

Hagerstown

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All praises are due to Allah who created everything and granted everything in creation their due rights. Human beings, animals, ^{animate objects as well as inanimate objects} ~~Muslims, non-Muslims~~, all ^{humans} ~~human beings~~ are all ~~created~~ ^{are} deserving of fair treatment and justice no matter who they are,.....
As we are all biologically connected through our universal father Adam... Certainly, our creator not only created human beings in the best of shape and form, but he also made everything in the earth subservient to them, and in addition to that, he affirmed and established the most just, ~~equal~~, ^{most} dignifying, respectful and honorable system of laws for human rights that mankind has ever known, that are contained in the Quran and Sunnah. Far better than any man-made laws, legislations, ideas, or concepts that could ever be imagined, ^{of written by man...}
~~Within Islam are laws and principles that~~ ^{grant} ~~give~~ and guarantee rights not only to Muslims, but ^{to} every single human being ^{god creature} on the face of this earth, even animals! Many of the rights that Islam affirm completely are either non-existent, or only affirmed partly.. in many of the man-made legislations, declarations, bills, and constitutions found throughout the entire world.

The Right to Life, Right to Mutual Respect, Right to Justice, Right to Freedom of speech, Religion, and thought...the Right to Acquire Knowledge, Right to Work and earn a living, Right to Privacy, Right to Protection from Slander, Backbiting, and Ridicule, Right to Develop One's Aesthetic Sensibilities and

Enjoy the Bounties Created by God, Right to Leave One's Homeland Under Oppressive Conditions.

Islam was the first set of teachings that promoted ^{completely} the preservation of the necessities of life:

- preservation of Religion
- preservation of life
- preservation of intellect
- preservation of wealth
- preservation of honor

Islam was the first legal system that pronounced rights for orphans, rights for the weak and handicap, determined and specific rights of inheritance, and rights of the parents over the children and the children over the parents, and the mutual respect and fair treatment that each deserves.

Islam granted women their rights over 1438 years ago, gave women the right to own property, work, while treating women with respect, honor and dignity...far before any other country or bill, or human rights organization declared rights for women, while the women here in America were protesting for their equal rights, the Muslim women all throughout the world were already receiving the due rights granted to them from the creator...

Over 1438 years ago, Islam ~~abolished~~ ^{encouraged the abolishment of} slavery, something that was widespread throughout the world at that time, Islam encouraged the freeing of slaves, and the good treatment of slaves, and eliminated slavery completely....while many so called 'civilized, advanced and developed' nations only abolished it and eliminated it within the past 200 years...

The current situation ^{in the west} ~~here~~ is how it is, is ^{partly due to} ~~only because~~ we as Muslims have not truly appreciated and valued these divine laws from the creator, and we consider them insignificant in the society that we live in, some ~~even~~ think that man made laws

are better for us and more suitable for our days and times...they believe that Islam needs reform, and that our creators divine laws are not sufficient for us...or they think that the realization of justice, mutual respect, and the elimination of racism, racial bigotry and religious discrimination will be realized by practicing faulty, deficient, oppressive man-made laws, or they think that reform will be brought about through protesting and demonstrating...indeed reform will only be brought about when we as Muslims implement the religion of Islam completely within our lives ^{and within} every society that we live in....many ~~of us~~ don't show concern or care about practicing and implementing our creator's guidance in the Quran and Sunnah solely because ~~we~~ ^{they} came here to earn a living, work and ~~acquire~~ ^{attain} wealth, ~~we~~ ^{and worldly status} didn't come here to teach people about Islam or try to implement Allah's guidance in our lives and our societies... ^{and they} and be informed that we as Muslims will continue to be humiliated, ^{so now is the time to practice more} until we start practicing Allah's guidance, and then and only then will we realize true justice, and put a stop to racism, nationalism, bigotry, and discrimination... that has drastically increased within the past year or so... ^{oppressed, discriminated against} Here in the west and all throughout the world ---

The lack of complete practice and implementation of our creator's guidance, is why we find an increased amount of injustice, oppression, bigotry and racism in our communities. The establishment of complete justice cannot and will not be realized on the face of this earth until the laws of the creator

and many others came here fleeing religious persecution in their countries but forgo their religion back on before they migrated here ---

are established, *Our magnificent Lord, Allah tells us in the Quran that he sent all of his prophets to establish justice and fairness, and grant every individual what they deserve. And our beloved prophet Muhammad always stood up against injustices no matter who the victim was, friend, stranger, Muslim or non-Muslim. So it is upon every practicing Muslim to stand up for justice, stand against racism, and religious discrimination by inviting the people to enter into Islam and practice the guidance that the creator sent to us,*

Certainly, our Prophet Muhammad pronounced and declared something which may be considered the first public announcement of human rights and equality in his famous farewell sermon. He said mentioning some principles of 'human rights':

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِي وَسْطِ أَيَّامِ التَّشْرِيقِ فَقَالَ: يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أَلَا إِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ وَاحِدٌ وَإِنَّ أَبَاكُمْ وَاحِدٌ أَلَا لَا فَضْلَ لِعَرَبِيٍّ عَلَى أَعْجَمِيٍّ وَلَا لِعَجَمِيٍّ عَلَى عَرَبِيٍّ وَلَا لِأَحْمَرَ عَلَى أَسْوَدٍ وَلَا لِأَسْوَدٍ عَلَى أَحْمَرَ إِلَّا بِالتَّقْوَى أَبْلَغْتُ قَالُوا بَلَّغَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

“The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said during the middle of the day at the end of the pilgrimage, “O people, your Lord is one and your father Adam is one. There is no virtue of an Arab over a non- Arab, and neither white skin over black skin nor black skin over white skin, except by righteousness and piety. Then he asked his companions: Have I not delivered the message?” They said, “The Messenger of Allah has delivered the message.”

Indeed, the prophet of mercy, the Prophet Muhammad preceded every individual, nation, country, committee, and organization in pronouncing the due rights of every human being, speaking clearly against racism, injustice and oppression, in one of his most eloquent and powerful sermons, the Prophet summarized and clarified the views of Islam and the Muslims regarding 'human rights' as well as racism. One of the main principles clarified in this sermon was that: all humans are from one origin...from Adam.

However, the one who submits to ^{the creator} Allah alone indeed possesses more piety, and righteousness than those who have not submitted to ^{the creator} Allah and his commandments. This righteousness is manifested firstly in one's beliefs ~~Islamic monotheism~~ and worshipping the creator alone, and righteous actions which they perform, and that which they do to benefit their religion (Islam) and their society based upon ~~the previous two~~ monotheism and imitation of the prophet Muhammad. This is why we find that Islam eliminated ~~an end to~~ ^{racial} discrimination, injustice, racism, racial hatred, ^{and} bigotry, bragging of one's lineage, and wealth, and put an end to separation based upon social status, ~~and~~ stature or color of skin.

*Allah says in the Quran:**

"O mankind, indeed we have created you male and female and have made you from different tribes and nations so that you can become acquainted with one another. Verily, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah are the ones who are the

most conscious and fearful of Allah. Indeed Allah is the All Knowing” Hujurat:13

Verily, Islam transformed the pre-Islamic Arabs from being racist, discriminative, arrogant, and bigoted to their tribes and families, and opened^{and unified} their hearts to abandon their bragging about their lineage, families, tribes- into being individuals and brothers in faith, working together within a diverse demographic framework of Islam, and cooperating upon righteousness and piety. The Muslims throughout the world ^{have always} ~~today are~~ ^{been} comprised of ~~many~~ individuals from different races, nationalities, tribes, families, and cultures, even though they have all these differences, they are still unified upon establishing the sincere worship of Allah alone without partners and the following of the Prophet Muhammad.

Islam teaches us that there is no difference between individuals no matter if they are Caucasian, Latino, or African American, nor should there be discrimination between people regarding their lineage, Italian, German, European; what a merciful and beautiful religion from the creator of all human beings...What Islam proclaimed 1438 years ago...regarding racial equality... is completely contrary to what we find in many of the so called ‘civilized, developed, advanced and modern societies today’...They proclaim with their mouths that which they don’t practice in their behavior...These so called civilized countries do not have any just and complete laws that prohibit ^{religions} discrimination, racism, injustice, racial ^{profiling}

~~bigotry~~ and hatred. And this is clearly evident with the rise of racial ~~hatred~~^{profiling} and religious discrimination since the beginning of 2017, and specifically what happened last week in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Many of these societies that claim to be protecting or fighting for 'human rights', and justice, and claiming that they are against discrimination...still have an innumerable amount of racial prejudices, religious discrimination, and partisanship based upon race, politics, nationalities, etc...these are all Ideas and practices that Islam demolished, eliminated and put an end to over 1438 years ago...

Brothers and sisters in Islam --
~~Certainly~~ the human being in Islam has a high and noble status based upon the ideology that all human beings no matter what race, color, lineage, social status, financial status etc...are honored creatures that Allah has honored and bestowed His blessings upon them from amongst the other creatures. The more submissive and obedient one is to the creator, the more honor and dignity they attain.

The Islamic view of the human being is one extremely important for all to understand, and from this understanding everything related to the human being branches forth, such as: what are the human being's due rights, what obligations are upon him towards his lord, towards himself, his family, his children, his parents, his neighborhood, his society, his country, fulfilling the rights of his lord as well as others. This is why Allah made Human beings successors one to the other:

وإذا قال ربك للملائكة إني جاعل لآدم خليفة قالوا أتجعل فيها من يفسد فيها ويسفك الدماء ونحن نسبح بحمدك ونقدس لك قال إني أعلم ما لا تعلمون

"And (remember) when your Lord said to the angels: "Verily, I am going to place (mankind) generations after generations on earth." They said: "Will You place therein those who will make mischief therein and shed blood, - while we glorify You with praises and thanks (Exalted be You above all that they associate with You as partners) and sanctify You." He (Allâh) said: "I know that which you do not know." (Al-Baqarah 2:30)

Allah the Most High created the human being to be a successor upon this earth so that there will continue to remain responsible generations of human beings upon the earth, people who worship Allah upon guidance and call people to this guidance, and benefit their communities and build them;

~~"And the slaves of the Most Beneficent (Allâh) are those who walk on the earth in humility and sedateness, and when the foolish address them (with bad words) they reply back with mild words of gentleness. (Al-Furqan 25:63)"~~

Indeed, Allah has honored and dignified ^{all} human beings, firstly by making them successors and leaders upon the earth. Secondly, by honoring them and giving them ears to hear, eyes to see and intellects to think, all of these tools to attain knowledge. Thirdly, honoring the human being by granting him the freedom of choice as a tool of action and responsibility to act upon and practice ^{the creator's} Allah's religion to benefit himself as well as his community.

and it is the responsibility of every muslim to strive to better the community they live in without comprising their beliefs, morals, religious teachings and principles.

Furthermore,
~~Indeed~~, the human rights granted to ~~the~~ ^{every} individual in Islam are many and unique, which no type of man-made laws or constitutions could ever compare to. So all of those individuals seeking social reform, while trying to eliminate racism, bigotry, discrimination, and immorality, will never find any system, bill, law, or constitution...no matter how hard they try to rectify the situation here in the USA, they will never find ~~more~~ more complete, more comprehensive principles, laws and techniques to bring about reform and change in society... except with the teachings of Islam...

Second Khutbah

So what are some of the special characteristics of human rights in Islam ~~are~~:

1. Human rights in Islam are derived and extracted from divine revelation from Allah, in which the foundation and most important issue is creed. Any individual who sincerely accepts Islam and submits to the creator sincerely and fulfill Allah's commandments is favored over others solely because they are fulfilling their goal of existence of creation here on earth.
2. Human rights in Islam are what Allah the all knowledgeable, perfect and wise chose to bestow upon human beings, these rights did not come from the minds of deficient, fallible, oppressive, ~~injustice~~, racist human beings.

So work hard my brothers and sisters to teach people about how Islam can bring about social reform eliminate racism, racial profiling, and discrimination... if we don't take action now we may end up like how the Jews were treated in Nazi Germany.

- speak to the media
- write the newspaper
- talk to your congressmen

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- and do so based upon knowledge, manners, and etiquettes. not yelling and screaming

in the streets while

standering people and calling them bad names - this is not Islamic

nor praiseworthy....

3. **Human rights in Islam are comprehensive to all aspects of life: religious, intellectual, physical, economical, political, ~~cultural~~, environmental as well as social. Human rights in Islam are given to all individuals regardless of religion, race, nationality, language, social status, etc...**
4. **Human rights in Islam are not susceptible to change, alteration, additions or subtractions, why is that?...solely because they are divine revelation from Allah.**
5. **Human rights in Islam are directly related to the 'maqaasid ash Sharee'ah'. And never conflict with or are contrary to achieving and bringing about social and communal benefits, individual as well as collective, in any society or country...**

Announcements:

1. Our indigenous American brothers and sisters who are converts ~~we~~ we'd like to meet with all of you after jumah to discuss how we can cater to your needs here ~~in~~ in Hagerstown... please stay after jumah and join us for lunch...
2. Educational programs starting this Monday, schedule will be posted in masjid as well as website... make time to learn your religion... Arabic, Fiqh, Hadith, Aqeedah.
3. Educational dialogue with parents, teachers and youth as well as officials from Washington County Board of Ed. on Sept. 22... please attend.