

Islam and Politics: Application and Utilization for Good Governance in Nigeria

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ABSTRACT

The papers write about Islam and politics: application and utilization for good governance in Nigeria, the political life of Islam based on moral and sound foundation.

The politic of Islam in Nigeria is unique in its structure its function and its purpose.

Every deed of Nigerian, group or individual must be in guild of law of god. The paper point out on aim of the Islamic state is to administer justice and to provide security and protection for all Nigeria. The paper examine the ruler any ruler is not a sovereign over the peoples he is a representative employee. Chosen by the peoples it also base is point that

rulers and administration must obedience to those change with those in authority. It is condition by their own obedience to the law of god and the traditions of his messenger.

The paper takes a look at the utilization for good governance in Nigeria. This is referring to the unity peace co- existence by living together in brotherhood. This is a fundamental element in the value system of Islam and its value of human brotherhood. This is also founded on the same principle which has been discussed in connection with freedom and equality brought in the good governance.

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What is Islam:

Islam means the religion of peace. It is the name of religion giving by god Quran 5:3 say: - this day have I perfected for you, your religions are completed my farm on you and chosen for you Islam as a religion.

What is politics? Is the process of seeking for control or power seeking to acquiring power to dispensing power to organized society?

Genesis of Islam:

These is beginning of Islam and last of the great religions. It is an all inclusive religion which contains within itself all the teaching of other religions which went before it. And one of its staking characteristic is that it requires its followers to belief that all the religion that went before it was revealed by god. It is a fundamental principle of Islam to belief not only

on Muhammad but also in the other prophets. That ere raised before him. Quran 3:83 say:-
“we belief in Allah and that which revealed to us, that which was revealed to Abraham, and
Ismail, and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes” (the twelve Jewish tribes).

Islam existed long before the arrive of Mohammed. Mohammed was the last
prophet of this faith. Other prophet before him practiced this faith. Quran 2: 132 read “and
this was the legacy that Abraham left to his sons and so did Jacob.

“oh my son Allah hatch chosen the faith for you then die not except in the state of
submission” (to Allah).

Islam is a way of life which produces harmony peace for the nation and world at
large. It make no difference between one race and another or between courtiers and others
Islam encourages universal brotherhood and peaceful co-existence Islam prepares your
mind for the attainment of thing moral standard not only for this country but also for the
next generation. It also teaches broad mindedness and the brotherhood of mind.

Islam in Nigerian: spread and development Islam is believed to have come to
Nigerian through north African as a result of coming of a north African people carried a
trading and business transaction with north African countries. Islam also met some parts of
Nigerian since many years. In area like Oyo, Ibadan and Lagos have an old record of the
presence of Islam even for the coming sheik Uthman Dan Fodio.

❖ Before the jihad of Dan Fodio, Islam has gone deep in Nigerian with vamous
achievements and developments. Some of them are the emergences. Of Dan Fodio
kingdom in the Hausa land Dan Fodio kingdom (Inter- changeable) called shurafau
kingdom, meaning the kingdom of the progenies of the prophet S.A.W) was established by
yahyah son of nafs al-zakariyah, son of Al aliyu Al Abidin son of our master Aliyu son of Abu
– Talib (R.A) The king was founded in 8th century C.E father of yahyah called Nufail was
vone of the teacher of imam malik the founding the father of mahq school. And this
contributed monopoly of malik law school in Hausa land.

Islam got spread in northern Nigeria but over the years. It was mis interpreted pagan
believe in religious which they mixed up with those of islam then Islam is never to be
combined with anything. To reform and mobiles people back to pure as normal and

bonafied Islam. Danfodio came and made jihad. People were guided to the true Islam and means of getting solution. Dan fodio was able to establish political and system of governance based on the far north western Nigeria down to Ilorin in Kwara state Nigeria Emirate was established Justice and Peace prospered in the society.

What is politics? Politics is the process of seeking for control of power seeking to acquiring power to dispensing power to organized society. Lesson for the Nigeria political leaders.

❖ LESSON FOR THE NIGERIA POLITICAL LEADERS

Form angles, these are lesson for Nigeria political leader to understand from the Islamic concept of good governance. Good governance requires faire legal frame work that are enforced sincerely. The two were under the rule of law of the state. The immunity of law consistuate the federal republic of Nigeria seem as violate the principle: Head of Islamic states appears in court and judgment given against them under the Islamic caliphate.

In addition, Nigerian leaders needs to emulate a good character of past chaliphate especially the four chaliphate after the deed of prophet mohammad (S.A.W) indeed Nigerian must be transparency in their utterances. Transparency and requires openness and making good information freely available and accessible to those who will be affected in indecisions the principle and transparency help the rulers to with pleasure of the electorate, in as much as they carried along in the administration of the state. Transparency also involved in the disclosing their good assets by public office holders.

❖ The good examples which was laid down by caliphate Abubakar, when prophet about to immigrate to abysinia, he called all his companion to donate some of the wealth for the Muslims human every body drop $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ respectfully. When Abubakar go home and returned back with big goods prophet question him what do you drop at home he said I, drop God and prophet (S.A.W) at home closely related to those upper leader it is like Islam realized the leaders represent their main subject but we must known what they are only accountable to Allah (sw). but also to peoples voted them in power.

As such they should need the attention of the electorate. A leader should not only need their casting election they should respond at any time listen to their advice and

competent. It is on record that a companion where al-Hubbah ibn al-mundhir advised the prophet to shift the Muslim camp at the battle of bad because the place earlier chosen by the prophet would have given the enemies upper hand over the Muslim army.

In this reasons above, Islam cherishes consensus orientation, and so encourages it to imbibed by the Nigerian leaders.

Furthermore, Islam enjoyed equity in its ramification this is an example why it take care of the religious freedom of non-Muslims in Islamic state. This will no doubt promote sense of belong in among them we need to reiterate, hare that non-consideration of the provision of Islam and laws made by law makers is one sided.

It is equitable that issues arising from manage contracted on Islamic law, Qur'an 5:90 red thus:

“oye who believe, stand out firmly for God, as witness for fair dealing, and not let the hatred of others to you make you swerve to wrong and depart from justice be just that next to piety and fear God for God is aware of all what you do. Q5: 90.

❖ Effect of the war on Nigeria politics. Politics is the expansion of the state program the program of reconstruction on resettlement start back at the civil war obtusely enlarge the federal beaurecoacy maintenance of infractural a very huge money was part on the programme.

❖ In spite of the various attempt to the programme aims at national integration of after the war Nigerians seems at not be far form wining the war. The ethnic privilege clashes and bring out the rigout it was testimony to this point. No any Nigerian can be regarded as a good cattiness and no one can feel like they were at home. Outside there ethnic- linguistic area. Therefore, politics and political followings still show ethnics prejudice. The control of economics resources has been a big key issue in politics. That is why even before the war the government of eastern region made an edict that all revenue been collected by the easter by government should be paid to the region.

Islam and Good Governance: this is referring to the unity, peaceful co-existence by living together in brotherhood. This is a fundamental element in the value system of Islam and it is the value of human brotherhood. This is also funded on the same principle which

has been discussed in connection with freedom and equality brought in the good governance and national security.

This is a weapon for Muslim security. The total submission to the will of Almighty Allah (SWT) is by belief in the oneness and universality of God the worship the unity of mankind, the worshippers and the unity of religion the medium of worship.

God is the main chief security for the universe and beyond. He is the creator chief security of all men, the provider for all men, and the judge of all men as stated over all men as state in the Qur'an as early cited.

The Muslim believe in the unity of God there is no and worth of worship expect Allah (S.W.T) no partnership in Him no worth of worship to any body except God. This is chief Defence for all en and ion the universe. It is the peace building to the nation. Qur'an say.

Now hath come into you a messenger amongst your selve it grieves him that ye should perish ardently anxious is he over you're the Believes is he most kind and merciful But if they turn away says; Allah sufficient me there is no God but He; on Him is my trust He the lord of the Throne (of Glory) supreme.. (Qur'an 9:128-129)

Islam proclaims that the chief for good governance and security proclaims the guidance contained in the Qur'an is final permanent and building on all people of all times and places.

Another good governance and security in Islam is by purity modesty and decency in security and peace good governance in behavior appearance dress and speech are required the dignity and honor of women are strongly stressed. Marriage is every mush encouraged for the Muslim and sanctioned outlet for sexual need the Holy Nathan Funk (2003) approaches these in three models. This first is peace through religion alone this proposes to attain world peace through devotion to a given religion attain peace through their particular religion only and half little tolerance of the idiocies.

Secondly, in response to their first is good governance and national security without good governance and security critics claim that its overly simply city and fill to address other

causes of conflicts as well as the peace potentially of religion. It is also said that this model exclude the may contributions of religions people in development of peace.

The third and the final approach are known as good governance and security with out religion “This approach focuses on the importance of co-existence and inter-faith dialogue.

According to Greeter (2010) the suggest that religion is neither inheritor good nor bad for peace and that it influence is undeniable good governance and security a major component of religion / good governance and security based on faith non-governmental organization (NGOS); Johnston pointed out that faith based on non-governmental organization service has over two distinct advantages.

The first is that since, faith based (NGOS) are very often local by based, they have immediate influence within that communities he argues that, its better to promote indigenous ownership of conflict prevention and good governance and security activities as early in the process as possible.

The political life: it like economic life the political life human kind like exactly life of Islam which completely based on sound spiritual and more education. The political system of Islamic is Unique in it structure, his not theory whereby a class of people assumes right hereditary or above other citizens the final day. It is not democracy in its population sense its something deviate from, evil that act end it is to acknowledge the political outlook of Islamic one need understand that it is base on so many ways:

1. Every deed of the Muslim in group individually must be guided by the law of God. Holy Qur’an which is the constitution chosen according to what God has revealed they are the Unbelived. They are the wrong doors .. they are the rebels (5:47-50) verily this Quran does guide to that which is most right and best (17:9).
2. The among of the Islamic state is to administered Justice and provide security and protection of Citizen in regardless the nature or ethic or colour or creed in confronting with stipulation of God in his scripture Holy book. O you who believed stand firmly for justice, as witness fair decline and let not the hatred of others to you make you swerve

to wrong and depart from justice. Be just: that is most chose to piety, and mind God for God is well acquainted with all that you do. (5:9).

3. The ruler, any ruler is not a sovereign over the people. He is a representative employed chosen by the people and derived his authority from his obedience to the law of God the law that binded ruler and the ruled a like solemn contract over which God is the supervisor. The political contract of Islam is not final stage between the administration and the member of public alone. It is between these combined one on one side and God on the others and it is morally raid and binding.
4. The rulers and administration must obedience to those charge with these in authority it is condition by their own obedience to the law of God and the traditions of his messenger. In one of his conclusive statement Mohammad said that there is no obedience or loyalty to any human being ruler or otherwise, who is not himself obedience obedient to God any bond by his law. The successor caliphate quickly understand the first speech by Abubakar say he as elected me am not the best among I am if you see me song astringe call me if you see me in the right way obeyed me as long you see me obey God.

Recommendations

Nigeria Muslims and Political should abide by Islamic injunction so as to bring all the Good Governance and utilization equality among the citizen.

The prophet Muhammad (SAW) lifestyle especially in relationship with non Muslim should serve as an with the non Muslim as peace and good governance.

Muslim scholar should embark on enlighten campaign to enable Muslims realized the importance of living in peace with the follow Muslim and non-Muslim.

Nigeria citizenen should not take ethniczem, religion geographical location as means of difference to fight fellow Nigerian. Rather all these factors are indispensable in a country such as Nigeria, Religion politician should tolerance should be the Base of operation.

Conclusion

Islamic is a great peace religion with application of Good Government in any society that makes it easy for practiced as directed in the Quran and prophet tradition. Where as any society abandoned or ignored the Islamic politics Application and utilization for good governance.

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