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Concept of Love In Islam

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***What aspects of your faith connect
you to caring for the world we live in?***

PUBLIC FORUM

Representatives of six different faiths* answer the question

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ISLAM EXPOSED : FACTS AND MYTHS

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Class 6

IS SHARIAH A THREAT TO THE US?

- Fear mongers spread rumors that Muslims want to impose Shariah in the US, as a scare tactic
- Shariah can only be implemented by an Islamic government with due process of law and right to appeal.
- It can not be imposed on non-muslims, i.e. Not in the US!
- There is no demand from American Muslims
- Not statistically possible...
- Shariah itself commands Muslims to obey the rule of law in the country they live.
- **THE BIGGEST MYTH IS ABOUT SHARIAH**

WHAT IS SHARIAH

- **Shariah** is the foundation upon which Islamic law is based. It provides the principles for justice.
- **Theological meaning**; guidance coming from a higher, neutral and objective source for the benefit of all human beings.
- God's law. A divinely ordained path of conduct or set of principles that provides framework for the **foundation and functioning of a just and peaceful society**.
- Shariah includes the religious do's and don'ts found in the Quran.
- It is similar to the Jewish Halakha Law or Catholic Canon Law.
- Shariah is not an concise document, such as The Ten Commandments. There are no official document or books!

SOURCES OF SHARIAH

- QURAN
- PROPHET'S TEACHINGS
- SCHOLARLY CONSENSUS

The collective reasoning and consensus of the scholars and jurists in a Muslim community of a particular generation, based on spirit and reasoning of the above--not their own ideas

- LEGAL ANALOGY

In the absence of all of the above, analogy is applied by Muslim scholars to arrive at rulings in new issues.

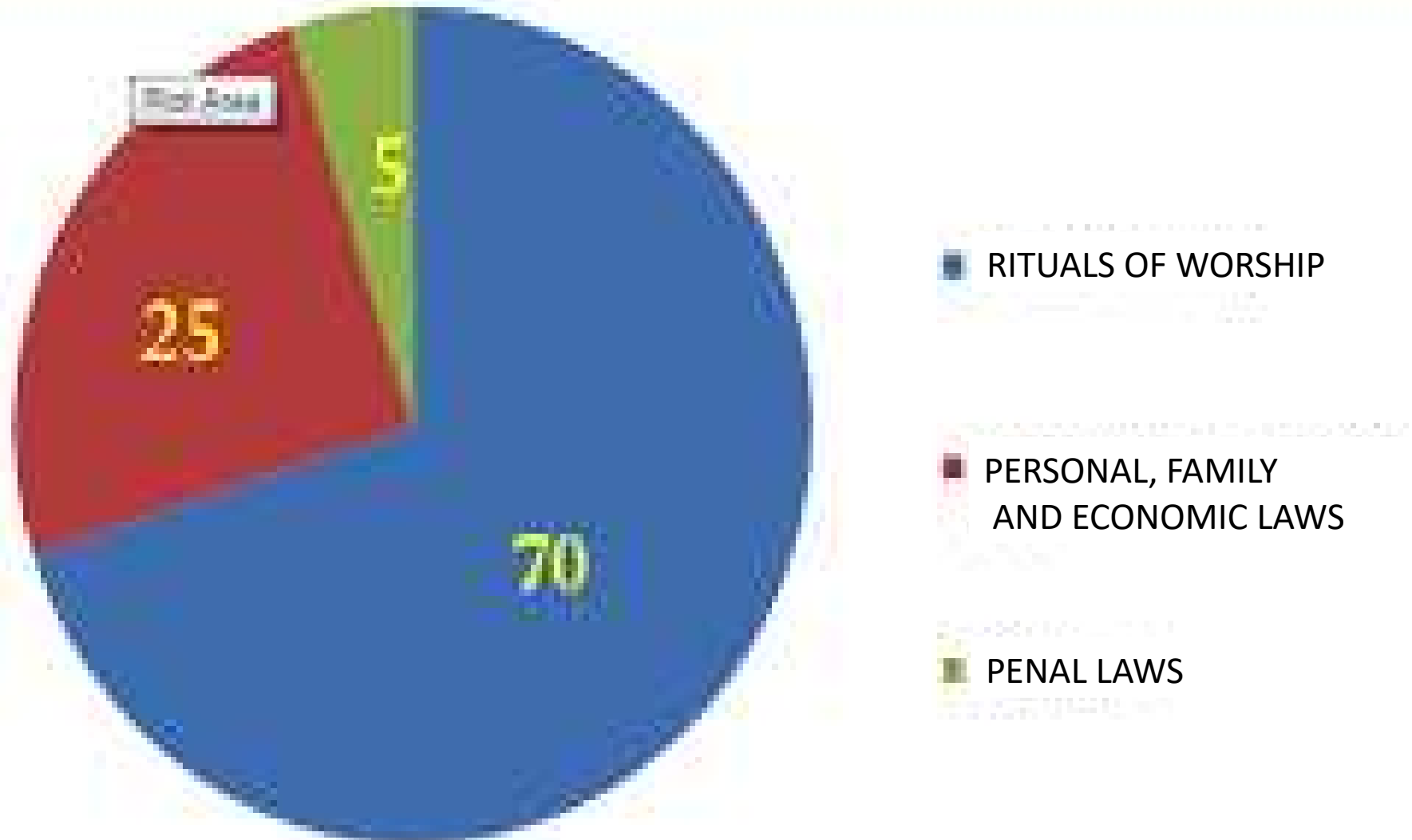
WHAT IS ISLAMIC JURISPRUDENCE

- Man's understanding of Shariah. It is practical rules derived from the principles found in the Quran (shariah) interpreted by Muslim scholars over centuries aimed toward justice, fairness, and mercy for the good of the community. This makes up the schools of thoughts in Islam.
- It is extremely flexible and subject to interpretation by jurists based on case particulars. It can change in time.
- It provides guidelines for defining ritual, moral, ethical, social, economic, political and military codes of conduct
- Also includes, personal acts of worship, laws relating to marriage, inheritance, divorce, daily routines, familial and religious obligations for Muslims at an individual and collective level.
- A few penal laws, with penalties specified by God in the Quran

CATEGORIES OF JURISPRUDENCE

- 5 categories of rulings:
 - Obligatory,
 - Recommended,
 - Permitted,
 - Disliked,
 - Forbidden.

Components of Shariah



GOALS OF SHARIAH

- Shariah seeks to establish welfare of humans based on the fulfillment of necessities, needs, and comforts.
 - Preservation of freedom of religion
 - Preservation of Life
 - Preservation of freedom of Mind/Intellect
 - Preservation of Lineage/Family
 - Preservation of ownership/Wealth/property

SHARIAH IS JUSTICE

- *“Shariah is all about justice, compassion, wisdom, and prosperity. Therefore, any ruling that replaces justice with injustice, mercy with cruelty, prosperity with harm, or wisdom with nonsense, is a ruling that does not belong to the Shariah, even if it is claimed to be so according to some interpretations.” Ibn al-Qayyim (d. 751H)*

ABSENCE OF SHARIAH

- **Fatwah** means: Non-binding answers by Islamic legal scholars to legal questions
- Western colonialism replaced Shariah legal system with Western codes
- Long period where shariah schools were lacking
- Absence of qualified scholars and jurists to properly interpret and apply Shariah
- Failure of modern jurists - not the system of Shariah - to evolve some parts of Islamic laws to reflect current conditions

CONSEQUENCES

- Shariah system provided checks and balances like the American Constitution
- Scholars interpreted and administered the law
- Ruler was subject to law; not above the law
- It was lost -- rulers rose above the law and scholars were reduced in status
- Scholars/judges were reduced to Family Law only
- In Iran, Ayatollah Khomeini (d. 1989); now Ali Khamenei
 - no counter balance
- Saudi example – Sharia for family law only
- Oil rich -- no need for tax revenue (now changing)

PENAL CODE

High standards of proof necessary for implementation of Shariah. Because they are mostly a deterrent than a punishment, it is very hard to apply the following rules...

- Cutting of the hand for theft -- no punishment if:
 - Repents after and makes amends
 - If done out of need/unguarded objects/depends on the amount
 - Verse (“cut”) doesn’t necessarily mean amputation
 - Rarely practiced in history
- Stoning for adultery, Not in the Quran!
 - 100 lashes for both male and female/pregnancy is not a proof/
 - 4 witness the actual act/spying is forbidden
 - An adulterer can only marry another adulterer (Must be alive!)
- Capital punishment for murder (deterrent/preserve life)
 - Victim’s family has the option to forgive / receive compensation
 - There must be 4 witnesses for death penalty to apply
 - Quran encourages forgiveness “and it is better to forgive”

PUNISHMENT OF VIOLENCE

- It is a crime that violates many goals of Shariah
- Shariah deals with spreading of violence very harshly: such as death penalty, exile.
- TERROSISM IS AGAINST ISLAM
- It is a crime for **Muslims to convert people to their way of thinking.**
- It is a crime to confront anyone violently
- Shariah promotes freedom of expression

SHARIAH ON NON-MUSLIMS

- “Truly those who keep the faith, and the Jews, and the Christians, and the Sabaean — whoever believes in God and the Last Day and performs virtuous deeds — surely their reward is with their Lord, and no fear shall come upon them, neither shall they grieve.” (2:62)
- No killing of non-Muslims found in shariah!
- Religion minorities are protected
- Proof is in the history
- Muslims ruled Palestine 1300 years
- Jews and Christians were free to worship and live. All religious sites were preserved and protect

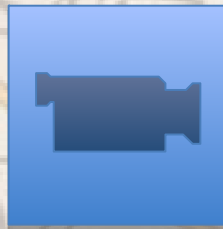
ISLAMIC SECTS

- Sunni “Schools of Thought”
 - Hanafi
 - Shafi
 - Maliki
 - Hanbali (Wahabism/Salafi)
 - Shia
 - Jafari
 - Sufi (Islamic mystics – of any sect)
- “They differ in the weight each applies to the sources from which Shariah is derived, the Quran, *hadith*, Islamic scholars, and consensus of the community.”

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- Ahmadiyya (Debated)
- Alevis and Alawis (debated)
- Druze (Not Muslims),
- Nation of Islam (Not Muslim)
- Baha’i (Originated from Islam, but not Muslims)

MUSLIM CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVILIZATION



MUSLIM CONTRIBUTIONS

Coffee	Treatment of Cowpox	Fountain pen
Cameras	Experimental Physics	Soft drinks
Chess	Mariner's Compass	Crank-shaft
Soap/Shampoo	Manufacturing of paper	Crystal glasses
Perfume/spirits	Manufacturing of cloth	Carpets
Cosmetics	Internal combustion engine	Checks
Plastic surgery	Architectural innovation	University
Calligraphy	(pointed arches, round towers, domed buildings, etc.)	Optics
Hospitals	Surgical instruments	Toothbrush
Bathing	Modern Cryptology	Anesthesia
Irrigation	Valves & pistons	Windmill
Algebra	Combination locks	Quilting
Trigonometry	Numbering system	Pendulum
		Braille

MUSLIM CONTRIBUTIONS

- It was a Muslim who realized that light ENTERS our eyes, unlike the Greeks who thought we EMITTED rays, and so invented a camera from this discovery.
- It was a Muslim who first tried to FLY in 852, even though it is the Wright Brothers who have taken the credit.
- It was a Muslim by the name of Jabir ibn Hayyan who was known as the founder of modern Chemistry. He transformed alchemy into chemistry. He invented: distillation, purification, oxidation, evaporation, and filtration. He also discovered sulfuric and nitric acid.
- It is a Muslim, by the name of Al-Jazari who is known as the father of robotics.
- It was a Muslim who was the architect for Henry V's castle.

MUSLIM CONTRIBUTIONS

- It was a Muslim who invented hollow needles to suck cataracts from eyes, a technique still used today.
- It was a Muslim who actually discovered inoculation, not Jenner and Pasteur to treat cowpox. The West just brought it over from Turkey
- It was Muslims who contributed much to mathematics like Algebra and Trigonometry, which was imported over to Europe 300 years later to Fibonacci and the rest.
- It was Muslims who discovered that the Earth was round 500 years before Galileo did.

- AMERICAN MUSLIMS VIDEO

