

Prophetic Model of the Social Structure: Legal Framework and Organization

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Abstract

Social structure in Islam has been constructed upon the Quranic concept of justice (*'adl*), benevolence (*ehsan*) and welfare (*falah*). The societal and moral themes of the *Quran* unified heterogenic elements of the Arab society resulting in the emergence of a model social unit at Medina. This model represents a utilitarian setup that protects individual's liberty, emphasizes balanced social mechanism and leads for the upliftment of the entire human race. The basic feature of this structure is value based social morality that guarantees peaceful co-existence along with the management of the human capital as well as the hostile forces around Medina (1-10 A.H /622-632 A.D). The prophetic model represented much simple but efficient legal framework that maintained its universal character since its evolution. The present paper is an attempt to envision the overall structure and legal framework of this model in light of the revealed instructions. It will also determine and examine the circumstances resulting in the signing of various covenants in Madina.

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Islam as a religion and an effective social order has contributed immense share to the human civilization when looked and debated through annals of the history.¹ The social order evolved by the

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