

Press Release

Resurrecting the Society is Dependent on the Establishment of Islam

(Translated)

During the 6th Religious Council organized by the High Board of the Presidency of Religious Affairs in Ankara from 25th-28th November 2019, several discussions took place with the aim of identifying the new strategies related to the Religious Affairs services, in the context of the impact of the changes in religious understanding on the socio-cultural framework that imposes itself on the entire world, which has affected the relationship of religion to life and the future of religion. The consultation has ended its work by the participation of Erdogan, the president of the republic, and recitation of the final statement that included 37 articles. The final statement included these phrases: "Similarly to what is happening all over the world, the economical social and cultural changes has sped up as a result of the effects of globalisation and many other reasons, also the level of threat has reached religious beliefs and moral values and the national culture. On the other side, due to the effects of globalisation a kind of popular culture has been generated that does not care about values nor religious beliefs especially within children and the youth. These new conditions complicate the religious life, weaken the mechanisms of Muslim resistance and cast a shadow on the perception of the future." Additionally, the scientific and technological development has also made the scientific thinking method and the positivist approach transform into an understanding that replaces the religion to a large extent. And it has become a factor that threatens the existence of the religion and its role, and therefore it has led to the tyranny of individual religion and the birth of new religious streams which are far from the true understanding of religion. Starting from this framework emphasis was placed on important decisions outlining what needs to be done to face the socio-cultural change that corrupts the individuals and the society, despite that, the source of the case and its reasons and the correct solutions that are based on the Islamic creed have been ignored.

The truth is the state itself, and the disbelieving system that it implements; stands behind turning away from religion and the socio-cultural changes in the Islamic Ummah generally and the society in Turkey specifically. As the state is the one who developed the religious understanding to suit its secular system, since its fateful decision that canceled the Khilafah (Caliphate) in 1924, and establishing the religious affairs so it can provide services in the sake of the religious life - as it claims -under the shade of its secular democratic system "without touching the existing disbelieving system or even thinking of changing it".

Unfortunately the Presidency of Religious Affairs was not able to get rid of this task and this corrupt foundation for it to be able to rid the society from the ongoing processes of corruption. Definitely you can never live according to religion or defend it under the secular system. For Islam with its creed and rulings is a living system that encompasses all aspects of life. The Presidency of Religious Affairs that sees Islam as rituals, and it teaches and disseminates and it mobilises the mosques and imams within this framework, and tries to protect the family unit: women, youth and the boys with the modernist curriculum that is a product of the West, even if they carried in their buildings scientists who have scientific and academic qualification; for it will unfortunately not be able to get the desired result. Therefore, it will have no other choice but to waste the sincere efforts of the sons of the Ummah, and wasting more time, and standing - seeking refuge of Allah - face to face with severe and dangerous hazards. The task that the Presidency of Religious Affairs has taken upon it, and the services that it presents, and the results of all of that; is clearly visible.

No doubt that the sincere efforts that are done deserve to be thanked and appreciated, but what is required by the Presidency of Religious Affairs and scholars alike those with the correct understanding of Islam amongst the sons of the Ummah is to rise up starting from their acknowledgement that the origin of corruption in the Ummah and society are the rulers and scholars, and to fear Allah's accountability, and to give their description of being the prophets' inheritors its due right, and to possess the call to radical change not fearing anyone's blame. And they should seek to resume the Islamic way of life in a complete radical manner, and establish the righteous Khilafah state (Caliphate) upon the method of Prophethood following Allah's promise and the glad tidings of His Messenger (saw) and to uproot the systems of disbelief from the Islamic countries so they never return there again, and to realize that without this there is no other way to put a limit to the existing process of demolition and corruption.

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَجِيبُوا لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ لِمَا يُحْيِيكُمْ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَأَنَّهُ إِلَيْهِ
تُحْشَرُونَ﴾

“O you who believe! Answer Allah (by obeying Him) and (His) Messenger when he (SAW) calls you to that which will give you life, and know that Allah comes in between a person and his heart (i.e. He prevents an evil person to decide anything). And verily to Him you shall (all) be gathered.” [Al-Anfal: 24]

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