

**ISLAM IS THE RELIGION
OF
JUSTICE AND REFORM**

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INTRODUCTION

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL

Dear Reader,

Allah created the human being in the heaven and settled him in the earth to try him and shall then be resurrected to the Day of Reckoning, either to the heaven, the best home or to the hell, a hapless journey's end. Here the human being found himself wandering in the earth, struggling the life in search of shelter, food and drink. The devil was given authority over the human being to deviate him away from the right path and to cause him to commit sinful acts.

However, Allah the Most Just, the Most Merciful directed the mankind to the way of all good and explained to them the way of all evil, the devil's way. Allah sent to the mankind His heavenly messages through the prophets and messengers to show them how to obey Him and to win the Heaven after death rather than falling in the sins of the Hell.

Allah, out of His Justice, explained to the mankind the reasons of guidance in order to achieve justice and social justice. The heavenly messages were consecutive since Adam, peace be upon him and Idris, Noah, Jonah, Abraham, Lot, Moses, peace be upon him, Jesus, peace be upon him, and the last message was the religion of Islam that was sent down upon Muhammad to guide all people ((And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds)).

However, some people were guided, obeyed Allah and contributed to achievement of justice among people and reform of souls, and some others preferred to wrong themselves and to follow the footsteps of Satan, do killing, oppression, looting and

committing mortal sins and exchanged their afterlife for ephemeral worldly life.

I preferred to introduce to the reader how the religion of Islam came with the call of truth for putting an end to injustice against the people and achieving justice and reform on the earth and winning Allah's consent and pleasure. I have explained in the sequent chapters of this book the conditions of mankind before the advent of Islam, then how Islam came to spread justice and straightness among mankind. This religion was the last heavenly messages and it has guidance for all mankind for achievement of justice and reform, whether political, social or economic.

I have explained to the reader the concept of justice and the concept of reform in all their forms and types and the Quranic verses and the Prophet's hadithes and the behaviors of rightly-guided caliphs and leaders of the nation who followed up the approach of the heavenly messages have explained the points of justice and reform and how this was a strong reason behind this wide spread of Islam to cover the far east and the far west of the world, a religion that started with fighting to raise and uphold the word of Allah, justice and reform, then the Islamic conquests, then the widest spread on the basis of international relations made between Muslims and peoples of the earth who realized out of the Muslims' ethics, justice and reform that Islam is truly the religion of mercy, the religion of truth and the religion of justice and reform. May Allah cause us to be successful.

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CHAPTER 1

CONDITIONS OF THE PEOPLE ON EARTH BEFORE ISLAM

Allah, to Whom be ascribed all Perfection and Majesty, created Adam from dust and created his wife Eve, and Allah honored Adam and Eve and settled them in the Heaven and preferred them over all creatures. In Al Baqarah Surah, we find the following verses:

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

(And We said, "O Adam, dwell, you and your wife, in Paradise and eat there from in [ease and] abundance from wherever you will. But do not approach this tree, lest you be among the wrongdoers." (35) But Satan caused them to slip out of it and removed them from that [condition] in which they had been. And We said, "Go down, [all of you], as enemies to one another, and you will have upon the earth a place of settlement and provision for a time." (36) Then Adam received from his Lord [some] words, and He accepted his repentance. Indeed, it is He who is the Accepting of repentance, the Merciful. (37) We said, "Go down from it, all of you. And when guidance comes to you from Me, whoever follows My guidance - there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve. (38) And those who disbelieve and deny Our signs - those will be companions of the Fire; they will abide therein eternally." (39))

Thus, Adam and his wife descended to the earth after they were in abundance of the Heaven because of a sin tempted by the devil who refused to bow with the angles for Adam and

considered that his expulsion by Allah was because of Adam and asked Allah to respite him to the Day of Resurrection and vowed to corrupt the mankind to the earth and drag them to the hell for revenge. However the verses show us that Allah forgave Adam but warned him and his descendants from corruption of the devil and promised to send what guides the people on the earth and fit their conditions and achieve justice, but warned that he who does not follow up the guidance of Allah shall fall again in sins and his fate shall be in the hell, a hapless journey's end.

Adam and Eve started their lives on the earth with hard work, tiredness and hardship in search for shelter, food and drink. Eve begot many children for Adam and the devil was lying in wait for those children. From this point, the conflict of the people started with each other and the corruption appeared and they became in need of the guidance of Allah for fairness, justice and reform. From the sons of Adam and Eve, we mention here Abel, Cain and Seth. The first sin on the earth for the sons of Adam was their dispute for marrying a beautiful sister of them. Allah explained that how this conflict led to that Cain killed Abel. Allah Almighty said in Al-Ma'ida surah:

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

(And recite to them the story of Adam's two sons, in truth, when they both offered a sacrifice [to Allah], and it was accepted from one of them but was not accepted from the other. Said [the latter], "I will surely kill you." Said [the former], "Indeed, Allah only accepts from the righteous [who fear Him]. (27) If you should raise your hand against me to kill me - I shall not raise my hand against you to kill you. Indeed, I fear Allah, Lord of the worlds. (28) Indeed I want you to obtain [thereby] my sin and your sin so you will be among the companions of the Fire. And that is the recompense of wrongdoers." (29) And his soul permitted to

him the murder of his brother, so he killed him and became among the losers. (30))

The descendants of Adam and Eve followed in succession to fill the earth and the mankind divided to peoples, tribes and nations

Allah Almighty says in Al Hujurat surah, verse no. (13)

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

((O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted))

The nations followed in succession and conflicts erupted on shelter, house, food and drink and corruption, fighting, killing and terrorism appeared, and Allah sent prophets and messengers after Adam, including Idris, Noah, Abraham, Lot, Ismail and others with messages of guidance for mankind. Then Moses came to Pharaoh and Jesus to the Jews. After a period of messengers, about four hundred years or more, the message of Allah came to Muhammad with the religion of Islam, the religion of justice and reform.

We want here to describe the status of the mankind, especially the Arabs, before the mission and revelation of the Holy Quran. The historians mention that the civilization originated in Mesopotamia. The historians mention that the people gathered in a region in the center of Mesopotamia to build a high tower. At that time, Allah confused their language and the region was named Babylon. Hence the languages divided to include Arabic, Hebrew, Akkadian, Sumerian and others. In this area, the Arab tribes that moved to the southern and eastern Arabian

Peninsula have appeared, especially Yemen. Therefore the historians think that the Arabs are three species or categories:

1-Perishing Arabs: The Arabs who lived around Babylon, including Tasm and Juzaim, and their news vanished. It is mentioned that among the messengers sent to them for guidance, justice and reform were the prophet Hood who was sent to Aad in Al Ahqaf and the prophet Saleh who was sent to the folk of Thamud in Al Hijr. Those Arabs were not guided, causing them to suffer torment from Allah Almighty, and they perished and their news disappeared, and the rest of them moved to the south of the Arabian Peninsula and their stories were stated in the Holy Quran.

2-Pure Arabs: The Arab tribes that their origins return to Qahtan and his son Ya'rub, and he is the first speaker of classical Arabic - they are the Qahtanian Arabs that include many tribes including first Jurhum and second Jurhum who moved to dwell around Mecca and in Hijaz and then other emigrations made to Palestine and the Levant such as the Arab Canaanites, including the Jebusites who founded the city of Jebus, Jerusalem, and including the Phoenicians and the Arameans and other thoroughbred Arab tribes named the Pure Arabs that inhabited Palestine around 3000 BC.

3-Arabized Arabs: Their name as Arabized Arabs was due to their affiliation to the pure Arabs and their entry to Arabism. The most important tribes include Jurhum, a tribe that dwelled in Mecca and the second Aad, a tribe that also dwelled in Mecca. As for how the Arabized Arab originated, we state here that Abraham, peace be upon him, after blaming his clan who were worshipping idols in the regions of Babylon and Harran in Iraq, he left them with his wife, his cousin, Sarah