethood in forming the history is a reality and the researcher in the history of nations and civilizations cannot neglect its role. The famous historian Arnold Toynbee (1975 AD), specialist in the history of civilizations, noted the role of prophethood as a main factor in manufacturing of the history, he said: "Religious belief is a part of the civilized breeding system"⁽¹⁾.

Whereas the English literature which he knew more than anyone else, he said: "The religious transformation was the reality of everything principle in the English history"⁽²⁾.

Toynbee sees that the religion is "the holding basin" which transfers the civilization from one phase to another, so he used the description of "Chrysalis" which is the casing that covers the butterfly during its transformation from one stage to another.

He said: "Religion is an incubator for all civilizations, but the remains of the former civilization are still kept in a religious bark"⁽³⁾.

Such analysis cannot be reproduced by a secondary thinker in the western thought, he is a role model in his specialization, and his encyclopedia is contained in twelve volumes.

Before Toynbee, Ibn Khaldoun referred to this significant factor in many places in his book, *al-Muqaddimah*, where he says: (The states with public properties and great monarchy, their origins are the religion, whether from a prophethood or a righteous guidance)⁽⁴⁾.

Imam Ibn Taymiyyah said in his book, *Al-Sarem Al-Masloul*: (No kingdom existed on the earth without prophethood or impacts of prophethood, and if there any goodness in the earth, it comes from the remnant of the prophethood and an intellectual person has no doubt about this)⁽⁵⁾.

(1) Arnold Toynbee, Summary study of the history, translation of Foad Shebl, National Center for Translation, 3-152

(2) S. 1-5

(3) S 3-153

(4) Introduction, 167

(5) Al-Sarem Al-Masloul, 2-457

Ibn Taymiyyah has precisely stated on the matter of the religion's embracing of the civilizations, he says, for example: "Each nation with no book has no days of the week (of its own) in its language"⁽¹⁾.

Ibn Al-Qayyim says: "Without prophethood, there would be no beneficial science in the world, no goodness in life and foundation for a kingdom"⁽²⁾, the words of Ibrahim Al-Sakran -God bless him- end here.

Prophethood provides answers about the end and give clear responses surrounding the great existential matters.

In contrast, the philosophies contain questionable information compared to the revelation in sections such as the section of theology including the knowledge of Allah and the true knowledge, unforeseen worlds, estimate of everything in the preserved tablet, running of natural laws with divine ends, the impact of worship at the cosmic quantum level, movement of heart with purification such as trust, reliance and supplication, and such meanings which are the real enlightenment, Allah Almighty says in the comparison between the enlightenment of the revelation and darkness of its opponents:

﴿And is one who was dead and We gave him life and made for him light by which to walk among the people like one who is in darkness, never to emerge therefrom? Thus it has been made pleasing to the disbelievers that which they were doing﴾ (Surah Al-An'am: 122).

(1) Because the week is a written text determining the period of creating the heavens and the earth in six days and this isn't known except via prophethood. Total of fatwas: 7-95

(2) Key of happiness home 2-1155

***What about the values of justice and respect of time in the West?
Aren't these the signs of a civilized nation?***

Frankly, what is propagated by the proponents of secularism in the Arab states is that the western society is lined with ethics of honesty and trustworthiness in business and commerce- these traits also exist in other nations like they are found in the West but most of them are not because the nations seek the pleasure of Allah, and it does not emerge from the sincerity to Allah Almighty, but they are "a marketing credibility" that is merely encouraged for the sake of the profit and loss account and by using the marketing skills.

This is shown and proven by the statistics of a high volume of organized embezzlement and theft, the arts and craft used to commit crime in the Western society which are often shared and discussed in Social Sciences, and the newspaper sometimes gets access to some information on these crimes, this reaffirms the notion that the Western society is in need of Divine sciences to set right their motives.

So, the countries with the highest level of crimes are the western countries in particular.

For example, the countries which have the largest rates of rape ever are among the most developed states in the world⁽¹⁾.

One fifth of citizens of the western states practice some form of homosexuality, and more than four-fifths asks for the freedom of homosexuality in their societies⁽²⁾.

The civilization of Adam Smith threatened us by planetary suicide.

(1) <http://www.worldblaze.in/top-10-countries-with-highest-rape-crime-in-the-world-2015/>

(2) <http://www.pewglobal.org/04/06/2013/the-global-divide-on-homosexuality>

As for the drug abuse, the volume of drug trading is financially equal to the volume of automobile trading in the United States annually.

The two global wars which annihilated about 5% of the world population resulted from European-European dispute, annihilation of millions of people in Europe such as Jews of Europe, farmers of Russians (Gulag), Gypsies of Germany, Slavs, ethnic minorities- this was the level of genocide committed by the western civilization.

Eradication of an entire class of people -such eradication happened by the western "modernity"- the earliest liberals considered the genocide of the American Indians as a type of legal defense as if it were the Indians who had invaded Europe, the number of the American Indians decreased from 10 million to 200 thousand within few years, so Simon Bolivar, the person responsible for the independence of Latin America said: "It seems that the United States seeks to torture and restrict the continent under the name of freedom"⁽¹⁾.

Imperialism and civilized wars led by these nations were always the output of the autocratic, democratic and liberal societies and the severest war occurred after the appearance of liberal democracy in the west.

The dark history of the civilization struggle in the west in one century is a horrifying matter; these are some of the massacres committed between them:

U.S.S.R: 20 million deaths

China: 65 million deaths

Vietnam: 1 million deaths

North Korea: 2 million deaths

Cambodia: 2 million deaths

Eastern Europe: 1 million deaths

Latin America: 150,000 deaths

Africa: 1.7 million deaths

Afghanistan: 1.5 million deaths

(1) Noam Chomsky: Ideology and Economics, p.6

The international Communist movement and Communist parties not in power: about 10,000 deaths.

The total approaches 100 million which is the number of the people killed during these wars alone.

Source: Stephane Courtois, Nicolas Werth, Jean-Louis Panne, Andrzej Paczkowski, Karel Bartosek, Jean-Louis Margolin, The Black Book of Communism, Harvard University Press, 1999, p.4⁽¹⁾.

After the passage of 50 years of colonization and 50 years of International Monetary Fund (IMF), we live in a distorted and dilapidated world, where quarter of its youth are unemployed, the North controls 80% of the wealth however, the number of its population doesn't exceed 20% of the world's population. Since the contemporary civilized invasion of the Earth, the end of history has become an acceptable matter, literally, and the accumulation of weapons with the mankind has reached to such an extent that these weapons are sufficient to destroy the world twenty times over even though a single blow will be sufficient to bring an end to everything, it is the 'modern civilizations' that have led to the end of life theoretically!

Most of people who call for the secularism don't know anything about these studies and they only skim through the surface of the publications promoted by the proponents of atheism.

Look at what was written by Anthony Giddens in his book "Sociology" and it is the book approved in the western academies today about the root of crime with no counterpart throughout all ages in the contemporary western climate.

The Arab secularists are suffering from the sense of dependence and formation of an opinion in front of the high technical content provided by the west, you see them encouraging others to imitate the west while neglecting their negative aspects.

(1) <http://www.harunyahya.com/disasters04.php>

Their defeated thought, weakness in research and their inability for the full analysis of the phenomenon have been laid bare.

The Arab secularists are suffering from a mental paralysis when it comes to criticizing the west and exposing its disbelieving aspects all because they surprised by its material output.

Arab secularists have to publicize the excellence- they publicize the technical and economic excellence above philosophical and moral excellence and thus they have turned westernes into something more majestic than the kings.

These Arab peddlers of secularism are suffering from a severe schizophrenia that has led them to lose the ability to distinguish and evaluate the data.

What is done by the Arab secularists in our states is that they promote the technical aspects of the west while obliging us to overlook its bad values and morals, knowledge and ethics, and this only serves to remind us about the admirers of the rich madman who are screaming in the market at the top of their lungs about the riches owned by their master and if any seller speaks about his madness they hurry up to close his mouth with force.

What is required here simply is to get rid of the west as a reference and converting it into a subject of study in the footnotes rather than taking it up as the main study.

Loyalty and Disavowal

Researcher, Ibrahim Al-Sakran says: "One of the most important sayings with the extremists of the civilization, their saying (We should work for the human being as a human being, regardless of his identity, belief or religion); they always repeat the concept of "human being" in an absolute manner without any additions that may restrict or specify that term, some of them bear the slogan of "Human brotherhood", "Mutual humanity" or "Human approach" and such signboards that are revolving around more or less around the same thing.

The reality is that this invitation - even if some people tend to repeat them in good faith- but they move away from the decisive Quranic features upon which Allah distinguished the people, such as the description of believer, Muslim, immoral, disbeliever, polytheist and hypocrite, and so they tend to group all of them in the same class based on their participation in the humanity, so Muslim, Jew and a polytheist become equal with no difference as long as they all work for the human happiness and the human peace.

So, how many verses shall we remove from the Quran so that the human being can accept this invitation? Merely pondering and reflecting on this invitation and conception of its path is sufficient to prevent the Muslim- the one who appreciates his Creator- from it.

The Quran showed clearly that if the human being neglects Islam and the revelation, he will lose his cosmic innate honor given to him and as mentioned by Allah Almighty in the Quran when He says:

{We have honored the children of Adam} (Surah Israa:70)

and he becomes debased and disgraced in the eyes of Allah and the believing companions, so Shariah did not come with the absolute praise and compliment to the term "human being" as imagined by some extremists of the civilizations, but the Quran shows in many places the Lord censuring the human being if he loses the honor of belief, Allah Almighty says:

{Cursed is man; how disbelieving is he} (Surah Abasa:17), a

And Allah Almighty says:

{Truly man is, to his Lord, ungrateful} (Surah Al-Adiyat:6)

Any person who contemplates the Quranic situations in which the concept of "human being" is mentioned, he will find that Allah Almighty

dispraises the race of human beings with using various definitions and then He excludes the people of belief from these descriptions.

Allah Almighty swears by time that the human being is completely at a loss, He says:

{By time (1) Indeed, mankind is in loss} (Surah Al-Asr:1-2).

Then He continues with the exception of the people of belief from this loss: {Except for those who have believed and done righteous deeds and advised each other to truth and advised each other to patience} (Surah Al-Asr:3).

Allah dispraises the human being due to him acting upon the traits of despair, ingratitude and ungratefulness, then He goes on to exclude the people of belief, and He says:

{And if We give man a state of mercy from Us and then We withdraw it from him, indeed, he is despairing and ungrateful (9) But if We give him a taste of favor after hardship has touched him, he will surely say, "Bad times have left me". Indeed, he is exultant and boastful (10) Except for those who are patient and do righteous deeds; those will have forgiveness and great reward} (Surah Hud: 9-11)

This meaning includes the disparagement of the "human being" with the exception of the people of belief has multitudes of examples in the Quran and Sunnah- Allah rebukes the human being strictly when He says:

{O mankind, what has deceived you concerning your Lord, the Generous} (Surah Al-Infitar:6)

When Caliph Omar Ibn El-Khattab heard a man reading this verse, he said, regarding the verse: (His ignorance deceived him), it seems that Omar extrapolated this meaning from the verses which described the "human being" by ignorance and as shown previously in the verses mentioned above.

How can we say that Allah honored the human being and preferred the human being irrespective of his religious identity and that the religions don't affect the dignity of the human being positively or negatively, and we shall work for the concept of "human being" regardless of its religion, or some of them say don't differentiate between the children of Adam, does this not violate the explicit words of Allah Almighty?

It is fair to say that some authors who repeat this saying have overlooked its contents which conflict with the divine scale and they did not consider the Quranic verses concerning the human being's disparagement.

If we look at the civilized evaluation of the human being in the so-called modern civilized states, we will find that there is no state today in the east or in the west working for the absolute concept of a human being, but you will find that every state discriminates the human gender whether based on national or ethnic basis or other measures, how can we accept such discrimination between a national and a non-national, and then we refuse to accept Allah's discrimination between the Muslim and the disbeliever!?

The human being with the materialistic approach towards his own humanity is just a natural product subject to the laws of nature, just a star i.e. a waste product of the space!

The one who does not believe in a religion cannot be at the center of things, rather, he is just a thing among all other things.

So, the Quran poses this matter and shows that there is no honor for the human being just because he is just a human being! But he gets his honor and value because he is Allah's slave!

The human being's honor exists due to Allah's worship!

{Indeed, we offered the Trust to the heavens and the earth and the mountains, and they decline to bear it and feared it; but man (undertook to) bear it. Indeed, he was unjust and ignorant} (Surah Al-Ahzab:72).

*The human being is the center and nature is in the **margin**.*

The human being moves away from his superiority on par with his estrangement from Allah:

{Those who forgot Allah, so He made them forget themselves} (Surah Al-Hashr:19)

Anyone who sees the disbelievers indulging in the entertainments, looking for the next thing to give them pleasure, without a care in the world, laughing away in the darkness of night, not preparing for their meeting with their Lord, the One who will show them His marvelous power when He brings them to account as He has given us a reminder over this matter in the Quran:

{Those who disbelieve enjoy themselves and eat as grazing livestock eat} (Surah Muhammad: 12).

Indeed by Allah ... How great is this divine description, did you see how the livestock eats the grass and it doesn't care about Allah's meeting, and it doesn't think at all about any prophet, revelation, worship, resurrection, reward, torment nor any other future possibility until the

day comes in which the hornless sheep will be retaliate against the horned sheep which broke its horns, such is the life of the disbeliever.

Look at the Book of Allah and see how He Almighty portrays this description and comparison with the livestock again, referring to its cause and depicting those poor people give up their time and energy in planning for their worldly sustenance while they neglect the meeting with Allah in the near future life, He classifies them below the livestock, Allah Almighty says in Surah Al-A'raf:

{They have hearts with which they don't understand, they have eyes with which they don't see, and they have ears with which they don't hear. Those are like livestock; rather, they are more astray. It is they who are the heedless} (Surah Al-A'raf: 179)

Allah Almighty describes them for the third time with the very same traits mentioned above. Allah Almighty says in Surah Al-Furqan: {Or do you think that most of them hear or reason? They are not except like livestock. Rather, they are (even) more astray in (their) way} (Surah Al-Furqan:44).

Allah mentioned the worst kind of disbelievers and those are the ones who reached a certain level with regards to knowledge but that knowledge did not lead them to believe in Allah, He describes them as the lowest of the low , He says in Surah Al-A'raf:

{So his example is like that of the dog: if you chase him, he pants, or if you leave him, he (still) pants. That is the example of the people who denied Our signs} (Surah Al-A'raf:176)

Any human being who neglects Islam and light of the revelation, he shall be counted among the lowest of the low, so Allah described them with what befits them because of not accepting Islam as a religion, Allah Almighty says:

{So whoever Allah wants to guide-He expands his breast to (contain) Islam, and whoever He wants to misguide-He makes his breast tight and constricted as though he were climbing into the sky. Thus does Allah place defilement upon those who don't believe} (Surah Al-An'am:125)

Allah has mentioned their abomination in another passage in the Quran, where He Almighty says:

{And it is not for a soul to believe except by permission of Allah, and He will place defilement upon those who will not use reason} (Surah Yunus:100).

By Allah, how many clever people ended up becoming morally debased like animals and livestock when judged by the Divine standards?! And yet, Allah considers some animals more honorable than those people. These verses from the Quran may look like mere fantasy in the era of francophonie, but they are facts of revelation.

This is the status of the disbeliever when brought to judgement as per the divine standards, how atrociously painful! When the human being discovers that his standards become irrelevant compared to the divine standards, his internal feelings will surprise him.

These are the realities of revelation, and this is the judgment of Allah and His decision, as this is the judiciary of Allah Almighty, if we indeed believe in Him, proud of contents of His words, adhere to His rules and appreciate Him as is required by our faith".

Way of solicitation (drawing gradually)

The researcher, Ibrahim Al-Sakran, says: "The reality that the one who showed the laws of history written by the revelation is "Law of dictation and divine solicitation (bringing about slowly)", the physical strength and huge capabilities with the hands of the disbelievers is an example of that, Allah Almighty says:

﴿But those who deny Our signs-Will progressively lead them (to destruction) from where they don't know (182) And I will give them time. Indeed, my plan is firm﴾(Surah Al-A'raf:182-183).

Allah Almighty says about those who deny the revelation:

﴿So Leave Me, (O Muhammad), with (the matter of) whoever denies the Qur'an. We will progressively lead them (to punishment) from where they don't know﴾(Surah Al-Qalam: 44).

Allah narrated a part of this dictation and solicitation with which the hearts of the believers quiver, Allah Almighty says: ﴿So let not their wealth or their children impress you. Allah only intends to punish them through them in worldly life and that their souls should depart (at death) while they are disbelievers﴾(Surah At-Tawbah: 55)

Look at this fear-inducing scenario when Allah says that He gives the negligent respite person until a time when He suddenly punishes him, Allah Almighty says: ﴿So when they forgot that by which they had been reminded, we opened to them the doors of every (good) thing﴾(Surah Al-An'am:44) and Allah Almighty says: ﴿and I extended the time of those who disbelieved﴾(Surah Ar-Ra'd:32)

And the disdain of Allah's threats by those who deny and the disbelievers is a dangerous branch of hypocrisy, especially when this is the threat of Allah and His warnings will come to pass in the critical moments or in the final moments when Allah Almighty completes the cycle of testing and purification and the believer witnesses the hours of distress, Allah Almighty says:

﴿(They continued) until, when the messenger despaired and were certain that they had been denied, there came to them Our victory﴾ (Surah Yusuf:110).

Allah Almighty informed that He may extend the life of the believer until he sees the consequences in full and he may die but Allah will never violate His promise and Allah mentioned this in three places in His Book, He says:

*{So be patient, (O Muhammad); indeed, the promise of Allah is truth. And whether We show you some of what We have promised them or We take you in death, it is to Us they will be returned} (Surah Ghafir:77).
The Muslim must always be acquainted with the circumstances of the nations in its entirety and not partially.”*

Summary of the Question of Civilization and its Answer

How can we convince the secularist of feebleness of magic of the materialistic world, and bring him back to the reality of the affairs, when not many people have found a way to break this spell?

The question that shall be posed here before the secularist is basically logical, mindful and an analytical question and its answer depends on his own mind.

The question is as follows:

Is the financial profit and its centrality a purpose in itself?

The expected answer of the secularist is yes!

The response will be:

From where did you get that? And with what external evidence did you get this meaning?

What is the difference in the materialistic frame after death between those who cultivated it and those who left it?

Why didn't the idea of centrality of the physical world achieve the self stability and confidence if it was the true purpose in everything?

Isn't the origin of concepts of alienation, after modernity and nihilism, due to those nations that adopted the idea of "centrality of the physical world"?

Isn't the frivolity the result of this concept achieved by the most developed states?

Isn't the word of "Nihilism" a word related to the modernity and the post-modernity?

For some examples of the view that post-modernity is a nihilistic epoch see Toynbee, Arnold (1963), A study of History vols. VIII and IX; Mills, C. Wright (1959) The sociological imagination.

For examples of the view that postmodernism are a nihilistic mode of thought, see Rose, Grillian (1984): Dialectic of Nihilism, Carr, Karen L (1988): The Banalization of Nihilism

Doesn't this notify the objective researcher who examines the conditions of the nations of the confirmation that: the human being isn't tailored to the form of material centrality?

There is no materialistic interpretation until now for the rule which says that: number of cases of suicide and psychological diseases is directly proportional to the level of globalization.

Then, the secularist who believes in the centrality of the physical world: What is your analysis in your scope of belief with the materialistic finality that half of beds at the hospitals in America- the most developed country-are occupied by patients of psychological diseases?

What is your analysis about: the biggest percentage of psychologists that exists in Hollywood alone?

The highest rates of depression ever are associated with the richest countries in particular.

Countries such as Italy, Spain and Belgium have the highest rates of depression among its population, but America comes at the top as usual with the biggest percentage of depression in the world.

North America is going through a major depressive episode.

Murphy JM, Laird NM, Monson RR, Sobol AM, Leighton AH, A 40-year perspective on the prevalence of depression: The Stirling County Study. Archives of General Psychiatry: 2000; 57(3):15-209.

What is your analysis about the reality that the developed secular states have the highest rates of suicides, ever, whereas the Islamic states have the lowest rates, ever, and the states such as Saudi Arabia, Syria, Kuwait, Lebanon and Oman come at the bottom of the list⁽¹⁾?

These statistics were so terrifying that this pushed Roger Revelle, manager of Harvard Research Center, to establish a special committee in the U.S. Senate to search the impact of technology on the human being and the society!⁽²⁾.

It is shown that pocket money, food, garment and physical enjoyments aren't enough for a human being who knows that he was born to die!

The centrality on materialism has reached the stage of despair in the face of social diseases!

Here are the arts in the most luxurious countries in the world point with much sorrow and grief to the loss of mankind, intellectual and ethical misery as well as the terrifying psychological hollowness!

Here are the results of the diseases which show terrifying results in each aspect:

(1) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_suicide_rate

(2) <http://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674794832>

The illicit relationships exceed 50% after marriage-Half of the married people are cheaters- whereas, it reached up to the point of being 100% before marriage⁽¹⁾.

The northern states in Europe have the lowest rates of infidelity as the percentage of infidelity reaches 38% only in Italy and 36% in France according to the source.

There are one million abortions- and a similar figure is attained in America annually according to the official government documents⁽²⁾.

Thousands of women are killed annually by their husbands- more than 13000 women are killed in America annually by their husbands⁽³⁾.

The most luxurious states in the world are also the ones with a high rate of contempt against women: Sweden is categorized as a nation with the highest rate of abuse towards the women in the world⁽⁴⁾.

And they also top the list for allowing promiscuity in the world and with a highest crime of rape.

The highest rape statistics ever are found in:

France

Germany

Russia

Sweden⁽⁵⁾

The abortion cases in America since 1979 until now has reached 56 million cases⁽⁶⁾.

During the peak of British civilization and British schools with high education and socialization, the British soldiers were known to use a full Indian crop at Al-Alamien desert to blow the mines up with the bodies of Idnain people which killed the Indians instantly, and there are images found in record which depict the British upon the backs of the Indians to ride on their horses.

(1) http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/177333.stm

(2) <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/SS5511a1.htm>

(3) http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/199701_section1.pdf

(4) <http://www.thelocal.se/201403503/sweden-out-top-in-eu-domestic-violence-league>

(5) <http://nationmaster.com/graph/crime-rape-crime-rapes>

(6) <http://gopthedailydose.com/56662169/12/01/2014-abortion-america-since-roe-vs-wade-1973/>

If this data and results are decisive and final proof on the error of the materialistic analysis of the purpose of the human existence, all shall place the signboard: "The path isn't from here" provided the signboard's arrow should point to the planet of earth!

You must not allow yourself to be deceived by the populace's occupancy with the illusion of materialism, because if the falsehood takes over and the truth is obscured, the populace will attach to the apparent side even if it is wrong and it will defend it for its falsehood:

{And when you see them, their forms please you, and if they speak, you listen to their speech. (They are) as if they were pieces of wood propped up-they think that every shout is against them} (Surah Al-Munafiqun: 4). The holders of power, majesty, technological and physical advancements have a place in the hearts and a prestige about themselves making the people hate the right with their certainty of its validity and the rejection of the apparent and hidden desire:

{And when Our verses are recited to them as clear evidences, those who disbelieve say to those who believe, "Which of (our) two parties is best in position and best in association} (Surah Mariam:73)

The minds incline to the influential and senior party even if it has no concept of truth with it.

The people of Noah refused his invitation because of his few followers and their weakness:

{They said, "Should we believe you while you are followed by the lowest (class of people (111) He said, "And what is my knowledge of what they used to do (112) Their account is only upon my Lord, if you (could) perceive} (Surah Ash-Shu'ara:111-113).

The arrogance of the Pharaoh was solely due to this apparent issue, Allah Almighty narrated the story of the Pharaoh with Moses and his followers:

{(And said), "Indeed, those are but a small band} (Surah Ash-Shu'ara:54).

The call made for the cause of the truth from the mouths of the poor is low and unclear:

{They said, "O Shu'ayb, we don't understand much of what you say, and indeed, we consider you among us as weak. And if not for your family, we would have stoned you (to death); and you aren't to us one respected} (Surah Hud:91).

Showing the disbeliever's deterioration

From amongst the greatest of tasks that has encountered the question of civilization is the issue of "showing the disbeliever's deterioration", and that they are classified as livestock and animals even if they get the man to land on the moon, split the atom, program the transmission of video and audio. The religious scale for forming the relationship between the believer and the disbeliever, the contract of loyalty and disavowal, as well as showing the centrality of the hereafter and considering all sciences of the disbeliever as physical sciences is what raises the question about the civilization.

In the Quran, the disbelief and the resultant degradation of moral values aren't separate from the advancement in the earth's construction or intellectual or human development:

{Have they not traveled through the earth and observed how was the end of those before them? They were greater than them in power, and they plowed the earth and built it up more than they have built it up} (Surah Ar-Rum:9)

The earth's construction doesn't replace belief and submission to Lord, it is valueless without belief, and even if it is accompanied by all sorts of progress and development:

{Have they not travelled through the land and observed how the end of those before them was. They were more numerous than themselves and greater in strength and in impression on the land, but they weren't availed by what they used to earn} (Surah Ghafir: 82)

Any person who contemplates the Book of Allah Almighty will find that if the human being neglects Islam and revelation, he will lose his divine honor and he becomes degraded and ignoble in the eyes of Allah and believers {Cursed is man; how disbelieving is he} (Surah Abasa:17)

If the human being neglects his religion he will be led through the life more by his stomach and private parts more than his mind and conscience as has been the case with common disbelievers and even the geniuses among them.

If you look at the lifestyles of the disbelievers and their biographies you will not be surprised in the least bit at their immersion in this worldly life.

Look at the ethics of the genius of physics, in the twelfth century, Richard Feynman, who was known as the contemporary of Einstein: he used to drink heavily and indulged in immoralities, he wasn't afraid of neither death nor resurrection!⁽¹⁾.

Look at the majority of western carnivals and festivals, their focus is to increase the sexual deterioration and promote nudity, and they participate in demonstrations and prepare for big events that are not limited to homosexuality alone as this is their current situation but rather but most of them are seeking permission to have sex with children, read up more on this (North American Man/Boy Love)⁽²⁾.

Switzerland is about to confirm a plan that makes incest permissible⁽³⁾. In Sweden, they have officially allowed the masturbation in the public places⁽⁴⁾.

The highest rape cases ever are found in the most developed countries- at the top, Belgium, Russia, Sweden, Germany, Canada and America takes the first place⁽⁵⁾.

Fifth of citizens of the western states are practicing a type of homosexuality, and more than four-fifths of the western society ask for practicing the homosexuality openly⁽⁶⁾.

(1) <http://galileospendulum.org/13/07/2014/the-problem-of-richard-feynman/>

(2) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_American_Man/Boy_Love_Association

(3) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rH33btuhdM>
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2424416/Swedish-court-rules-IS-legal-masturbate-public-directed-specific.html>

(4) <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2424416/Swedish-court-rules-IS-legal-masturbate-public-directed-specific.html>.

Sometimes we don't want to document the worst because the documentary links have naked photos, but what we mentioned is sufficient.

(5) <http://www.wordlbaze.in/top-10-countries-with-highest-rape-crime-in-the-world-2015/>

(6) <http://www.pewglobal.org/2013/06/04/the-global-divide-on-homosexuality/>

And number of cases of abortion in America alone reaches officially one million abortion cases annually⁽¹⁾. Can you imagine!

Any person who has spent time in a western society will know how the lives of the people there revolves around food, alcohol and sexual activities and how the focal point of everyone is to make it big in the material world whilst ignoring the spiritual side of their lives completely. This is what confirms that they live a life close to that of an animal without any remorse or thought about their ultimate end.

{But those who disbelieve enjoy themselves and eat as grazing livestock eat} (Surah Muhammad: 12)

The image drawn by the Quran for a disbeliever's character has been drawn clearly for anyone who wishes to contemplate on this life.

Because the disbelievers have moved away from faith and belief, they follow their pleasures, run behind anything that would excite them, they don't care about the prohibitions and indecency in food and sexual habits and they don't distinguish between the good and the bad.

Neither do they care about the Day of Judgment.

{They have hearts with which they don't understand, they have eyes with which they don't see, and they have ears with which they don't hear. Those are like livestock; rather, they are more astray. It is they who are the heedless} (Surah Al-A'raf: 179)

The ignorant ones don't take time to reflect upon the affairs of their world, the centrality of this life becomes their purpose, and the benefit becomes the materialistic benefit, and the end is the worldly life with nothing else to look forward to.

What is the difference between this person and animals, specifically the cattle?

{Or do you think that most of them hear or reason? They are not except like livestock. Rather, they are (even) more astray in (their) way} (Surah Al-Furqan: 44).

Any one who does not know the purpose of his existence and is heedless of worshipping his Creator and has not prepared for the day of his death is ignorant about the purpose of his life even if he splits the bosons, monitored the Higgs and got the highest certificates of achievement and

(1) <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/SS5511A1.htm>

even if he is an intellectual, he will still be classified as an ignorant person surrounded by darkness in the scales of Revelation.

{And it is not for a soul to believe except by permission of Allah, and He will place defilement upon those who will not use reason} (Surah Yunus:100).

Neglecting the full obedience to the revelation has no other outcome or name except for disbelief and the disbelief meets the wickedness {and there has appeared between us and you animosity and hatred forever until you believe in Allah alone} (Al-Mumtahanah:4)

Are all the deeds of a disbeliever in vain in this worldly life?

Sheikh Abdul-Aziz Al-Zendani, God bless him says: "Those who don't believe in Allah and don't ask for His Grace, the ones who are not afraid of His punishment, they do their deeds and they don't want Allah's Pleasure and they don't care if their work is Halal or Haram, so they don't deserve the reward even if their work is good, because they are disbelievers and they don't care about Allah's Grace and Pleasure. The disbeliever will be punished because of his disbelief and deviation, because he did not search for Allah's religion and he did not attempt to listen to the Divine Testament that came with the Messengers, in addition to when he hears the verses of Allah, he doesn't care about them, so his work is rejected and he will be punished because of his disbelief:

{And We will regard what they have done of deeds and make them as dust dispersed} (Surah Al-Furqan:23).

{The example of those who disbelieve in their Lord is (that) their deeds are like ashes which the wind blows forcefully on a stormy day; they are unable (to keep) from what they earned a (single) thing. This is the extreme error} (Surah Ibrahim: 18)

{But those who disbelieved-their deeds are like a mirage in a lowland which a thirsty one thinks is water until, when he comes to it, he finds it is nothing but finds Allah before Him, and He will pay him in full his due; and Allah is swift in account} (Surah An-Nur:39)⁽¹⁾

The issue here is not the good deed but that: For whose pleasure are we performing those good deeds?

(1) Theism: Abdul-Majid Al-Zendani, P.9

Do you do this randomly and for your personal benefit for more happiness or reputation in the world, or for the sake of Allah and for submitting to His worship?

*This is Abdullah bin Gudaan who filled the lands of Arabia with purely humanitarian deeds before the advent of the Prophet Muhammad - peace be upon him-, but all these deeds have done him no good because he didn't do these deeds for the sake of Allah, as the Prophet- peace be upon him- said in Sahih Muslim **"They will not benefit him, because he never once said O Allah forgive my sins on the Day of Judgment"**.*

And the generosity of Hatem Al-Tai' has no weight in the scale of Allah as he didn't believe in the prophethood of Muhammad-peace be upon him-and the daughter of Hatem Al-Tai' came to the Prophet-peace be upon him-saying that her father was decent and generous, the Prophet said: "If he was a Muslim, we would have asked Allah to bless his soul⁽¹⁾".

Every person who disbelieved in the prophethood of Muhammad, peace be upon him, and he objected to his mission, his good deeds will be rejected:

{And what prevents their expenditures from being accepted from them but that they have disbelieved in Allah and in His Messenger and that they come not to prayer except while they are lazy and that they don't spend except while they are unwilling}(Surah At-Tawbah:54)

He will be brought to account as per his disbelief:

{That is because they disbelieved in Allah and His Messenger, and Allah doesn't guide the defiantly disobedient people}(Surah At-Tawbah:80)

There is no one more disbelieving than the one who rejects the Revelation from Allah and objects to the prophethood of His Messenger while casting aside the Message: {That is because they disliked what Allah revealed, so He rendered worthless their deeds} (Surah Muhammad:9)

And even if the deeds are good in itself, they will be rejected because they do not fulfill the condition of acceptance: {The example of those who disbelieve in their Lord is (that) their deeds are like ashes which the wind blows forcefully on a stormy day; they are unable (to keep) from

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what they earned a (single) thing. This is the extreme error} (Surah Ibrahim:18)

But if the disbeliever has deteriorated to this extent then what is the meaning of his contemporary development?

Why is he triumphant technologically, politically and militarily on the surface whereas deep down he is filled with darkness?!

For one thing, we should affirm that the materialistic development in the west comes from taking the reasons and means into consideration and the knowledge is associated with the one who has financed it the most.

If you look at the following data:

1- In the entire Islamic world, there are 500 universities.

In the United States of America, there are (5758 universities).

2- Israel spends 13% of its national income on researches and development whereas Egypt spends 0.0001% of its national income on researches and development.

3- Budget of the scientific research in Harvard University exceeds the budget of scientific research in all the Arab states including the Gulf States.

The axiomatic result is:

180 Jews got Nobel prize- within the last 105 years

And in the same period 3 Muslims got the prize⁽¹⁾.

The lessons learned: Scientific research is associated with those who pay more, the ones who finance!

Don't ask for more just because you are a Muslim!

And don't ask for destruction of the towns just because they are disbelievers (And your Lord wouldn't have destroyed the cities unjustly while their people were reformers} (Surah Hud:117)

This is the case.

Anyone who expects that we will succeed in spite of our lethargy just because we are Muslims, and that the west will be defeated in spite of their perseverance and seriousness because they are disbelievers is someone who does not know the rules of Allah in His world, His verses

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in His book, as the texts of His Holy Book referred that the destruction of unjust people will be fair not by injustice and iniquity:

*﴿So the howl seized them in truth﴾ (Surah Al-Mu'minun:41),
by justice not by injustice.*

Allah Almighty says:

﴿And We didn't destroy any city except that it had warners (208) As a reminder, and never have We been unjust﴾ (Surah Ash-Shu'ara:208-209).

Allah Almighty transcends far above injustice, because He is fully fair in His punishment, He doesn't punish any one except those who are unjust and unfair.

Accordingly, Al-Qurtubi showed in his interpretation that the disbelief isn't the only reason for the destruction of the nations until it is attached with the corruption in the earth, or injustice between the slaves; Allah Almighty says ﴿And your Lord wouldn't have destroyed the cities unjustly while their people were reformers﴾ (Surah Hud:117)

This is the rule of Allah in his world, and you will not find another way for His rule, and if you know well you will not wonder!

Praise be to Allah, Thanks to Allah, No god but Allah and Allah is the greatest.

Thanks be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds.

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