

The Purpose of Creation

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Excerpt:

In his talk, the Maulana explains that while creation is a manifest occurrence, the purpose of all the elements of creation remained unclear to man. History of thought in this case, began from mythological design, and passing the stage of philosophical design reached the stage of mechanical design. Post Einstein, it was accepted that universe was based on an intelligent design. But even now, the understanding of man is a step short of reaching the stage of understanding the universe as a 'meaningful design'

Elaborating further, the Maulana mentions that the Quran gives a detailed account about the beginning of creation but this leads to a profound question that when history was to shape in the manner anticipated by angels, then why did God create man? The other question is what was it that satisfied the angels when God gave them a demonstration? According to my knowledge, the angels were apprehensive of man's creation because they had seen man in totality (and saw that the human history was marred by negative events only). On the other hand, the Creation Plan of God was based on individual and not on crowd.

Angels were satisfied when God gave a demonstration that although many human beings were to be corrupted by their power, there would also be a substantial number who, inspite of their power and freedom on earth, would acknowledge God's greatness and power and their own helplessness. Such people would, of their own free will, adopt the path of submission and obedience to God!

The lesson:

God does not want an ideal society to come into being because paradise alone is ideal. He wants the world to be a jungle, full of negative emotions amidst which man can give an example of being self-disciplined and of the fact that he will be able to do what it takes to lead a God-oriented life! Otherwise, in the world of angels, how such men would have come into being who would have been called Mr. Exception!

Introduction

This topic is related with the history of thought. While other branches of history developed immensely, the discipline of history of thought remained a less developed subject. Neither was enough data gathered and nor was the ideology to judge the history of thought discovered, as a result, history of thought remained a complex subject and the purpose of creation did not become clear to people.

The Purpose of Creation

Creation is a manifest occurrence. Man sees before him, a vast expanse of universe, a solar system, and a world full of creations. However, the purpose of all these elements of creation remained unclear to him. This was quite unlike other disciplines of study which consisted of a clear understanding of purpose.

Thinking began at the time when *mythological model* held sway in the world. For example, if lunar eclipse took place, it was assumed that a python has swallowed the moon. If the stars shined, it was thought that the court of deities had been lit up!

Afterwards rational or philosophical thinking arose from Babylon (ancient Iraq) but not much record of the work done during that time is available, hence, the historians attributed the beginning of philosophy to Greece.

The mythological model was not based on reason but more on superstitions. The first recorded example denoting the beginning of rational thinking is that of the Greek philosopher, Thales, who was born 400 years before Christ and is considered as the founder of philosophy. Thales attempted to explain natural phenomena without reference to mythology and almost all others who followed him, attempted to provide an explanation without reference to mythology. While this laid the basis of rational thinking, philosophy did not help man reach an answer; rather it led him to confusion.

In olden times, most of the intelligent minds became philosophers but despite their quest to find answers to questions pertaining to the purpose of creation, they could not give any accepted model. The philosophical way of thinking led to the advent of modern science, which is said to have begun with the Italian scientist, Galileo who played a major role in scientific revolution. Galileo died in 1642 and Newton was born in England in this year. During this time, many other scientists were born who studied nature and universe. The thought process in this age was 'mechanical.' That is, these scientists observed a distinct design pattern in the universe but they could fathom the design as a mechanical framework only. Therefore, from mythological design, history reached philosophical design, which led man only to confusion. After this stage, science led man to mechanical design.

At the end of the twentieth century and in the era which unfolded post Einstein, science accepted that universe is based on an intelligent design. But even now, the understanding of man is short of a step – that is to reach the stage of 'meaningful design'. This is because unless this stage is reached, the purpose of creation will not become clear to man. This is the stage where the history of thought has halted, at present.

I have studied this subject in great detail but in my discussions, I have realised that people are not able to understand because they are not prepared mind and they do not spend time thinking about it.

Quranic account

Quran gives a detailed account about the beginning of creation. According to the Quran, when God created man to dwell on earth, He decreed that he might enjoy freedom of will,

When your Lord said to the angels, 'I am putting a successor on earth,' they said, 'Will You place someone there who will cause corruption on it and shed blood,' (2:30)

The literal meaning of successor (Khalifa or caliph) is 'one who takes another's place'. In this verse, the term 'Khalifa' has not been used in the political sense. It was used to indicate that unlike other creatures that were bound by laws of nature, man will have the freedom of choice. The angels became apprehensive of man being corrupted by this grant of power and free will and, as a consequence, spreading evil and causing bloodshed in the world. This was a strange question that the angels raised and then God gave the angels a demonstration

He taught Adam all the names, then He set them before the angels and said, 'Tell Me the names of these, if what you say be true. (2:31)

God created all men and gave a demonstration of their ability to the angels, upon seeing which angels' let their apprehensions be at rest. The question that arises here is that history of man shows that the fears raised by angels were well founded and God was fully aware of this possibility. Given this situation, why did God create man and why did angels become satisfied? What was it that God demonstrated that allayed their apprehensions? There must be a divine wisdom that despite such anticipations, God created man? This is the main issue of discovery.

History of mankind

All those who analysed the history of mankind, so far, gave a negative opinion about it. For example, a famous historian Gibbon wrote, "*History of mankind is a little more than a register of crime!*". Another Western philosopher said that *everything in this world is beautiful except man!*

Such statements indicate that man was able to explain the existence of all other elements of creation like solar system, life support system, rivers, winds, mountains and even animals because they follow a well-defined and disciplined system of laws of nature. Man, on the other hand was an exception in the general scheme of things. He did not follow any such discipline. He committed violence when he wanted. So much so that in Adam's first generation one son, Cain killed his brother, Abel.

It is therefore a big question that even though history was to shape in the manner anticipated by angels, then why did God create man? The other question is what was it that satisfied the angels when God gave them a demonstration? According to my knowledge, nobody in the entire history of mankind, has been able to find an answer to these questions. This is the reason why man has lived in confusion. My study and realisation led me to discover the answer to the questions raised above. I discovered that angels were apprehensive of man's creation because they had seen man in totality. On the other hand, the Creation Plan of God is based on individual and not on crowd.

Angels were satisfied because God demonstrated to them that although many human beings were to be corrupted by their power, there would also be a substantial number who, inspite of their power and freedom on earth, would acknowledge God's greatness and power and their own helplessness. Such people would, of their own free will, adopt the path of submission and obedience to God. People such as Abel (Habil) who told Cain (Qabil) that he might raise his hand to murder him, but that he would not retaliate, because God had prohibited any fighting between one Muslim and another. Although comparatively few in number, they would be specially prized above all others. They would be just like the food grains at harvest time, which, although greatly outweighed in bulk by chaff and straw, are the truly valued part of the crop.

Creation Plan of God

The Creator of man has created him according to a special Plan. His intention being that man must spend a period of trial in this present, imperfect world and subsequent to this, according to his deeds, he will earn the right to inhabit the perfect and eternal world, another name for which is Paradise.

Paradise is the name of the ideal world; the desire for which is lodged in the hearts of every man and woman. It is Paradise where the personality of man shall achieve fulfillment in the fullest sense. Man with his entire existence is desirous of this very Paradise and Paradise with its entire existence awaits him.

According to His Plan, the Creator of the world has created this world, as one half of a pair — the present limited world, in which we pass our lives after birth, is the first half; and the next eternal world where we live after death is the other half. The Creator of man has thus created him as an eternal creature and has divided his life into two stages — the *pre-death period* or the limited life in this world and the *post death period* or the eternal life after death. The limited period before death is meant to be a test for man, while the eternal period after his death will be the period for his reward or punishment, based on his performance in the test in this life. This is the scheme of existence for this world as devised by its Creator. The real aim of creation is to select those who are fit to inhabit the world of Paradise. Evil people will not be selected to inhabit Paradise.

Paradise is that perfect world, where a creation such as man attains his complete fulfillment, where he thinks the way he wants to think; where he sees what he desires to see; where he listens to the sounds that give pleasure to his ears in the real sense; where he touches those things which gives him the highest degree of pleasure; where he has the company of those people who make his life highly meaningful, where the winds are life-giving zephyrs for him, where he eats such food as he eternally craved for and he sips such drinks as are only beautiful figments of his imagination today. The world of paradise, will allow man to unfold his mind without any worldly hindrance and bring about a civilisation. The selection to paradise will not be crowd-based instead it would be individual-based.

As is our belief there are countless angels who are watching every action of every individual day and night. It is similar to the large industrial houses, which in order to seek talent, deploy their men in prestigious educational institutions.

The most successful and talented students are picked up from there. This is called, ‘*Catch ‘them young!’*’ From this, I realised that God has given this duty to angels- to select the competent individuals: *catch the competent!*

Those who deserve to be inhabited in the world of paradise! This is the Creation Plan of God! When you think like this, the entire history of man becomes a beautiful history.

The man who said that man alone is not beautiful viewed history in totality. But God is viewing the exception and not the general. Angels of God are searching for Mr. Exception(s)! These Mr. and Ms. Exceptions would inhabit the Paradise.

What is an exceptional character?

To become an exceptional character, a world like ours was required where violence, war, different kinds of negative activities exist so that man strives to save himself from negativity. In doing so, he would train his mind to rise above the worldly chaos and think positively. This arrangement was made because when there is chaos all over, it is only then that exceptional individuals are able to stand out by virtue of their conduct. The environment of total freedom paves way, through chaos, for an exceptional personality to come into being. In other words, God wants Mr. Exception, who would be found only in a jungle-like, chaotic environment.

I read an article in the newspaper today, which was entitled, “Milky Way has billions of habitable planets” (Reuters, London, March 29, 2012). Astronomers hunting for rocky planets with the right temperature to support life estimate there may be tens of billions of them in our galaxy alone. A European team said that about 40% of red dwarf stars — the most common type in the Milky Way — have a so-called “super-Earth” planet orbiting in a habitable zone that would allow water to flow on the surface. As I read this news piece, I realised that this discovery had made the following verse in the Quran, which refers to paradise, understandable:

A paradise as vast as the heavens and the earth. (3: 133)

When I read this news item, it seemed to me that God may assign each person in paradise, an entire planet for his kith and kin and all those around him. an entire infrastructure to inhabit! People across so many paradise (s) spread throughout the universe, will be able to connect through the best means of communication! In other words, the pleasure and enjoyment of paradise will be immeasurable and to inhabit such a world, God needs men who are of exceptional character!

If this *fitna e dohema* (trial of darkness) was not prevalent in this world, which could confuse man and cast him into a jungle of thoughts; how will those exceptional characters be identified for paradise – people who are able to identify the right course and follow it!

Why did other thinkers fail to see the creation of man in positive light?

Other thinkers could not find positivity in the creation of man because they looked at man as a crowd and not as an individual. Secular thinkers like Plato, Aristotle, Gandhi and Russell had the goal of an ideal world in mind; an ideal system; an ideal government was their major concern.

All such secular thinkers failed in their efforts to create such an ideal environment and died in frustration for not being able to convert their ideas into reality!

This happened because in this world, there can be no ideal system - a man can kill a prophet, a man can kill a caliph, a man can kill Gandhi and by misusing his freedom this, a single person can jeopardise everything and destroy the peaceful working of the world. Irrespective of the system, there would always be some miscreants who would create disturbance and destroy peace. For example, Gandhi dreamt of an independent nation, but when India became independent, Gandhi was killed! Such examples can be found in all ages.

It must be understood that idealism is against the Creation Plan of God in this world because God has given freedom to man and when there is freedom, an ideal society cannot come into being. Even Muslim thinkers could not understand this fact and succumbed to ideal thinking. A famous Arab thinker, Sayyid Qutb wrote a famous book, *Al Adala Al Ishtemaiya fil Islam* (Social Justice in Islam). This book talks about creating an ideal society through Islam: a society which may have peace and justice in all its dealings. This was a romantic idea and is not possible in reality. Such a society where only justice prevails and there is no oppression cannot come into being because it is against God's scheme of things. God has given freedom to man which cannot be abolished. In Egypt itself, Qutb's party, *Al Ikhwanul Muslimeen* has been in power for a long time but such a just society could not come into existence because the ruler was always held as unfair and unjust. This leads to a chain reaction where protests are organised to unseat the ruler and violent skirmishes become a common occurrence. Therefore, the title of Qutb's book should rather have been, 'Social Justice in Individual,' because this is the goal of Islam also. Islam seeks to bring into being fair and ideal individuals, not a fair and ideal system.

The aim given by the Quran is to bring into being an ideal individual. Quran does not seek to build an ideal society. Believing in the latter is a case of *muzahat* [copying the prevailing concepts and giving them an Islamic interpretation]. The result is that both the Muslim and secular thinkers failed in their effort to create an ideal society.

Even the biggest movements, such as *Al Ikhwanul Muslimeen* in the Arab world or Jamat e Islaami in the Indian subcontinent could not develop individuals because their focus was system-based and not individual-based. The correct Islamic movement is the one which focuses on individuals and not on system.

Conclusion

God wanted to build individuals who could be selected to inhabit the perfect world of paradise but no party made this as its goal. They could not understand that God does not want to create a paradise in this world, He has therefore not created conducive situations here. According to the Quran,

Be devoted servants of God. (3:79)

Rabbani in the verse above refers to being “God-oriented”. Every individual must lead a God-oriented life, he must be God-oriented in his dealing with other men and all his actions and behaviours must be determined by what is right in the divine scheme of things. This is the aim of Islam – to create a God-oriented personality.

I must reiterate here that when God has not kept aside any provision for making a just system in this world; how will man create it? The infrastructure given by God is individual-based and as such only an ideal (meyari) individual can come into being and not an ideal system.

Thus, the purpose of creation explained above transforms the history of man into a beautiful record where in the jungle of this world such flowery personalities have taken birth who may be selected by God to inhabit His perfect world of paradise.

The following examples illustrate this point, aptly. When Prophet Moses preached the Word of God in the court of Pharaoh, the latter expressed his intention of slaying Pharaoh. Then, a high ranking official of the court who had been influenced by Moses’ call to the Unity of God, openly supported Moses. Until then he had kept his faith a secret but this event made him explicitly defend Moses before the Pharaoh. He said,

Will you slay a man merely because he says, “My Lord is God.” (40:28)

The speaking up of this venerable gentleman in the court of the Pharaoh was an exceptional event. He had done so, keeping his life at stake!

Similarly Moses, had continued to preach to Pharaoh over a long period of time using rational arguments and also showing him miracles of physical nature. But Pharaoh did not believe in Moses. Instead, he organised a fair where magicians from all corners of the country were invited to compete with Moses. The competition started with the magicians throwing their ropes and sticks on the ground where they seemed to move about in the shape of snakes. But this was an illusory effect. Then, in accordance with God’s orders, Moses threw his stick on the ground where it immediately assumed the shape of a big snake and started moving along the ground. At its touch, the magicians’ spell broke, then all the things which had appeared to be moving about like snakes turned back into mere ropes and sticks. The magicians were certainly capable of recognising their co-professionals. In the case of Moses, they now became absolutely certain that the power Moses possessed was not that of human magic, but the actual ability to perform a miracle of God. This conviction was so deep that they thereupon declared their conversion to Moses’ faith. As Pharaoh’s ‘greatness’ was completely based on polytheism, he could not tolerate its defeat and pronounced the severest punishment for the magicians, according to the law of ancient Egypt. But truly undeterred as they were, the magicians said to the Pharaoh,

Never shall we prefer you to all the evidence of the truth that has come to us. Nor to Him who has brought us into being. So decide whatever you will. Your jurisdiction only covers the life of this world. (20:72)

All of them were killed. Men of such resolute conviction were always born in history!

In the case of Adam's sons, Abel (Habil) and Cain (Qabil), Abel's offerings were accepted by God and he was duly blessed, but Cain's offerings were not and he remained unblessed. Cain then became so jealous of his younger brother that he threatened to kill him. Abel told Cain that he might raise his hand to murder him, but that he would not retaliate, because God had prohibited any fighting between one Muslim and another. Even if a Muslim wanted to assassinate his brother, the brother should not consider it legitimate to kill his attacker. The following verse captures what Abel said to Cain,

If you raise your hand to kill me, I will not raise mine to kill you. (5:27-28)

Therefore, when you see history in terms of individuals, a beautiful scenario is unveiled. But when you see in terms of entire mankind, negative events come to the fore. It is for this reason that angels had become convinced when God gave them the demonstration of choosing the best individuals from amongst all. It will be from amongst these men that prophets, companions and such individuals like AbuBakr and Umar will be born.

According to a verse in the Quran

He created death and life so that He might test you, and find out which of you is best in conduct. (67:2)

Looking at history from this vantage point makes it appear as a beautiful bouquet of flowers. It makes it understandable that God created such a world so that he could put man to test and judge who is capable of being inhabited in paradise. If man was so created that he was good by birth and had no vices or evil thinking, he would have been mechanical or robotic! God does not want robots to inhabit paradise, He seeks those who are mountains of discipline, have high thinking, and are able to stay firm on truth and righteousness of their own accord!

God does not want an ideal society to come into being because paradise alone is ideal. He wants that world to be a jungle, full of negative emotions amidst which man can give an example of being self-disciplined and of the fact that he will be able to do what it takes to lead a God-oriented life! Otherwise, in the world of angels, how such men would have come into being who would have been called Mr. Exception!

Throughout human history, such flowery individuals have been born who proved themselves to be exceptional characters! Pharaoh's wife, Asiyah was a woman of faith and doer of pious deeds. Even in the times of complete religious persecution and a time when no form of religious freedom was thinkable, she kept herself on the right path. Asiyah announced that she believes in the God of Moses. When Pharaoh came to know about it he became very angry and said he would kill her. But Asiyah said, on the verge of her death,

My Lord, build me a house in nearness to You in Paradise and save me from Pharaoh and his misdeeds (66:11)

This instance has many facets, one of which is the unwavering belief in One God. Pharaoh and his empire could be seen but God was Unseen, yet Asiyah discovered that which was unseen, as the Highest Being.

Secondly, she discovered that the palace of Pharaoh was ephemeral and as such she accorded top most priority to the life hereafter over the life of this world! She was a great character and such individuals have been born throughout history!

The gist is that unless man realises the Creation Plan of God, he will not be able to realise true meaning in this world – everything will appear alien! It is therefore important to know this Plan of God to be able to give a meaningful interpretation to creation of life in this world. This applies to everything that man does in this world!

Quran is the only book that can help man understand the creation plan of God and is the only authentic version of Divine guidance!

I pray that God guides all of us, forgives us and selects us for His paradise!

Question – Answers

Q1: When guidance from Quran cannot lead to an ideal world, why does Quran urge its proponents to usher in an ideal world?

A: There is no such guidance in Quran, which teaches its proponents to usher in an ideal world. This concept is actually an innovation which has been propagated by Jamaat-e-Islami and Ikhwanul Muslimeen.

Quran only seeks to develop ideal individuals and not ideal society. Prophet's struggle was to develop ideal individuals and not to create an ideal society. The mindset, which makes the creation of an ideal society, its goal leads to violence and bloodshed. To associate this claim with Islam, first it will have to be proved that Quran has ordained Muslims to establish such an ideal society. Otherwise, this claim has no meaning.

Q2: What is the meaning of "Khalifa" as per the Quran? Why do Muslims want to establish Islamic rule, everywhere?

A: All these are self-styled notions developed by the present-day political thinkers who have interpreted Islam as a religion which urges that since God rules the universe, the successor on Earth (which is man) must rule earth. This is a baseless claim which has no relation to the Quran and Hadith.

Q3: The biggest fitna of this world is materialism. How should a dayee save him from this fitna?

A: According to a Hadith,

**Har ummat ka ek fitna hota hai, aur meri ummat ka fitna maal hai (Muslim)
Every community has a test paper; the test of my community is materialism**

The above Hadith indicates that this community would comprise of later generations also. The present era of science, industry, technology and civilisation has increased the importance of materialism because of rise of consumerism. Markets are full of commodities which cannot be had without money

and so everyone is running after monetary gains! Desires of man therefore have become endless, just as one is fulfilled, another arises. This was not the case before. We should therefore pray that people are able to come out of this and lead the life God desires!

Q4: What is the difference between Tauba and Istighfar?

A: Tauba means “to return” and Istighfar means “to seek forgiveness”. Both are connected because when man seeks tauba, he also seeks Istighfar or forgiveness. When man introspects, he is filled with repentance. He wants to return and therefore seeks forgiveness from God. These two are therefore not in water tight compartments; they are but connected with each other.

Q5: How can I become a complex-free person?

A: Complex-free soul is one which is free of all forms of negative thinking – prejudice, hatred, enmity etc. Such a person is able to free his mind of all negative thoughts to become complex free. Ridding oneself of complexes is not a mysterious exercise – it is an outcome of introspection and contemplation. According to a verse in the Quran,

[But to the righteous, God will say], ‘O soul at peace, return to your Lord, well-pleased, well-pleasing. (89:27)

This verse refers to a complex-free soul. Man passes through two sets of circumstances in the world – sometimes finding or receiving things and sometimes losing them. Both eventualities, meant to gauge human reactions to different conditions, are for the purpose of putting man to the test. If the individual starts to boast when he receives something and acts negatively when things are taken away from him, he has failed the test. The other type of person is one who would bow down before God and thank Him when he received something, and when things were taken away from him, he would once again bow down before God and express his humility. It is the second type of person who has been called the contented soul or an-nafs-al-mutmainnah.

Note: In Quran, although God is addressing the Prophet Muhammad, it applies to the entire ummat and all believers.

Q6: According to a verse in the Quran, God said, Surely, I know that which you do not know! (2:30)

A: This verse refers to the dialogue between God and angels, at the time of creation of man. It does not mean that angels do not know anything. It means that angels were judging the scheme of God with a different yardstick. While God’s Plan was individual-based, angels considered it to be mankind-based because of which they were not able to understand the creation plan of God. When He explained this to them through a demonstration, the angels understood the real purpose of creation of man and their apprehensions were put to rest.

Q7: In joint families, women often complain that husband takes the side of his parents and not hers. Please comment.

A: This is a common complaint in joint families. In blood ties, when differences emerge, which happens on a regular basis, it is managed. But when the ties are not of blood, and differences emerge, then it is difficult to manage them. But it must be known that difference is a part of life.

Also, marriage happens outside ties of blood. Now in a joint family, mother in-law and wife develop differences. The wife would want that when she complains to the husband, the husband should side with her. When he is not able to do so, she develops feelings against her in-laws.

In this case, the responsibility is 50-50. Both should think about the options they have – either they do not live in a joint family or if they do then they should know that this would happen and they must know how to handle it. Greater evil is to become emotional and not be ready to adjust as wherever you go, there will be some differences which will arise. Lesser evil is to be patient and adjust.

Q8: When wife is outspoken, husbands are irritated. How should this be handled?

A: It is not that wives alone are outspoken; husbands are outspoken too. I got a telephone of a lady who said that her husband says that he will part ways with her. She was speaking incessantly. I told her that you speak a lot and if you do so, your husband will not be able to bear it for long.

Speaking much is indeed a problem. One should be able to face read while speaking and realise that now the other person is fed up and no longer wants to listen. More often than not, useless fights emerge because of speaking much. Speaking less lessens the fight.

Q9: According to Prophet, to protest against an unjust ruler is unislamic whereas according to the political interpretation, to protest against an unjust ruler is allowed. What should be followed?

A: The concept of ideal society is an innovation. Neither can it ever come into being, nor do Quran or Hadith ordain the establishment of such a system. It is a big *fitna* (trial) and must never be indulged in. The formula in Islam is: *Political status quo-ism* and *Dawah activism*. It must be clearly understood that there is no such goal as “creation of ideal society” in this world.

Q10: Knowing that God wants to select a developed individual, is a great feeling! But why do Muslims understand it in such a limited sense?

A: Thinking that God seeks us to establish an ideal system, is a clear *muzahat* (innovation) in the religion of God. The only emphasis of the Quran is on building an individual’s character.

Many movements arose in this world and because of their erroneous understanding Muslims incorporated this in their religious framework. When you develop a notion of aspiring for political power, you cannot avail any opportunities because this notion leads to jeopardizing all opportunities.

Q11: When dealing with people who tell outright lies, either I become angry or speechless thus unable to tackle the situation effectively. How should I deal with such people?

A: You should not be angry. Anger does not solve any problem; only aggravates the situation. The only solution is to become quiet and go from there or to learn to manage the situation peacefully. Anger is not an option.

Q12: Those who are born in non-Muslim households, are deprived of Islam, whose mistake is it – the child’s or is it the mistake of Muslims who failed to convey the message of God to them?

A: This is no question. Why are you thinking about what their punishment will be? You think that a child born in Muslims household will be sent to paradise. But it must be clearly understood that no

one will get into paradise, by virtue of his birth in a certain sect or religion. You should only remind yourself of your duty as a dayee.

Q13: In a recent interaction with a group of people, who belonged to Jamaat e Islami, I came across their collective opinion for purpose of Islam – to enforce and re-enforce the law of God on earth. The said justice cannot be achieved without enforcement of Islam. Please comment.

A: The goal given by Jamaat e Islami is not real; it doesn't exist. Nowhere does Quran or Hadith mention that it is upon man to implement Islam in the world. They are taking a big responsibility upon themselves because Quran only talks about what it seeks from an individual so that he becomes a God-oriented personality. The only goal of Islam is to develop a God oriented personality so that an individual develops a personality, worthy of being selected for the perfect world of paradise!

Q14: Our society has become right-conscious. How should we make people duty-conscious?

A: Our responsibility is not to make people right-conscious but to make them duty-conscious. When man will fulfil his duty, right shall follow automatically. Islamic rule is that if you arise for right it will only lead to conflict. According to a Hadith,

Dusroon ka haq adaa karo aur apne haq khuda se mango (Al Bukhari)

Discharge the responsibility you have towards others and seek your right from God!

I have reworded this as: *Do your best, find the best!* I am perhaps the only person who criticises the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which was issued by the United Nations. We must make ourselves duty conscious and inculcate the same in others.

Q15: How is nifaze e ahkam (implementation of Islamic laws) possible without Islamic rule?

A: Where is this given in Quran? Quran only says that a believer must fear and love God, the most! Why do you not talk about it? You should inculcate *taqwa* [fear of God], piety and introspection in people. That which is not written, how can that be a goal? Nowhere does the Quran say that there should be a rule of God on Earth.