

## O Muslims: Choose Islam and Do Not Board the Sinking Ship of Democracy

(Translated)

The 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2015 has been set for the legislative elections to take place in Denmark. This means, as per usual, that the Danish political parties, who are in a continual competition in respect to attacking Islam and its rules, will attempt to entice the Muslims to participate in the elections. So we see the politicians who are still demanding that the Muslims embrace the thought of separating the Deen from politics, we see the same politicians now coming to our Masaajid to distribute their election propaganda and urging the Muslims to vote.

Indeed it is a bewildering matter for these politicians to attempt to hunt for the votes of Muslims who believe in the Shariah and do not embrace secularism at a time when the Danish people who do embrace secularism have come to lose their confidence and trust bit by bit in the democratic system. The opinion polls all indicate that the trust of the Danish in their politicians has fallen to a level that has never been known in Danish history. This is a natural and inevitable matter because elections after elections have confirmed that democracy is no more than a game and that the winners in it in the end and on every occasion are those of influence from amongst the owners of the companies and industrialists. This is what one of the extensive studies about the reality of the political system in Denmark which took four years to prepare and was issued recently by two Danish scholars in social studies confirmed when it stated that what is called: 'The rule of the people' is nothing but a lie. One of these researchers whose name is Christoph Ellersgaard stated the following: "The parliamentary game (in Parliament) has no relative value and the most important political decisions are taken mostly and decided outside of the Danish parliament". In the case where non-Muslims are aware of this truth and reality whilst embracing secular democracy then what should the case be with Muslims like us?

Is it not shameful for those conspiring and manipulating politicians to be invited to our centres and Masaajid to undertake the propaganda campaigns whilst the Danish electors have come to realise the deception of their politicians and their continuous fraud?

Yes it is true that Islam approves of and encourages the people to choose and delegate those who represent them in the ruling whilst voting and elections can be utilised as a style for that. Indeed the Muslims were choosing their political representatives at the same time as Denmark was suffering under the rule of small despotic fiefdoms. However the reality within the secular systems differs completely to that in Islam because the politicians and representatives of the people in the secular democratic system are delegated to undertake actions that contravene the Ahkam of Islam.

Elections represent one form from the forms of delegation and in addition the Hukm Ash-Shar'i in the issue of participation in the elections is connected to the reality of the matter that is being put forward for voting to be undertaken upon. As such if the election was connected to actions that it is Haraam to undertake, as is the case here, then it is definitely Haraam because it represents choosing people and delegating them to undertake Haraam. It follows that participating in the legislative elections is Haraam because it represents a delegation to undertake prohibited actions.

Above that the choice of those electing is restricted to secular parties that are unflinching and do not hesitate to attack Islam anytime the opportunity presents itself. So sometimes they attack the Khimaar claiming that it is a symbol of women's oppression and on other occasions they vilify the Islamic view of the relationship between men and women and to how children are educated and raised. At other times they attack the Shar'iyah Hudood like the Hadd of zina (adultery) or Luwaat (homosexual practise). A simple example of that is what the previous Minister for Integration Karen Haekkerup of the ruling socialist democratic party did in respect to inciting Muslim youth, both male and female, to rebel against their families if their families were preventing them from living a western life or by encouraging local authorities to take minor Muslim children away from their families if: 'There was just a suspicion that the family was educating their children in an extremist way' as stated by the current Integration Minister Manu Sareen from the liberal left party.

How can these dirty politicians be trusted and relied upon and how can the Muslims be asked to vote for the left alliance whilst knowing that the Danish parliament under the leadership of the left is what facilitated the work of the Danish intelligence to spy in the private life of the Muslims and that the current government led a fierce battle against what they call extremism which is known to be no more than a cover to fight against the Islamic values and thoughts.

﴿وَلَا تَرْكَبُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا فَمَا تَمْسَكُوا النَّارَ وَمَا لَكُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مِنْ أَوْلِيَاءَ ثُمَّ لَا تُنصَرُونَ﴾

**"And do not incline toward those who do wrong, lest you be touched by the Fire, and you would not have other than Allah any protectors; then you would not be helped" [11:113].**

As for the claim or pretence that the Muslim's non-participation in the elections is like providing a service to the right-wing, then this is a deceiving statement which is intended to intimidate the Muslims. In addition, is it not the left-wing in the position of ruling currently and was it not them who applied the current policies of integration which do not differ in essence or content from the policy of the previous government in the era of Anders Fogh Rasmussen? As for the other statement that states that non-participation will lead to isolation and to the creation of a society parallel to the Danish society, then this is erroneous because penetration in the society cannot validly be restricted to elections and casting a sign on a ballot paper once every four years!

Our great Deen makes it necessary for us to be active politically however upon the basis of Islam as it alone defines in detail the unique and clear form of that this activity takes. This is where there is no violation of principles, no abandoning of goals and objectives, and no devious use of styles. Additionally it is obligatory upon us to penetrate the society in all of its levels however this must be in accordance to our conditions and our objectives which have been set by Islam.

**O Muslims:** Democracy is a sinking ship heading towards the bottom and here we have the people of Europe who have virtually come to lose their trust and confidence in their game of democracy. So you see them searching for an alternative to the oppression of capitalism whilst you O Muslims are those who possess that alternative.

**O Muslims:** It is not fitting for you to express contentment, whether by speech or action, over the disbelieving democratic system which has remained for more than a century deceiving mankind. Rather what is required and demanded from you is to preserve the Muslim identity, its values and to stand in opposition to the malicious policy of integration that all of the various governments of this land direct.

We must place our hands in one another's and then work side by side to preserve the values of Islam and to counter the propaganda campaigns that attempt to distort them. It is also necessary for us to work tirelessly to spread the principles of Islam amongst the people and to invite them to them by way of clear argument and evidence.

With the guidance that Allah (swt) has brought to us in His Book which was revealed upon the Noblest of Messengers, Muhammad (saw), it is obligatory for us to me even more about the reality of the society that we are living in and the devastating failure of the democratic system. We must be the first to be aware and not the last.

Allah (swt) said:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ فُرْقَانًا﴾

**“O you who believe! If you obey and fear Allah, He will grant you Furqan a criterion [(to judge between right and wrong), or (Makhraj, i.e. making a way for you to get out from every difficulty)]” [8:29].**

**O Muslims:** Our Islam obliges us to be the shining light within the society, the guiding beams which attract those of sincere and open minds from amongst the non-Muslims in addition to those who yearn for a pleasant tranquil life and real problems to solutions. A quick glance around us to our surroundings reveals the existence of a society that is suffering from a great number of problems whilst discontent dominates widely and over many societal circumstances and situations. For this reason we must refine and personalities so that we are the example that is followed and we must carry the Islamic Da'wah in speech and action to all of the people. Our Islam also necessitates that we expose the foreign policy of this state and to show our disapproval of it. It is that policy which has led to the suppression and killing of our brothers and sisters in the Islamic world. We must also support and participate in the international work for the establishment of the rightly guided Khilafah in the Muslim lands which represents the only solution to all of the various problems and challenges that we face on a global scale.

One of the most important lessons that we extract from the Da'wah of our Prophet, Muhammad (saw), in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, is the distinguished method of Islam in respect to undertaking the political work. It is that method that challenges everything that contradicts it whilst at the same time it makes clear the bright shining alternative to everyone.

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَخُونُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ وَتَخُونُوا أَمَانَاتِكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ﴾

**O you who have believed, do not betray Allah and the Messenger or betray your trusts while you know [the consequence] [8:27].**

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